
HEPR GRANT NO. TF0B8365

*Health Emergency Preparedness
and
Response Trust Fund (HEPRTF)*
Grant Agreement

(Additional Financing for COVID-19 Emergency Response Project)

between

SOLOMON ISLANDS

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION

acting as administrator of
the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Trust Fund (HEPR)

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**HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRUST FUND
(HEPR)**

GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between SOLOMON ISLANDS (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Bank”), acting as administrator of the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Multi-Donor Trust Fund (“HEPR”).

WHEREAS (1)(A) under the Original Financing Agreement (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement), the Association agreed to extend to the Recipient a credit in an amount equivalent to one million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 1,800,000) and a grant in an amount equivalent to one million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 1,800,000) to assist in financing the Original Project (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement); and

(B) the Recipient has requested the Association to extend additional financing in the amount specified in Section 2.01 of the Additional Financing Agreement (as defined in Section I of the Appendix to this Agreement) to assist in financing activities related to the Original Project, and the Association has agreed, on the basis, *inter alia*, of the foregoing, to extend such credits to the Recipient, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

(C) the Recipient has requested the Bank, acting as administrator of the HEPR, to extend a grant in an amount specified in Section 3.01 of this Agreement to assist in financing activities related to the Original Project, and the Bank, acting as administrator of the HEPR, has agreed, on the basis, *inter alia*, of the foregoing, to extend such grant to the Recipient, upon 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 Financing Agreements, Standard Conditions or in this Agreement (including the Preamble thereto).

ARTICLE II — PROJECT

- 2.01 The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project and the MPA Program. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through its Ministry of Health and Medical Services in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III — FINANCING

- 3.01. The Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant from various sources in the following amounts, which in aggregate do not exceed three million United States Dollars (\$3,000,000) (“Grant”), to assist in financing 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 funds for which the Bank receives periodic contributions from the donor to the trust funds. 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 donor under the abovementioned trust funds, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

ARTICLE IV EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 4.01. 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, namely, that the execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient have been duly authorized or ratified by all necessary governmental actions.
- 4.02. For the purpose of confirming that the condition specified in Section 4.01 above has been met, by signing this Agreement, the Recipient shall be deemed to represent and warrant that on the Signature Date, this Agreement has been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on behalf of, the Recipient and is legally binding upon the Recipient in accordance with its terms, except where additional action is required to make this Agreement legally binding. Where additional action is required following

the Signature Date, the Recipient shall notify the Bank when such additional action has been taken. By providing such notification, the Recipient shall be deemed to represent and warrant that on the date of such notification this Agreement is legally binding upon the Recipient in accordance with its terms.

- 4.03. 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 4.01 above (“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.
- 4.04. ***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 thirty (30) 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 V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 5.01. The Recipient’s Representative is its Minister at the time responsible for finance.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Recipient’s address is:

Ministry of Finance and Treasury
P.O. Box 26
Honiara
Solomon Islands; and

(b) the Recipient’s Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:
677-27855

E-mail:
hkuma@mof.gov.sb

- 5.03. 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:

Facsimile:

E-mail:

1-202-477-6391

cdpngpacific@worldbank.org

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

By

Harry Kuma

Authorized Representative
Harry Kuma
Name: _____
Title: Minister of Finance and Treasury

Date: 23-May-2022

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT/ INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
acting as administrator of the Health Emergency Preparedness and
Response Trust Fund (HEPRTF)

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative
Stephen Ndegwa
Name: _____
Title: Country Director, PNG & Pacific Islands

Date: 03-May-2022

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and to strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Solomon Islands.

The Project constitutes a phase of the MPA Program, and consists of Part 1.2 of the Project referred to in Schedule 1 to the Additional Financing Agreement, as reproduced and set forth below:

Part 1: **Emergency COVID-19 Preparedness and Response**

Part 1.2: **Support to COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment**

Carrying out activities to assist the Recipient to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 including through: (a) expanding human resources necessary for vaccine deployment; (b) acquiring various modes of transportation necessary for vaccine deployment; (c) developing and implementing communication, education and outreach strategies for vaccine rollout through various channels to generate vaccination demand and address vaccine hesitancy; (d) increasing social and traditional media monitoring to address potential misinformation regarding COVID-19; (e) implementing media relations and public outreach plan; (f) producing and distributing COVID-19 vaccination registration cards; and (g) supporting Operating Costs associated with COVID-19 vaccine deployment.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional and Other Arrangements.

