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Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents Health Grant Agreement

(Guinea Enhancing Health System Transformation (GUEST) Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

and

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION**

**acting jointly as administrator of the Global Financing Facility for Women,
Children and Adolescents (GFF) Multi-Donor Trust Fund**

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AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF GUINEA (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (collectively, the “Bank”), acting jointly as administrator of the GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND.

WHEREAS (A) The Recipient, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the Project, has requested the Bank, acting jointly as administrator of the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) Multi-Donor Trust Fund, and the International Development Association (the “Association”) to assist in the financing of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).

(B) By a financing agreement to be entered into on or about the date hereof between the Recipient and the Bank (the “Financing Agreement”), the Bank will extend to the Recipient financing to assist the Recipient in financing part of the cost of activities related to this Project on the terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreement.

(C) the Bank has also agreed, on the basis, *inter alia*, of the foregoing, to extend the grant provided for in Article III of this Agreement to the Recipient under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE the Recipient and the Bank hereby agree as follows:

**Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions**

- 1.01. The Standard Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) apply to and form part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions, in the Financing Agreement, or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

**Article II
The Project**

- 2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient, through the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, shall carry out

the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III The Grant

- 3.01. The Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed ten million United States Dollars (\$10,000,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing Parts 1.1, 1.2, Part 2, Part 3.2 and Part 3.3 of the Project.
- 3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the Bank's payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient's right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV Additional Remedies

- 4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following, namely, that the Bank has determined after the Effective Date referred to in Section 5.03 of this Agreement that prior to such date but after the date of this Agreement, an event has occurred which would have entitled the Bank to suspend the Recipient's right to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective on the date such event occurred.

Article V Effectiveness; Termination

- 5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the Bank has been furnished to the Bank that the conditions specified below have been satisfied:
 - (a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient have been duly authorized or ratified by all necessary governmental action; and
 - (b) the Financing Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to

make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.

- 5.02. As part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to Section 5.01 (a), there shall be furnished to the Bank an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the Bank of counsel acceptable to the Bank or, if the Bank so requests, a certificate satisfactory to the Bank of a competent official of the Member Country, showing on behalf of the Recipient, that this Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms.
- 5.03. Except as the Recipient and the Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 (“Effective Date”). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.
- 5.04. *Termination for Failure to Become Effective.* This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

Article VI

Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

- 6.01. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister responsible for economy and finance.
- 6.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Recipient’s address is:

Ministry of Economy and Finance
BP 579, Blvd de Commerce,
Conakry, Republic of Guinea; and

(b) the Recipient’s Electronic Address is:

E-mail:
ministre.mef@gouvernement.gov.gn

6.03. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Bank's address is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International
Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America; and

(b) the Bank's Electronic Address is:

Telex:

Facsimile:

248423 (MCI) or
64145 (MCI)

1-202-477-6391

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

By



Authorized Representative

Name: M. Mourana Soumah

Title: Ministre de l economie et des finances

01-Oct-2024

Date: _____

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
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By

Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira

Authorized Representative

Name: Marie-Chantal Uwanyiligira

Title: Country Director

01-Oct-2024

Date: _____

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve the utilization of quality reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health and nutrition services in Selected Regions.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Supply of quality basic RMNCAH-N services

1.1 Strengthening of basic RMNCAH-N service readiness

- (a) provision of essential medicines and health commodities to selected healthcare centers, including nutrition products, as well as medical and laboratory equipment including cold chain equipment, anthropometric measurement tools, vehicles and IT equipment ;
- (b) support for the establishment of a basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care network and a complementary emergency obstetric and neonatal care network;
- (c) provision of technical assistance and acquisition of energy-efficient equipment for the design and improvement of climate-sensitive, energy-efficient, and female-friendly waste management, treatment and recycling systems at the district and hospital levels;
- (d) support to the access to climate-adapted water sources and to sustainable water supply and adaptations , through the construction, rehabilitation and expansion of climate-adapted water wells and towers in health facilities;
- (e) support to the electrification of district-level health facilities through the installation of solar systems; enhancement of water sanitation and health (WASH) infrastructure; rehabilitation of in-patient nutritional recovery centres (*Centre hospitalier de récupération nutritionnelle en interne (CRENI)*); and
- (f) support to inclusive local and central capacity-building and Training for the operation and maintenance of RMNCAH-N facilities and services.

