**GRANT NUMBER E106-DJ** 

# **Financing Agreement**

(Social Protection Emergency Crisis Response Project)

between

**REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI** 

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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#### FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between the REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI ("Recipient") and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") for the purpose of assisting in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS**

- 1.01. The General 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 General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE II — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to twenty-two million three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 22,300,000) ("Financing"), to assist in financing the Project.
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are January 15 and July 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

# ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project, through MASS, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely that the Emergency Response Program or a significant part thereto has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Recipient to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 5.01. The Additional Events of Effectiveness consist of the following:
  - (a) the Recipient has given the Project Implementation Team a mandate to implement the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;
  - (b) the Recipient has appointed, within the Project Implementation Team, key staff, including a Project coordinator, a field operation officer, a financial management officer, a procurement officer, a monitoring and evaluation specialist, a grievance, environmental and social officer, and a communication specialist; all with qualification and terms of reference acceptable to the Association in a manner satisfactory to the Association;
  - (c) the Recipient has prepared, consulted upon, adopted and disclosed the ESMF, (including the LMP and the WMP) and updated and published the SEP; all in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; and
  - (d) the Recipient has prepared and adopted the Project Operations Manual, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
- 5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.
- 5.03. For purposes of Section 10.05(b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the Signature Date.

# ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 6.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Economy and Finance in charge of Industry.
- 6.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
  - (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Economy and Finance in charge of Industry BP 13 Djibouti City Republic of Djibouti; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Email:

cabinet@economie.gouv.dj
aligadileh@yahoo.fr

- 6.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
  - (a) the Association's address is:

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

(b) the Association's Electronic Address is:

Telex:	Facsimile:	Email:
248423 (MCI)	(+1) 202 477 6391	mwes@wordlbank.org

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

# **REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI**

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By:

	AM DUSSA		
	Authorized Representative		
Name: _	Ilyas Moussa Dawaleh		
Title:	Minister		
Date: _	30-juin-2022		

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By:

Marina Wes		
	Authorized Representative	
Name:	Marina Wes	
Title: _	Country Director	
Date:	29-Jun-2022	

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **Project Description**

The objective of the Project is to provide safety net transfers to targeted households affected by the multiple crises facing the Recipient and strengthen adaptive social protection mechanisms to respond to future crises.

The Project consists of the following parts:

#### Part 1: Emergency Safety Net Transfers

Financing Cash Transfers or In-kind Transfers to targeted Vulnerable Households in rural and urban areas as well as Stipends to targeted Vulnerable Students, to mitigate against the impact of drought and the increase in food and fuel prices.

# Part 2: Strengthening Adaptive Social Protection and Community Resilience Mechanisms

- 1. Strengthening adaptive social protection systems by scaling up productive inclusion training activities with greater focus on recovery from crises and resilience to future shocks and by introducing community mobilization, capacity building, awareness campaigns and training on crises response, literacy programs, financial literacy training and voluntary savings promotion for individuals as well as for credit and savings associations, including women's groups in rural and urban areas.
- 2. Supporting the development of policy and implementation guidelines for building links between social protection interventions and national disaster response programs while contributing to crisis sensitive institutional capacity building which will help to improve the capacity of social protection response to crises at the MASS and affiliated institutions and local administrative agencies, including through enhanced digitalization of safety nets.
- 3. Strengthening community resilience mechanism by financing Off-grants to complement household level support with community livelihoods Subprojects to address common emergency and social economic challenges and to be carried out in collaboration with local women's groups and with women's participation.

# Part 3: Project Management and Coordination

- 1. Supporting the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the Project, and covering Operating Costs and Training for MASS and Project Partners involved in Project implementation.
- 2. Supporting the Recipient's Emergency Response Program and its implementation though, *inter alia*, close inter-institutional and inter-agency coordination.

#### **SCHEDULE 2**

#### **Project Execution**

#### Section I. <u>Implementation Arrangements</u>

#### A. Institutional Arrangements

- 1. The Recipient shall carry out the Project through MASS and shall take all actions including the provision of funding, personnel and other resources necessary to perform its functions.
- 2. The Recipient, through MASS, shall maintain at all times during Project implementation, the Project Implementation Team to be in charge of overall Project management and monitoring, with composition, mandate, staffing and other resources satisfactory to the Association, all in accordance with the provisions of the Project Operations Manual. To this end, the Recipient shall maintain throughout Project implementation all the key staff referred to in Section 5.01(b) of Article V of this Agreement; and no later than two (2) months after the Effective Date, appoint or hire and thereafter maintain, throughout Project implementation, an expert in environmental and social risks as well as all the necessary support personnel as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual, all with experience and terms of reference acceptable to the Association, as per the Project Operations Manual.

