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Financing Agreement

(Phase 2 of Improving Nutrition Outcomes Using the Multiphase Programmatic Approach)

between

Republic of Madagascar

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR (“Recipient”) and 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 and a credit, which are deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions (collectively, “Financing”) in the following amounts to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”):
 - (a) an amount equivalent to thirty-one million five hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 31,500,000) (“Grant”); and
 - (b) an amount equivalent to thirty-one million five hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 31,500,000) (“Credit”).
- 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 The Service Charge is three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are March 1 and September 1 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

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AGREED as of the Signature Date.

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Date: 28-Jun-2022

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is (i) to increase utilization of package of reproductive, maternal and child health and nutrition (“RMCHN”) interventions and (ii) improve key nutrition behaviors known to reduce stunting in Targeted Regions.

The Project constitutes a phase of the MPA Program, and consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Scale up Coverage and Utilization of the RMCHN Minimum Package

- 1.1 Support to the Recipient to establish and scale up an integrated primary health and nutrition community service delivery platform to deliver the RMCHN Minimum Package for women of reproductive age, pregnant women, and children under five, including support to service providers for the delivery of the RMCHN Minimum Package, through primary care facilities and integrated nutrition and health sites in villages, including delivery of nutrition and health services and community nutrition demonstrations, reporting, referral, counter-referral and supervision mechanisms, service delivery accountability mechanisms, and Selected Health and Nutrition Interventions, all through the provision of technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Training, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.
- 1.2 Support to the Recipient to reduce barriers to the utilization of health and nutrition services at community and primary levels through community outreach services provided under the *Strategie Avancée*, a fee exemption scheme, behavior change activities including mass media campaigns aimed at improving key nutrition and health behaviors all through the provision of Training and technical advisory services, Training, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.

Part 2. Strengthen Capacity to Manage and Deliver the RMCHN Minimum Package

- 2.1 Support to increase the capacity of Primary Health Care Workers and Community Health and Nutrition Workers at the community and primary care facilities levels all through the provision of Training, technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.
- 2.2 Support for strengthening the availability and utilization of health and nutrition data and strengthening the capacity for data collecting, monitoring and use; improving the efficiency of the information system and supporting the use of tablets and smartphones for data collection purposes to improve the quality of services at community facility, district, regional and central levels, all through the

provision of Training, technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.

- 2.3 Support to strengthen supervision and management capacities at the regional, district and central government and other entities responsible for the delivery of the health and nutrition services all through the provision of Training, technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.
- 2.4 Support to improve the quality of service delivery through the scale up of a RBF model for financing Subprojects by Selected Health Facilities through RMCHN Subgrants using an expanded list of indicators that ensure equal prioritization of nutrition with an RMCHN Package, as well as cost-effective verification mechanisms and independent external verification.
- 2.5 Support for evidence-based program and policy design and implementation through building the evidence on the RMCHN Minimum Package and other Selected Health and Nutrition Services carrying out surveys, studies and assessments, including evaluations, the implementation of innovative pilots, all through the provision of Training, technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.

Part 3. Support Multisectoral Interventions to Increase Impact of the Integrated Health and Nutrition Platform

- 3.1 Support social protection strengthening activities to improve nutrition in the Targeted Regions and incentivize community workers through, *inter alia*, promoting nutrition and health messages directly to vulnerable households; and testing, evaluating, and scaling up an existing model of income generating activities (“IGA”) to support the efforts at the community sites.
- 3.2 Promoting agriculture and food security to improve nutrition through, *inter alia*, supporting the establishment of community vegetable gardens through a pilot; supporting capacity building efforts at the municipal and community levels; and providing small grants and in-kind support to support the production of nutritious foods.

Part 4. Project Management, Capacity Building and Operations Support

Support to the Recipient, and other selected entities, for management, capacity building and operations support for Project implementation including the costs of running the UPNNC, the UCP, the SC and the MTC, all through Training, technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and the acquisition of goods.

Part 5. Contingent Emergency Response Component (“CERC”)

Support for a disaster response contingency funding mechanism that could be triggered in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, such as a natural disaster involving a formal declaration of a national or regional state of emergency, or a formal request from the Recipient in the wake of a disaster.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

The Recipient shall, throughout Project implementation, maintain the following institutional arrangements, as further described in the PIM.

1. The Recipient shall vest overall responsibility for Project implementation in the ONN and MoPH.

2. Steering Committee

(a) The Recipient shall, not later than one (1) month after the Effective Date, amend the composition of the Steering Committee ("SC") to integrate other sectors, and at all times during Project implementation, maintain the SC with composition and mandate acceptable to the Association.

