
GRANT NUMBER B4548

Grant Agreement

(Second Additional Financing - OECS Regional Health Project)

between

GRENADA

and

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

**(acting as a responding agency of the Pandemic Emergency Financing
Facility Trust Fund)**

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AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between GRENADA (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Bank”) (acting as a responding agency of the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility Trust) for the purpose of providing second additional financing for activities related to the Original Project (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement).

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 or in the Appendix this Agreement.

**Article II
The Project**

- 2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out Part 4 of the Project through the Ministry of Health, Social Security and International Business (MOHSSIB) 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 nine hundred forty-two thousand eighty hundred fifty-seven thousand United States Dollars (\$942,857) (“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 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
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

- 4.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is Permanent Secretary.

- 4.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions:

- (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance
Financial Complex
The Carenage
St. George's
Grenada; and

- (b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:	E-mail:
1-473-440-4115	psfinancegrenada@gmail.com

- 4.03. 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 Bank
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.

GRENADA

By

Gregory Bowen

Authorized Representative

Gregory Bowen

Name: _____

Minister for Finance

Title: _____

08-Dec-2020

Date: _____

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

(acting as a responding agency of the Pandemic Emergency
Financing Facility Trust Fund)

By

Tahseen Sayed

Authorized Representative

Tahseen Sayed

Name: _____

Country Director

Title: _____

01-Dec-2020

Date: _____

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to: (a) improve preparedness capacities of health systems for public health emergencies in the OECS region; and (b) provide a response in the event of eligible crises or emergencies.

The Project consists of the following parts as stated in the Original Project:

Part 1: Improved Health Facilities and Laboratory Capacity

Strengthening the resilience and capacity of Selected Health Facilities and laboratories to provide services to manage a public health emergency, including an emerging disease outbreak, extreme weather event or other disaster through, *inter alia*:

1. Health Facilities Infrastructure and Referral Networks

(a) National Level

Upgrading of Selected Health Facilities to improve their resilience to climate change and extreme weather conditions through, *inter alia*, climate resilient and energy-efficient structural improvements, roofing, electrical safety, improvement in lighting, telecommunications, plumbing and water storage as well as the inclusion of ramps to facilitate access for people who are disabled.

(b) Regional Level

OECS:

Carrying out of an inventory of the emergency and critical care facilities (including information on human resources) in the Participating Countries and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping including, *inter alia*, the provision of equipment, technical assistance and training.

2. Laboratory Infrastructure and Capacity Building

(a) National Level

(i) expansion of laboratory services, including provision of equipment and reagents;

(ii) improvements in specimen handling and supply chain management;

- (iii) technical support for laboratory data management systems and interoperability with health and surveillance information systems at national and regional levels;
 - (iv) training and capacity building for laboratory services; and
 - (v) strengthening of laboratory quality management systems.
- (b) Regional Level
- (i) CARPHA:
 - (A) assessment of national laboratory capacity in Participating Countries to provide the needed laboratory services;
 - (B) technical support to improve the link between national laboratory networks and the regional reference laboratory;
 - (C) enhancements to the regional reference laboratory technical capacity in order to provide the region with the necessary capacities in processing, diagnosing and confirming priority infectious diseases;
 - (D) improved technical capacity for laboratory safety and specimen transportation and related training; and
 - (E) implementation of a quality assurance program for the Participating Countries for the implementation of common standards for national laboratories, including policies, standard operating procedures and related training.
 - (ii) OECS:
 - (A) development of a system for pooled procurement for laboratory equipment, service contracts, and laboratory parts and reagents for the Participating Countries;
 - (B) development of laboratory specimen transportation agreements and related training; and
 - (C) development of mechanisms for laboratory quality improvement in Participating Countries.

Part 2: Strengthening Public Health Surveillance and Emergency Management

Strengthening public health preparedness, including surveillance and emergency response through improvement of national and regional capacities and promotion of cross-border collaboration through, *inter alia*:

1. Public Health Surveillance

(a) National Level:

- (i) improvement of the information base for surveillance through training and investments in health information systems;
- (ii) addressing points of vulnerability through improved surveillance in targeted areas and high-risk groups; and
- (iii) support to MOHSSIB's vector control programs and when applicable food safety programs and implementation of the Frontline and Basic Field Epidemiology Training Program basic modules.

(b) Regional Level

(i) CARPHA:

- (A) expansion and roll-out of the FETP intermediate and advance modules;
- (B) improvements in surveillance reporting to and from the regional level, including development of protocols for communication and data sharing, and a regional dashboard; and
- (C) development of an information and communication platform for surveillance and management including geographic information systems.