1.2 Expansion of Results-Based Financing (RBF) for improved quality RMNCAH-N service delivery in poor-performing and climate-sensitive regions

- (a) support to the development and implementation of a RBF scheme to deliver targeted services in Selected Districts, through the financing of Performance Payments to Selected Health Facilities under Performance Contracts, with indicators related to, *inter alia*, RMNACH+N and climate-sensitive diseases, and gender-based violence (GBV);

- (b) provision of in-service GBV Training and mentoring of health workers and updates to the mapping of GBV service providers; and
- (c) support, including through Training, for the verification of qualitative and quantitative service delivery through the RBF.

1.3 Enhancing quality through digital health services

- (a) support to the digitalization of supportive supervision processes in Pilot Districts for ensuring quality assurance data;
- (b) piloting and scale-up, as applicable, of digital tools for community health workers in the Pilot Districts to facilitate communication between community health workers and managers and within community health workers during climate shocks and emergencies and the digital collection of data on climate sensitive diseases; and
- (c) support for the extension of a digital communication platform for electronic maternity consultation in order to integrate it into RBF for RMNCAH-N service delivery in climate vulnerable areas and strengthening quality assurance and accountability processes.

Part 2. Stimulating demand for and access to basic RMNCAH-N services

2.1 Expanding the district level free health care for the poorest in low-performing and climate vulnerable regions

Support to the provision of free health care services for the targeted indigent and most vulnerable households and individuals at the community and health facility levels of the Selected Health Districts, through reimbursement of health facilities for the services provided; enhancement to the comprehensive referral care mechanism and children and adolescents with special needs; provision of Training of health workers, support for the communication and information activities on the indigent scheme.

2.2 Strengthening Community Health and Nutrition

Supporting the Recipient's Community Health Strategy 2023-2027 through:

- (a) strengthening of community outreach services to address communication and behavior change challenges within the community, with an emphasis on nutrition, adolescent health, gender, equity in health care access, and the prevention and the fight against GBV; through the revision of the minimum community health services package including quality promotional, preventive, curative and rehabilitative RMNCAH-N services: recruitment and/or Training of Community Health Workers; provision of equipment, vehicles, IT equipment and communication tools and materials for community-based outreach activities;

- (b) establishment and capacity building of early years, nutrition, and WASH services support groups through, *inter alia*, organization of village-wide nutrition demonstrations; screening of children and pregnant women for malnutrition; promotion of nutrition-specific practices to reduce stunting such as infant and young child feeding practices;
- (c) carrying out of regular health service users' satisfaction surveys in the Selected Districts; and
- (d) provision of technical assistance for the monitoring and evaluation of community structures and activities carried out by the Project institutions.

Part 3. Project Coordination, Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation

3.1 Project Coordination and Management

- (a) facilitating the PCU's and the Project institutions' implementation, administration, fiduciary management, application of the Environmental and Social Standards, and maintenance of a Grievance Mechanism;
- (b) supporting the coordination of donor interventions, promoting harmonization and alignment of partners' activities;
- (c) supporting the development and progressive implementation of a health sector development program harmonization manual; and
- (d) institutional strengthening of the National RBF Technical Unit ("CNT-FBR") and of the MoHPH through (i) capacity building via recruitment of experts, Training, and provision of equipment including *inter alia* IT equipment and vehicles; and (ii) support to the development of the Annual Work Plan and Budget.

3.2 Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Supporting: (a) the development of an action plan for monitoring and evaluation; (b) the collection of data from MoHPH's directorates and other implementing agencies, including support to the surveys; (c) the compilation of data into Project Reports; (d) the carrying out of annual expenditure reviews; (e) the support for Training of the health staff in the DHIS2 participating in the monitoring and evaluation at all administrative levels; and (f) support to the organization of evaluation workshops.

3.3 Strengthening the Health Information System

- (a) Supporting the development of a digital health architecture and the establishment of a nation-wide interoperability system through the introduction of innovative tools including the district health management information system (DHIS2)

climate app; and support to major national surveys including, *inter alia*, the demographic and health survey and the harmonized health facility assessment.

- (b) Provision of technical assistance for the revision and strengthening of the legal and institutional framework for civil registration in line with international standards; issuance of birth certificates; and the digitization of vital statistics reporting and its interoperability with the DHIS2.