(b) The SC shall be chaired by the Recipient's Ministry of Finance and include, *inter alia*, representatives from ONN, MoPH, the Directorate for Public Debt, the Office of the Prime Minister, the Recipient's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of Population, Social Protection and Women's Promotion, members of civil society, and members of the audit committees of both PIUs.

(c) The SC shall be responsible for providing overall strategic guidance, general oversight of Project implementation, performance monitoring, cross-sectoral coordination and consistency with sector policy and strategies, the approval of Annual Work Plans and Budgets, procurement plans, annual audit reports and progress reports.

(d) The SC shall meet at least twice annually.

3. Multisectoral Technical Committee

(a) The Recipient shall, not later than one (1) month after the Effective Date, establish a Multisector Technical Committee ("MTC") with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, and at all times during Project implementation, maintain the MTC with composition and mandate acceptable to the Association.

(b) The MTC shall provide technical inputs for the activities that fall within their sectoral mandate.

4. Project Implementation Units

- (a) The Recipient shall, at all times during Project implementation, maintain two Project Implementation Units ("PIUs") each with distinct responsibility for implementing the Project: (i) the UPNNC; and (ii) the UCP.
- (b) Each PIU shall, at all times during Project implementation, retain the following staff, *inter alia*, each with terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association: (i) a coordinator; (ii) a procurement specialist; (iii) a financial management specialist; and (iv) a monitoring and evaluation specialist.
- (c) Without limitation to the provision immediately above, the UCP PIU shall, at all times during Project implementation, retain environment and social risk management specialists, and shall not later than two (2) months after the Effective Date designate environment and social risk management focal points for each Targeted Region.
- (d) Each PIU shall be responsible for the following activities, *inter alia*: (i) project implementation and day-to-day management of project activities including coordination, fiduciary management, procurement, environmental and social impact mitigation, and the preparation of IFRs and project reports; (ii) recruitment of consultants and NGOs; (iii) concluding of Subgrant Agreements with Selected Health Facilities; and (iv) recruitment of an external auditor for the Project.

B. PIM

- 1. The Recipient shall update the Project Implementation Manual ("PIM") not later than two (2) months after the Effective Date and thereafter ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the PIM.
- 2. The PIM shall contain detailed arrangements, procedures and mechanisms for: (i) institutional coordination and Project implementation; (ii) the roles and responsibilities of all involved stakeholders; (iii) Project budgeting, accounting, disbursement and financial management; (iv) capacity building activities; (v) eligibility criteria and selection and approval procedures for Community Health and Nutrition Workers under Part I of the Project; (vi) procurement; (vii) the eligibility and selection criteria, transfer and verification mechanisms; (viii) safeguards; (ix) monitoring, evaluation, reporting and communication; (x) multisectoral coordination; and (xi) other such administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for purposes of implementing the Project.

3. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate the PIM, or any provision thereof.
4. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the PIM and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. RBF Operations Manual

1. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, revise the RBF Operations Manual.
2. The RBF Operations Manual shall contain detailed arrangements, procedures and mechanisms for the selection and implementation of RMCHN Subgrants and Subprojects, including detailed arrangements, procedures and mechanisms for the implementation of said Subgrants and Subprojects, including accounting, disbursement and financial management; procurement; the eligibility and selection criteria, transfer and verification mechanisms; safeguards; monitoring, evaluation, reporting and communication; and other such administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for purposes of implementing RMCHN Subprojects.
3. The RBF Operations Manual shall include a model RMCHN Subgrant Agreement, to be used for each RMCHN Subgrant.
4. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate the RBF Operations Manual, or any provision thereof.
5. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the RBF Operations Manual and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

D. RMCHN Subgrants and Subprojects

1. For the purposes of Part 2.4 of the Project the Recipient shall cause each Selected Health Facility to carry out Subprojects selected according to eligibility criteria and selection procedures set forth in the RBF Operations Manual and carried out according to administrative, procurement, financial management, safeguards, monitoring and evaluation procedures and arrangements set forth in said PBF Operations Manual.
2. Without limitation upon the foregoing, said RBF Operations Manual shall include, *inter alia*, a detailed elaboration of:
 - (a) the RMCHN Package to be delivered under the RMCHN Subprojects;
 - (b) the methodology for calculating the unit price to be paid for each RMCHN Package to be delivered under RMCHN Sub-projects, each of which unit

- price shall be calculated on the basis of a methodology acceptable to the Association ("Unit Price");
- (c) a model form of agreement for the provision of a RMCHN Subgrant ("RMCHN Subgrant Agreement"); and
 - (d) the procedures for approval, monitoring and evaluation of RMCHN Subprojects and for granting of RMCHN Subgrants.
3. Each RMCHN Subgrant Agreement shall include the following terms and conditions and other such conditions as may be specified in the RBF Operations Manual.
 4. The RMCHN Subgrant shall be provided on a non-reimbursable grant basis.
 5. The Recipient shall, through the UCP, require each Selected Health Facility to: (a) carry out its RMCHN 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; (b) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose; (c) procure the goods and services to be financed out of the Subgrant 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) (i) 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 RMCHN Subproject; and (ii) 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 RMCHN 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.
 6. The Recipient shall, through the UCP, exercise its rights under each RMCHN Subgrant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any RMCHN Subgrant Agreement or any of its provisions.