#### **B.** Implementation Arrangements

#### 1. <u>Project Operations Manual</u>

(a) The Recipient shall maintain the Project Operations Manual containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including with respect to: administration and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, procurement and accounting procedures, environmental and social safeguards, corruption and fraud mitigation measures, a grievance redress mechanism codes of ethics: Personal Data collection, roles and responsibilities for Project implementation, eligibility criteria and selection procedures for Vulnerable Students benefitting from Stipends and for Vulnerable Households benefitting from Cash Transfers, In-kind Transfers or Off-Grants with relevant requirements for the Project including the Procurement Regulations, the Anti-Corruption Guidelines and the Environmental and Social Standards, the performance indicators and arrangements for the supervision, reporting, monitoring, evaluation, and auditing, the model forms for the Collaboration Arrangements with Project Partners, and such other arrangements and procedures as shall be required

for the effective implementation of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.

- (b) The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Operations Manual.
- (c) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project Operations Manual is not amended, suspended, repealed or abrogated without the prior written approval of the Association.
- (d) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Operations Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

#### 2. <u>Off-Grant Guidelines</u>

- The Recipient shall adopt and thereafter maintain the Off-Grant (a) Guidelines containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of Part 2.3 of the Project, including with respect to: administration and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, procurement and accounting procedures, environmental and social safeguards, corruption and fraud mitigation measures, a grievance redress mechanism, codes of ethics, Personal Data collection, roles and responsibilities for Subprojects selection and implementation, eligibility criteria and selection procedures for Vulnerable Households, as well as model forms for Off-Grant Agreements for Subprojects with relevant requirements for the Project, including the Procurement Regulations, the Anti-Corruption Guidelines, the Environmental and Social Standards, the performance indicators and arrangements for the supervision, reporting, monitoring, evaluation, and auditing of Subprojects, and such other arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the effective implementation of Part 2.3 of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
- (b) The Recipient shall carry out Part 2.3 of the Project in accordance with the Off-Grant Guidelines.
- (c) The Recipient shall ensure that the Off-Grant Guidelines are not amended, suspended, repealed or abrogated without the prior written approval of the Association.
- (d) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Off-Grant Guidelines and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

#### 3. <u>Annual Work Plans and Budget</u>

For purposes of implementation of the Project, the Recipient shall:

- (a) no later than July 31, 2022, prepare the first Annual Work Plan and Budget for the implementation of the Project, setting forth, *inter alia*: (i) a detailed description of the planned activities, including any proposed Operating Costs and Training, under the Project for the period covered by the plan; (ii) the sources and proposed use of funds therefor; (iii) procurement and environmental and social safeguards arrangements therefor, as applicable, including the procurement plan; and (iv) responsibility for the execution of said Project activities, budgets, start and completion dates, outputs and monitoring indicators to track progress of each activity;
- (b) promptly furnish the draft Annual Work Plan and Budget to the Association for its review, and promptly thereafter finalize said draft first Annual Work Plan and Budget, taking into account the Association's comments thereon; and
- (c) thereafter adopt and carry out such Annual Work Plan and Budget for the relevant period as shall have been agreed with the Association, such plan to be subsequently revised and updated on or around November 30 of each year for its implementation during the following calendar year during the Project implementation period and with the prior written agreement of the Association.

# C. Off-Grants for Subprojects

- 1. The Recipient shall make Off-Grants to Vulnerable Households in accordance with eligibility criteria and procedures detailed in the Off-Grant Guidelines and found acceptable to the Association.
- 2. The Recipient shall make each Off-Grant under an Off-Grant Agreement with the respective Vulnerable Household on terms and conditions approved by the Association, which shall include the following:
  - (a) The Off-Grant shall be done on grant terms.
  - (b) The Recipient shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the Association, including the right to: (i) suspend or terminate the right of the Vulnerable Household to use the proceeds of the Off-Grant, or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Off-Grant then withdrawn, upon the Vulnerable Household's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Off-Grant Agreement; and (ii) require each Vulnerable Household to: (A) carry out its Subproject with due diligence

and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the Association, including in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of grant proceeds other than the Recipient; (B) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose; (C) procure the goods, works and services to be financed out of the Off-Grant in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; (D) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Association, the progress of the Subproject and the achievement of its objectives; (E) (1) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Subproject; and (2) at the Association's or the Recipient's request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the Association; (F) enable the Recipient and the Association to inspect the Subproject, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and (G) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Association all such information as the Recipient or the Association shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.

3. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under each Off-Grant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association in order to accomplish the purposes of the Project. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any Off-Grant Agreement or any of its provisions.

# D. 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 Association.
- 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 Association. 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 Association 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 Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, 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 Association, 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 Association 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 Association.
- 6. The Recipient shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors and subcontractors 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.

7. Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph 2 above, if 60 days prior to the Closing Date, the Association determines that there are measures and actions specified in the ESCP which will not be completed by the Closing Date, the Recipient shall, through MASS: (a) not later than 30 days before the Closing Date, prepare and present to the Association, an action plan satisfactory to the Association on the outstanding measures and actions, including a timetable and budget allocation for such measures and actions (which action plan shall be deemed to be considered an amendment of the ESCP); and (b) thereafter, carry out said action plan in accordance with its terms and in a manner acceptable to the Association.

# E. Collaboration Arrangements

- 1. To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Recipient, through MASS, may enter into a Collaboration Arrangements with Project Partners and thereafter maintain said Collaboration Arrangements during the implementation of the Project, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, including, *inter alia*: the Recipient's obligation to make parts of the proceeds of the Financing allocated to Category (1) available to Project Partners in order to assist the Recipient in the carrying out of the Project in accordance with the Anti-Corruption Guidelines, the Procurement Regulations, the ESCP and the Project Operations Manual.
- 2. The Recipient shall exercise its rights or carry out its obligations under the Collaboration Arrangements in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association in order to accomplish the purposes of the Project. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, waive, terminate or fail to enforce the Collaboration Arrangements, or any of their provisions.

# Section II. <u>Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation</u>

The Recipient, through MASS, shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester. Except as may otherwise be explicitly required or permitted under this Agreement or as may be explicitly requested by the Association, in sharing any information, report or document related to the activities described in Schedule 1 of this Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that such information, report or document does not include Personal Data.

# Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

# A. General

Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing 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 SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed from the Grant (inclusive of Taxes)
<ul> <li>(1) Goods, works, non- consulting services, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under the Project (except for Stipends, Cash Transfers and In- kind Transfers under Category (2) below for Part 1 of the Project and for Off-Grants under Category (3) below for Part 2.3 of the Project)</li> </ul>	5,300,000	100%
<ul><li>(2) Stipends, Cash Transfers and In-kind Transfers under Part 1 of the Project</li></ul>	13,300,000	100% of amounts disbursed
<ul><li>(3) Off-Grants for Subprojects under Part</li><li>2.3 of the Project</li></ul>	3,700,000	100% of amounts disbursed
TOTAL AMOUNT	22,300,000	

# **B.** Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made:

- (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed SDR 400,000 may be made for payments made twelve months prior to this date for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1); or
- (b) for payments made under Category (3) until and unless the Association has received the Off-Grant Guidelines and the executed copies of the first two Off-Grant Agreements; all in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
- 2. The Closing Date is December 31, 2024.

#### APPENDIX

#### **Definitions**

- 1. "ADDS" means Agence djiboutienne de Développement Social, the Recipient's Agency for Social Development, as established and operating under the Recipient's Law No. 211/AN/07 dated November 26, 2007, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
- 2. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" means each annual work program and budget prepared by the Recipient and approved by the Association in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 3. "Anti-Corruption Guidelines" means, for purposes of paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the General 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.
- 4. "Cash Transfer" or "Cash Transfers" means any or all of the grants extended or proposed to be extended under Part 1 of the Project to Vulnerable Households, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 5. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 6. "Collaboration Arrangement" or "Collaboration Arrangements" means any or all arrangements signed or proposed to be signed between MASS and the Project Partners for the implementation of the Project, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 7. "CPEC" means *Caisse populaire d'épargne et de crédit*, the Recipient's microfinance institution, established and operating under its articles of incorporation and under the Recipient's laws on microfinance, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
- 8. "Emergency Response Program" means *Plan d'urgence et de riposte sociale*, the Recipient's program established and operating under MASS, setting out the Recipient's procedures to respond to and contain a Food Insecurity Crisis, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 9. "Environmental and Social Commitment Plan" or "ESCP" means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated June 8, 2022, 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.