1. Section I.A (Institutional Arrangements), Section I.C (Annual Work Plans and Budgets), and Section I.D (Environmental and Social Standards) of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement are 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, the references to the “Association” shall be read as the “Bank”; references to the “Project” and “Effective Date” in said Sections shall be construed as references to the Project and Effective Date as defined in this Agreement, respectively.

B. Project Operations Manual

1. Section I.B (Project Operations Manual) of Schedule 2 to the Additional Financing Agreement are 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, the references to the “Association” shall be read as the “Bank.”

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

1. Section II (Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation) of Schedule 2 to the Additional Financing Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference in this Section II in its entirety 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, the references to the “Association” shall be read as the “Bank.”

Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

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, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs, Training under Part 1.2 of the Project	3,000,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	3,000,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the Signature Date.
2. The Closing Date is December 31, 2024.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Additional Financing Agreement” means the agreement between the Recipient and the Association for the Project, of or around the same date as this Agreement, as such agreement may be amended from time to time. “Additional Financing Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to the Additional Financing Agreement.
2. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means each annual work plan and budget (including related cash forecasts) for the implementation of the Project accepted by the Bank, in accordance with Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and “Annual Work Plans and Budgets” means, collectively, all such plans and budgets.
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. “Association” means International Development Association.
5. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
6. “COVID-19” means the coronavirus disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
7. “Emergency Operations Committee” means the Recipient’s multi-government agency oversight committee chaired by the Secretary to the Recipient’s Cabinet, under which MHMS is the lead agency for ensuring that health measures are in place and for coordinating the Recipient’s health sector committee response as well as providing necessary guidance to support broader sector preparedness and response efforts.
8. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated December 22, 2020, 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.

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 Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; and (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Bank.
10. “Financing Agreements” means the Original Financing Agreement and the Additional Financing Agreement.
11. “Ministry of Health and Medical Services” or “MHMS” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Health and Medical Services or any successor thereto.
12. “MPA Program” means the multiphase programmatic approach program designed to assist countries to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness.
13. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses incurred by the Recipient on account of the implementation, management and monitoring and evaluation of the Project, based on the Annual Work Plans and Budgets accepted ex-ante by the Bank, including rental of office space, bank charges, communications, advertising costs, utilities, stationery, vehicle operation, maintenance, insurance and transportation costs, but excluding: (a) salaries, fees, honoraria, bonuses, and any other salary supplements of any of the Recipient’s civil servants; and (b) Quarantine Costs.
14. “Original Financing Agreement” means the financing agreement for the Solomon Islands COVID-19 Emergency Response Project between the Recipient and the Association, dated January 27, 2021, as amended to the date of the Additional

Financing Agreement and as such financing agreement may be further amended from time to time (Credit Number 6633-SB and Grant Number D628-SB).

15. “Original Project” means the project described in Schedule 1 to the Original Financing Agreement.
16. “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.
17. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated November 2020.
18. “Project Management Unit” means the unit to be established by the Recipient in accordance with Section I.A.3(a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
19. “Project Operations Manual” means the Recipient’s project operations manual to be adopted by the Recipient in accordance with Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; as said manual may be modified from time to time with prior approval in writing of the Bank, and such term includes any schedules or annexes to the manual.
20. “Quarantine Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient based on Annual Work Plans and Budgets and excepted by the Bank in relation, *inter alia*, to housing, personal protective equipment, supplies and consumables, and personal hygiene supplies for quarantined persons.
21. “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.
22. “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.

23. "Training" means the reasonable costs of training and workshop activities under the Project, based on the Annual Work Plans and Budgets and accepted by the Bank, including preparation and reproduction of training materials, rental of facilities, reasonable transportation costs, per diem of trainers and trainees (if applicable), and any other expenses directly related to training preparation and implementation.