E. Annual Work Plans

1. Each year the Recipient shall prepare a draft annual work plan and budget for the Project (including Training and Operating Costs) for each subsequent year of Project implementation, of such scope and detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested.
2. The Recipient shall furnish to the Association, not later than November 30 of each year, the annual work plans and budgets approved by the Steering Committee for the Association's review and approval; except for the annual work plan and budget for the Project for the first year of Project implementation, which shall be furnished not later than one (1) month after the Effective Date. Only the activities included in an annual work plan and budget expressly approved by the Association (each an "Annual Work Plan and Budget") are eligible to be financed from the proceeds of the Financing.
3. Training shall be carried out on the basis of Annual Work Plans and Budgets, which shall, *inter alia*, identify: (a) particulars of the training envisaged; (b) the personnel to be trained; (c) the selection methods and criteria of the institution or individuals conducting such training; (d) the institution conducting such training if identified; (e) the purpose and justification for such training; (f) the location and duration of the proposed training; and (g) the estimate of the cost of such training.
4. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Annual Work Plans and Budgets.
5. Annual Work Plans and Budgets may be revised as needed during Project implementation subject to the Association's prior approval.

F. Fiduciary

1. The Recipient shall, not later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, adopt a Fiduciary Capacity Building Plan in form and content satisfactory to the Association.
2. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, complete the implementation of a remedial action plan to address the identified control weaknesses, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.
3. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, Maintain and strengthen the audit committee within the SC by amending its terms of reference and composition, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.
4. The Recipient shall, not later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, adopt and implement the recommendations that stem from the Governance Audit, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.

5. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, recruit and, maintain at all times during Project implementation, a fiduciary agency to support the MoPH in the implementation of the Project, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.
6. The Recipient, through UPNNC, shall, not later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, implement the capacity building plan of fiduciary management staff deployed by the ONN at the regional level, in form and content satisfactory to the Association.

G. 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 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.

H. Contingency Emergency Response

In order to ensure the effective implementation of Part 5 of the Project, the Recipient shall take the following measures.

- 1. The Recipient shall:
 - (a) prepare and furnish to the Association for its review and approval, an operations manual (CERC Manual) which shall set forth detailed implementation arrangements for the CERC, including: (i) designation of terms of reference for, and resources to be allocated to the entity to be responsible for coordinating and implementing the CERC ("Coordinating Authority"); (ii) specific activities which may be included in the CERC, Eligible Expenditures required thereunder ("Emergency Expenditures"), and any selection procedures for such inclusion; (iii) financial management arrangements for the CERC; (iv) procurement methods and procedures for Emergency Expenditures to be financed under the CERC; (v) documentation required for withdrawals of Emergency Expenditures; (vi) environmental and social safeguard management frameworks for the

CERC, consistent with the Association's policies on the matter; and (vii) any other arrangements necessary to ensure effective coordination and implementation of the CERC;

- (b) afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to review said proposed operations manual;
 - (c) promptly adopt such operations manual for the CERC as shall have been approved by the Association ("CERC Operations Manual");
 - (d) ensure that the CERC is carried out in accordance with the CERC Operations Manual; in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the CERC Operations Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and
 - (e) not amend, suspend, abrogate, repeal or waive any provision of the CERC Operations Manual without prior approval by the Association.
2. The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the CERC, maintain the Coordinating Authority, with adequate staff and resources satisfactory to the Association.
3. The Recipient shall not undertake any activities under the CERC until the following conditions have been met:
- (a) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, has furnished to the Association a request to include said activities in the CERC in order to respond to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency, and the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof; and
 - (b) the Recipient has prepared and disclosed all safeguards instruments required for said activities, in accordance with the CERC Operations Manual, the Association has approved all such instruments, and the Recipient has implemented any actions which are required to be taken under said instruments.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

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 Credit Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (Tax inclusive)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services under Parts 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1 of the Project, (a) MoPH (b) UPNNC	 12,500,000 12,800,000	 12,500,000 12,800,000	 100%
(2) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services under Part 2.4 of the Project,	 1,600,000	 1,600,000	 100%
(3) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services under Part 3.2 of the Project, (a) MoPH (b) UPNNC	 1,100,000 400,000	 1,100,000 400,000	 100%

(4) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services under Part 4 of the Project,			100%
(a) MoPH	1,500,000	1,500,000	
(b) UPNNC	1,600,000	1,600,000	
(5) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services under Part 5 of the Project	0	0	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	31,500,000	31,500,000	63,000,000

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;
 - (b) under Categories (1) and (2) until and unless the Association has received adequate evidence that the ESMF for the Project has been adopted, consulted upon, and disclosed by the Recipient in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;
 - (c) under Category (3) until and unless the Association has received adequate evidence that the PIM has been adopted by the Recipient in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;
 - (d) under Category (5) until and unless the Association has received adequate evidence that the CERC Manual has been adopted in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
2. The Closing Date is 31 December 2026.