- "Environmental and Social Standards" or "ESSs" means, collectively: 10. (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"; "Environmental and Standard 8: Cultural Heritage"; Social (viii) "Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries"; (ix) (x) "Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure"; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.
- 11. "ESMF" means Environmental and Social Management Framework, the document to be prepared, consulted upon, adopted and disclosed by the Recipient to manage environmental and social risks under the Project, as set out in the ESCP and in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.
- 12. "Food Insecurity Crisis" means an event or events driven by natural or humanmade disasters, economic shocks, and/or public health threats, which pose a significant threat of becoming a large-scale food security crisis within a country or across countries, in accordance with criteria acceptable to the Association.
- 13. "General Conditions" means the "International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing", dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020, April 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022).
- 14. "In-kind Transfer" or "In-kind Transfers" means any or all of the food distribution made or proposed to be made under Part 1 of the Project to Vulnerable Households, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 15. "Line Ministries" means any or all of the Recipient's ministries involved in Project implementation and that have signed or are to sign Collaboration Arrangements, or any of their successors thereto satisfactory to the Association.
- 16. "LMP" means Labor Management Procedures, the document annexed to the ESMF and to be prepared, consulted upon, adopted and disclosed by the Recipient

to manage labor conditions under the Project, as set out in the ESCP and in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.

- 17. "MASS" means *Ministère des affaires sociales et des solidarités*, the Recipient's Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarity, or any successor thereto satisfactory to the Association.
- 18. "Off-Grant" or "Off-Grants" means any or all of the grants extended or proposed to be extended under Part 2.3 of the Project to Vulnerable Household for the financing of Subprojects, as further detailed in the Off-Grant Guidelines.
- 19. "Off-Grant Agreement" or "Off-Grant Agreements" means any or all of the agreements signed or proposed to be signed between MASS and Vulnerable Households for the financing of Subprojects under Part 2.3 of the Project, as further detailed in the Off-Grant Guidelines.
- 20. "Off-Grant Guidelines" means the guidelines referred to in Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as may be revised from time to time with the Association's prior and written approval.
- 21. "Operating Costs" means reasonable and necessary incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation by MASS or Project Partners, including office supplies, vehicle rental, operation and maintenance, insurance costs, bank charges, rental of facilities, including storage, office administration and rental costs, utilities, travel, accommodation, *per diem* and supervision costs and salaries of locally contracted employees (excluding salaries of the Recipient's civil service staff), all as approved by the Association.
- 22. "Personal Data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. An identifiable individual is one who can be identified by reasonable means, directly or indirectly, by reference to an attribute or combination of attributes within the data, or combination of the data with other available information. Attributes that can be used to identify an identifiable individual include, but are not limited to, name, identification, number, location data, online identifier, metadata, and factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of an individual.
- 23. "Procurement Regulations" means, for purposes of paragraph 85 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020.
- 24. "Project Implementation Team" means the Project's coordination and implementation team within the administrative authority of MASS established and referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, or any successor thereto acceptable to the Association.

- 25. "Project Operations Manual" means the manual referred to in Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as may be revised from time to time with the Association's prior and written approval.
- 26. "Project Partners" means any or all entities collaborating under the Project with MASS, including civil society and private sector organizations, Line Ministries, CPEC, ADDS and any other entity legally operating in the Recipient's territory which have signed or are to sign a Collaboration Arrangement with MASS, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 27. "SEP" means Stakeholder Engagement Plan, the document to be prepared, consulted upon, adopted and disclosed by the Recipient to engage stakeholders under the Project, as set out in the ESCP and in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.
- 28. "Signature Date" means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to "the date of the Financing Agreement" in the General Conditions.
- 29. "Stipend" or "Stipends" means any or all of the grants extended or proposed to be extended under Part 1 of the Project to Vulnerable Students, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 30. "Subproject" or "Subprojects" means any or all of the activities carried out or proposed to be carried out by Vulnerable Households under Part 2.3 of the Project, as further detailed in the Off-Grant Guidelines.
- 31. "Training" means expenditures incurred by the Recipient or Project Partners in connection with carrying out training activities under the Project (excluding consulting services), including travel costs, accommodation, and *per diem* for local trainees, study tours, workshops, conferences, tuitions, rental of facilities and equipment and training materials and related supplies.
- 32. "Vulnerable Household" or "Vulnerable Households" means any or all the targeted poor households which are eligible for support under Parts 1 and 2.3 of the Project, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual or in the Off-Grant Guidelines.
- 33. "Vulnerable Student" or "Vulnerable Students" means any or all the targeted poor students who are eligible for support under Part 1 of the Project, as further detailed in the Project Operations Manual.
- 34. "WMP" means Waste Management Plan, the document annexed to the ESMF and to be prepared, consulted upon, adopted and disclosed by the Recipient to manage waste under the Project, as set out in the ESCP and in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.