2. Emergency Management

(a) National Level

- (i) development and/or updating of health emergency preparedness and response plans;
- (ii) establishment, if and when applicable, of isolation facilities for

- response and containment capacity in the event of an outbreak;
 - (iii) setup and equipping of the Recipient's health emergency response systems and/or operations centers such as satellite/radio communications and generators and related training; and
 - (iv) management of biomedical waste in Selected Countries.
- (b) Regional Level
- (i) CARPHA:
 - (A) development of regional preparedness and response action plans for public health emergencies (including simulation exercises) in Participating Countries;
 - (B) support to Participating Countries in their self-assessments of core capacities in laboratories, surveillance and emergency management carried out using the Joint External Evaluation tool, and development of a national action plan for health security; and
 - (C) establishment of a contingency emergency response funding mechanism.
 - (ii) OECS:

Development and implementation of coordination mechanisms for health emergency services for OECS countries to strengthen regional capacity to mobilize first responders and critical health supplies to affected areas, including *inter alia*, strengthening of systems, facilitating movement of patients and/or specialized health human resources and training on a minimal initial service package in sexual and reproductive health in the context of public health emergencies.

Part 3: Institutional Capacity Building, Project Management and Coordination

- (i) Institutional capacity building in the areas of technical assistance for contract management, procurement, financial management, environmental and social safeguards, construction supervision and monitoring and evaluation, including audits for the Respective Parts of the Project.
- (ii) Project management and coordination, equipping and operation of regional coordination platforms.

Part 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC)

Provision of support upon occurrence of an Eligible Emergency.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

Coordinating Authority

The Recipient shall, throughout the implementation of the Part 4 of the Project, maintain the Ministry of Health, Social Security and International Business (MOHSSIB), with adequate staff and resources satisfactory to the Bank.

B. Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC Part)

In order to ensure the proper implementation of Part 4 of the Project (“Contingency Emergency Response Component” or “CERC Part”), the Recipient shall take the measures set forth below:

1. The Recipient shall:
 - (a) ensure that the CERC Part is carried out by the Coordinating Authority in accordance with the CERC Manual; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the CERC Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail;
 - (b) not amend, suspend, abrogate, repeal or waive any provision of the CERC Manual without prior approval by the Bank.

3. The Recipient shall undertake no activities under the CERC Part (and no activities shall be included in the CERC Part) unless and until the following conditions have been met in respect of said activities:
 - (a) the Recipient has prepared and disclosed all safeguards instruments required for said activities, in accordance with the CERC Manual, the Bank has approved all such instruments, and the Recipient has implemented any actions which are required to be taken under said instruments; and
 - (c) the Recipient has ensured that no activities under the CERC Part fall under the prohibited activities mentioned in CERC Manual.

C. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (a) CERC Part of the Project is carried out with due regard to appropriate health, safety, social, and environmental practices and standards, and in accordance with the Safeguards Instruments;
 - (b) for each activity under CERC Part of the Project for which the ESMF provides for the preparation of an ESMP:
 - (i) proceed to have such ESMP as appropriate: (A) prepared and disclosed in accordance with the ESMF; (B) consulted upon adequately with people affected by CERC Part of the Project as per the ESMF, and submitted to the Bank for review and approval; and (C) thereafter adopted, prior to implementation of the activity; and
 - (ii) take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of such ESMP in a manner satisfactory to the Bank.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that: (a) all consultancies related to technical assistance, design and capacity building under CERC Part of the Project, the application of whose results could have environmental, social and health and safety implications, shall only be undertaken pursuant to terms of reference reviewed and found satisfactory by the Bank; and (b) such terms of reference shall require the technical assistance, design and capacity building activities to take into account the requirements of the applicable Bank Safeguards Policies and EHS Guidelines.

E. Procurement of Eligible Emergency Expenditures under the CERC Part of the Project

The Recipient shall procure the Eligible Emergency Expenditures required for the CERC Part of the Project in accordance with the procurement methods and procedures set forth in the CERC Manual.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

The Recipient shall ensure that each Project Report is furnished to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

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) Eligible Emergency Expenditures under Part 4 of the Project	\$942,857	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$942,857	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the Signature Date, except for withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed US\$350,000 may be made for payments made prior to this date, but on or after March 31, 2020 for Eligible Expenditures.
2. The Closing Date is January 31, 2021