Part 4. Contingent Emergency Response Component

Provision of immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

Section I.A, Section I.B, Section I.C and Section I.F of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference and shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this Agreement, and the Recipient undertakes to comply with the provisions thereof to the same extent as if such provisions had been set out in full in this Agreement, provided that for the purposes of this Agreement:

1. the references to the “Financing” in said Sections shall be construed as references to the Grant provided for under this Agreement; and
2. the references to the “Association” in said Sections shall be construed as references to the Bank provided for under this Agreement.

B. Environmental and Social Standards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”), in a manner acceptable to the Bank. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, as provided in the ESCP;
 - (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
 - (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
 - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

4. The Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Bank through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Bank, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Bank, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
 - (b) the Bank is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
5. The Recipient shall establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances of Project-affected people, and take all measures necessary and appropriate to resolve, or facilitate the resolution of, such concerns and grievances, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
6. The Recipient shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors, subcontractors and supervising entities to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein; and (b) adopt and enforce codes of conduct that should be provided to and signed by all workers, detailing measures to address environmental, social, health and safety risks, and the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and violence against children, all as applicable to such civil works commissioned or carried out pursuant to said contracts.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

The Recipient shall furnish to the Bank each Project Report not later than one (1) month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

B. Review and Verification of Results-Based Financing under Part 1.2(a)

1. Technical Review

The Recipient shall carry out quarterly technical reviews in accordance with the procedures and terms of reference set out in the RBF Manual, to run concurrently with the implementation of the relevant activities under Part 1.2(a) of the Project, to monitor the Selected Health Facilities' compliance with the obligations set forth in the Performance Contracts, and furnish a consolidated report to the Bank, not later than three months after the expiration of the relevant Performance Contract.

2. Independent Verification

- (a) The Recipient shall hire an independent verification agency satisfactory to the Bank under terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, set out in the Project Implementation Manual, for the independent verification of qualitative and quantitative results of the RMNCAH-N service delivery under Part 1.2(a) of the Project and the carrying out of an independent verification (“Verification Agency”).
- (b) The results of the independent verification shall be included in a report (the “Verification Report”) prepared by the Verification Agency, in accordance with standards acceptable to the Bank, including:
 - (i) verification that: (A) the technical reviews carried out by the Recipient and submitted to the Bank, referred to in Section II.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, reflect reliable and accurate results; (B) the Performance Payments transferred under the Performance Contracts have been used for the purposes intended; and (C) the Selected Health Facilities have achieved at least the minimum number of Performance Results under the respective Performance Contract; and
 - (ii) confirmation that the flow of funds in respect of the pertinent Performance Payments made by the Recipient to the Selected Health Facilities is in compliance with the relevant provisions of the RBF Manual.
- (c) The Recipient shall furnish to the Bank the Verification Reports on a semestrial basis.

Section III. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; and (b) this Section; to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

Category	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for Parts 1.1, 1.2(b), 1.2(c), 2, 3.2, 3.3 of the Project	7,500,000	13%
[(2) Performance Payments under Part 1.2(a) of the Project]	2,500,000	7%
TOTAL AMOUNT	10,000,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:
- (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; or
 - (b) for Performance Payments under Category (2), unless and until the Recipient has: (i) hired the Independent Verification Agency in accordance with Section II.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; (ii) updated the RBF Manual in terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association; and (iii) signed the first three (3) Performance Contracts with Selected Health Facilities in terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank.

2. The Closing Date is December 31, 2029.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 2 of the Appendix to the Standard Conditions, the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006, and revised in January, 2011, and as of July 1, 2016.
2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “Community Health Workers” or “CHWs” means persons meeting the capacity requirements for fostering the wellbeing of the local population, as set forth in the MoH’s National Community Health Policy.
4. “DHIS2” means the Recipient’s district health management information system.
5. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated August 19, 2024, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, which sets out the material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any environmental and social instruments to be prepared thereunder.
6. “Environmental and Social Standards” or “ESSs” means, collectively:
(i) “Environmental and Social Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts”; (ii) “Environmental and Social Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions”; (iii) “Environmental and Social Standard 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management”; (iv) “Environmental and Social Standard 4: Community Health and Safety”; (v) “Environmental and Social Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement”; (vi) “Environmental and Social Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources”; (vii) “Environmental and Social Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Bank.
7. “ESMF” means the Project’s environmental and social management framework.