SCHEDULE 3

Repayment Schedule

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each March 1 and September 1 commencing September 1, 2028, to and including March 1, 2060.	1.5625%

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “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.
2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “CERC” means Contingent Emergency Response Component under Part 5 of the Project.
4. “CERC Operations Manual” means the operations manual referred to in Section I.G.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, to be adopted by the Recipient for the CERC under the Project, in accordance with the provisions of said Section.
5. “Coordinating Authority” means the entity or entities designated by the Recipient in the CERC Operations Manual and approved by the Association pursuant to Section I.G of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, to be responsible for coordinating the CERC under the Project.
6. “Community Health and Nutrition Workers” means community-based workers, recruited by the MoPH and UPNNC, according to criteria and procedures established in the PIM for the purpose of mobilizing communities to access critical health nutrition services at the community and household levels.
7. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated June 22, 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.
8. “ESMF” means the Environmental and Social Management Framework prepared for the Project.
9. “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 Association.

10. “Fiduciary Capacity Building Plan” means the plan to be adopted and implemented by the Recipient detailing capacity building activities to be carried out over a period of twenty-four (24) months.
11. “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).
12. “Governance Audit” means the audit to be adopted and implemented by the Recipient detailing capacity building activities to be carried out over a period of twelve (12) months.
13. “IFR” means Interim Financial Report.
14. “Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock” means the Recipient’s *Ministère de l’Agriculture et de l’Elevage*.
15. “MPA Program” means the multiphase programmatic approach program designed to reduce stunting prevalence in children under 2 years of age in Targeted Regions.
16. “MoPH” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Public Health.
17. “MTC” means Multisectoral Technical Committee.
18. “NGO” means non-governmental organizations
19. “NTD” means neglected tropical diseases.
20. “ONN” means *Office National de Nutrition*, the Recipient’s National Office of Nutrition.
21. “Operating Costs” means costs included in the Annual Work Program and budget acceptable to the Association which includes incremental costs of Project

implementation such as vehicle operation and maintenance including for fuel, community, insurance, banking charges, rental, office supplies, consumables and maintenance, utilities, document production, travel costs and *per diem* for Project related travel and accommodation and subsistence allowances for authorized travel, but excluding salaries of the Recipient's civil servants.

22. "PIM" means project implementation manual, the manual adopted by the Recipient, including PBF Operating Manual referred to in Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
23. "Primary Health Care Workers" means workers delivering health and nutrition services at the primary care facility level.
24. "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.
25. "PIU" means Project Implementation Unit.
26. "Results-Based Financing" or "RBF" means results-based financing Operating Costs" means financing based on results.
27. "RBF Operations Manual" means the Results-Based Financing Operations Manual, referred to in Section 1.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, to be adopted by the Recipient as an annex to the PIM.
28. "RMCHN" means reproductive, maternal and child health and nutrition.
29. "RMCHN Minimum Package" means an evidence-based package of RMCHN interventions for pregnant women and children under five.
30. "SC" means Steering Committee.
31. "Selected Health and Nutrition Interventions" means health and nutrition interventions defined in the PIM such as early stimulation, NTD interventions.
32. "Selected Health Facility" means a facility selected according to eligibility criteria and selection processes outlined in the PIM; "Selected Health Facilities" means more than one such Selected Health Facility.
33. "Targeted Regions" means regions in which the Project shall be implemented, which shall be selected according to criteria and procedures established in the PIM.
34. "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.

35. “*Strategie Avancée*” means the Recipient’s strategy for community outreach activities for selected interventions delivered by health facility staff.
36. “Training” means learning programs or courses in institutes/schools in the territory of the Recipient and abroad, workshops, lectures, seminars, courses, and coursework and study tours costs associated with training, as well as travels costs and *per diem* incurred by trainers and trainees, rental of training facilities, training materials and costs related to course preparation and implementation.
37. “UCP” means *Unité de Coordination des Projets*, the nutrition health PIU.
38. “UPNNC” means *Unité de Programme National de Nutrition Communautaire*, the nutrition PIU.