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Additional Financing Agreement” means the agreement for the OECS Regional Health Project between GRENADA and the International Development Association, dated July 31, 2020 (Credit No. 6731-GD)
2. “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.
3. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
4. “Contingency Emergency Response Component” or “CERC Part” means Part 4 of the Project.
5. “CERC Manual” means the manual referred to in Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, adopted by the Recipient under the Original Project, setting forth detailed implementation arrangements for the CERC Part, 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 Part (“Coordinating Authority”); (ii) specific activities which may be included in the CERC Part, a sound and actionable country-level response plan, Eligible Expenditures required therefor (“Eligible Emergency Expenditures”), and any procedures for such inclusion; (iii) financial management arrangements for the CERC Part; (iv) procurement methods and procedures for Eligible Emergency Expenditures to be financed under the CERC Part; (v) documentation required for withdrawals of Eligible Emergency Expenditures; (vi) environmental and social safeguards management frameworks for the CERC Part, consistent with the Bank’s policies on the matter; and (vi) any other arrangements necessary to ensure proper coordination and implementation of the CERC Part;
6. “Eligible Emergency” means the imminent or actual occurrence of a natural or man-made crisis or disaster, which, in the opinion of the Bank, has the capacity to cause major adverse health impacts in the Recipient’s population.
7. “Eligible Emergency Expenditures” means the Eligible Expenditures required to finance the cost of the approved goods (excluding pesticides), works, consulting services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and Training necessary under Part 4 of the Project to respond to an Eligible Emergency.

8. “EHS Guidelines” means the World Bank Group Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines published on www.ifc.org/ehsguidelines, as said guidelines are updated from time to time.
9. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the environmental and social management framework prepared and adopted by the Recipient, satisfactory to the Bank, dated June 2019, disclosed in-country, and in the Bank’s website on June 13, 2019, setting out the principles, rules, guidelines and procedures to screen and assess the potential adverse environmental and social risks and impacts (including health and safety issues) of Parts 1.1(a), 1.2(a), 2.1(a), 2.2(a) and 3 of the Project activities, including the risks of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse, adopt measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset environmental and social adverse risks and impacts, including measures that endeavor to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse, procedural, budget and institutional arrangements and actions needed to implement these measures, and information on the agency or agencies responsible for addressing the Respective Parts of the Projects’ risks and impacts; as well as for the preparation of environmental and social management plans, as such framework may be amended by the Recipient from time to time, with the prior written agreement of the Association.
10. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” or “ESMP” means the environmental and social management plan to be prepared by the Recipient, satisfactory to the Association, and disclosed on the Bank’s website, which details (a) the measures to be taken during the implementation of 1.1(a), 1.2 (a), 2.1(a), 2.2(a) and 3 of the Project to avoid, minimize, mitigate or offset adverse environmental and social impacts (including health and safety issues), or to reduce them to acceptable levels; (b) the measures that endeavor to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse; and (c) the procedural, budget and institutional arrangements and actions needed to implement these measures, including any schedules to such plan, and as such plan may be amended by the Recipient from time to time, with the prior written approval of the Association.
11. “Frontline and Basic Field Epidemiology Training Program” or “FETP” means the program described in CARPHA’s website at <http://carpha.org/What-We-Do/FELTP/Introduction>.
12. “Joint External Evaluation” means the tool used to monitor core capacities in laboratory, surveillance and emergency management as described in the World Health Organization’s publication entitled “Joint External Evaluation Tool, Second Edition, International Health Regulations (2005)” and published in 2018.
13. “MOHSSIB” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Health, Social Security and International Business, or any successor thereto.

14. “OECS” means the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States established under the Treaty of Basseterre dated 1981 and operating also under the Revised Treaty of Basseterre dated 2010.
15. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses incurred in connection with Project implementation, including consumable materials and supplies, utilities, fuel and oil, communications, administrative fees, surveys and census costs, mass media and printing services, vehicle rental, operation and maintenance, charges for the opening and operation of bank accounts required for the Respective Parts of the Project, travel, lodging and *per diems*, but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient's civil service.
16. “Original Financing Agreement” means the financing agreement for the Original Project between the Recipient and the Bank, dated October 19, 2019 (Credit No. 6476-GD).
17. “Original Project” means the project described in Schedule 1 to the Original Financing Agreement.
18. “Participating Countries” means the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
19. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018.
20. “Safeguard Policies” means, the Operational Policies (Ops) and Bank Procedures (BPs) of the Bank, namely OP/BP 4.01 (Environmental Assessment), OP/BP 4.04 (Natural Habitats), OP/BP 4.09 (Pest Management), OP/BP 4.10 (Indigenous Peoples), OP/BP 4.11 (Physical Cultural Resources), OP/BP 4.12 (Involuntary Resettlement), OP/BP 4.36 (Forests), and OP/BP 4.37 (Safety of Dams); they can be found at <https://policies.worldbank.org>.
21. “Safeguards Instruments” means collectively, the ESMF and ESMPs; and “Safeguard Instrument” means any of such Safeguards Instruments.
22. “Selected Countries” means the Recipient and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and any other Participating Country as the Association may agree.
23. “Selected Health Facilities” means the facilities located in each of the Participating Countries in the numbers and locations set forth in the Project Operations Manual or such other facilities as may be agreed by the Bank.
24. “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.

25. “Standard Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Bank Standard Conditions for Grant Financing Made by the Bank out of Trust Funds”, dated February 25, 2019[, with the modifications set forth in Section II of this Appendix.