8. “GBV” means gender-based violence.
9. “Grievance Mechanism” means the grievance mechanism established, publicized, maintained and operated by the Recipient to receive and facilitate the resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, in accordance with the ESCP.
10. “Financing Agreement” means the financing agreement for the Project between the Recipient and the Bank, dated the same or around the same date as this Agreement, as such financing agreement may be amended from time to time. “Financing Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to the Financing Agreement.
11. “Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene” or “MoHPH” means the Recipient’s ministry in charge of health and public hygiene, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Bank.
12. “Operating Costs” means incremental costs incurred by the Recipient on account of the Project coordination, implementation and monitoring, including expenditures for audit fees, legal fees (as required), office supplies and consumables, translation and interpretation, bank charges, Project-related travel, including *per diem* and accommodation, and other miscellaneous costs directly associated with the Project implementation and salaries of Project staff but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants, meeting allowances, other sitting allowances, salary top-ups and all honoraria.
13. “Performance Contract” means a performance contract to be entered into between the Recipient and a Selected Health Facility for services to be provided and paid for on the basis of predefined indicators.
14. “Performance Payments” means, regarding the Performance Contracts, the payments by the MoHPH to a Selected Health Facility calculated pursuant to a formula set forth in the RBF Manual, to cover reasonable costs of goods, small works, consulting services, incentive payments to CHWs, according to performance metrics also specified in the RBF Manual, Training, Operating Costs and recurrent costs required for the delivery of RMNCAH-N services, as such amounts are agreed upon between the Recipient and the Association, and which are hereby deemed an Eligible Expenditure for purposes of Section 3.06 of the Standard Conditions.
15. “Pilot District” means any of the health districts in Kankan and Kindia, and “Pilot Districts” means more than one Pilot District.
16. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 20 of the Appendix to the Standard Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated September 2023.

17. “Project Coordination Unit” or “PCU” means the project coordination unit to be maintained by the Recipient in accordance with Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and operating pursuant to (i) the Financing Agreement between the Recipient and the Association dated June 27, 2018 (Credit No. 6230-GN and Grant No. D304-GN) for the Health Service and Capacity Strengthening Project, as amended, (ii) the Financing Agreement between the Recipient and the Association dated January 31, 2024 (Credit No. 7452-GN); and (iii) ministerial decree (Arrêté) no. 1530/MS/CAB/DRH dated May 26, 2015 as expanded by the Recipient’s service note (*Note de Service*) no. 1419/MSHP/CAB/2024 of August 16, 2024.
18. “Project Implementation Manual” or “PIM” means the manual described in the Financing Agreement.
19. “Results-Based Financing” and “RBF” means the program to be carried out by the Recipient under Part 1.2(a) of the Project in accordance with the provisions and which rewards the delivery of RMNCAH-N services with financial incentives to be paid out of the proceeds of the Grant upon the verification that the agreed-upon result has actually been delivered.
20. “RMNCAH-N” means reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and nutrition.
21. “Selected District” means any of the 19 districts of the Recipient’s territory with the exception of Conakry.
22. “Selected Health Facility” means a primary level public healthcare service provider (such as birth attendance, pre/postnatal care visits, family planning, growth monitoring and promotion, immunization of children, nutrition counseling, micronutrient supplementation, etc.) located within a Selected District, satisfying the criteria set forth in the Project Implementation Manual for participation in Part 1.2 of the Project; and “Selected Health Facilities” means more than one Selected Health Facility”.
23. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Bank signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Grant Agreement” in the Standard Conditions.
24. “Standard Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association Standard Conditions for Grant Financing Made by the Bank out of Trust Funds”, dated February 25, 2019.
25. “Selected Regions” means the regions of Kankan, Kindia Boké, Mamou, Faranah, Labé et N’Zérékoré of the Recipient, or any other region within the Recipient’s territory which has been selected to participate in the Project according to criteria and mechanisms acceptable to the Bank and specified in the PIM.

26. “Training” means the training of persons involved in Project-supported activities, based on the Annual Work Plan and Budget approved by the Bank, such as, tuitions, seminars, workshops, and study tours, and costs associated with such activities including travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to training preparation and implementation.
27. “Verification Agency” means an independent entity or entities satisfactory to the Bank listed in the Verification Protocol and referred to in Section II.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
28. “Verification Report” means the RBF verification report prepared by the Verification Agency and submitted by the Recipient to the Bank in accordance with Section II.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and the RBF Manual.
29. “WASH” means water, sanitation and hygiene.