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# Financing Agreement

(Accelerated Food Security Project)

between

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated July 22, 2009

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**FINANCING AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated July 22, 2009, entered into between the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA (“Recipient”) and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”). 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) constitute an integral 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, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a credit in an amount equivalent to one hundred and seven million six hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 107,600,000) (variously, “Credit” and “Financing”) to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.04. The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 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.
- 2.07. The Payment Currency is Dollars.

**ARTICLE III — PROJECT**

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MAFC in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.
- 3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IV —TERMINATION**

- 4.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its minister responsible for finance.

5.02. The Recipient's Address is:

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AGREED at Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, as of the day and year first above written.

**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

**By /s/ Ramadhani Khijjah**

**Authorized Representative**

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**By /s/ John McIntire**

**Authorized Representative**

## SCHEDULE 1

### Project Description

The objective of the Project is to contribute to higher food production and productivity in Targeted Areas by improving farmers' access to critical agricultural inputs.

The Project consists of the following parts:

#### **Part 1. Improving Access to Agricultural Inputs**

(a) Scaling-up National Agricultural Input Voucher Scheme

Providing Agricultural Input Vouchers to eligible farmers in the Targeted Areas to purchase seeds and fertilizer.

(b) Improving Farmers' Awareness, Information and Participation

Carrying out an awareness campaign and information program relating to NAIVS, including provision of Training to the Village Voucher Committees.

#### **Part 2. Strengthening the input Supply Chain**

(a) Strengthening Agro-dealer Network

Carrying out capacity building activities aimed at assisting the Agro-dealers in improving their customer service provision, creating linkages to input supply companies, stimulating access to finance and building small holder demand for improved inputs.

(b) Strengthening the National Seed Systems

(i) Reviewing and updating of the national seed policy and regulatory framework, including developing a seed sub-sector strategy.

(ii) Carrying out a program of activities aimed at stimulating business-oriented farmer-based seed production and marketing units.

(iii) Provision of irrigation and field equipment, cold seed storage facilities and seed cleaning equipment to three Agricultural Research Institutes to support the production of pre-basic seed.

- (iv) Provision of irrigation equipment, storage facilities, farm implements, seed cleaning equipment and transport equipment to the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) to support production of high quality basic seed.

**Part 3. Project Management and Monitoring and Impact Evaluation**

(a) Project Management

Carrying out a program of activities aimed at enhancing the capacity of the NVSC and the AIS for Project management, coordination and implementation.

(b) Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Provision of support in the form of technical services, Training and Operating Costs for the benefit of the MAFC, Regional Secretariats, Local Government Authorities and the private sector, to facilitate the carrying out of monitoring and evaluation of the Project, including implementation of impact evaluations.



## SCHEDULE 2

### Project Execution

#### Section I. Implementation Arrangements

##### A. Institutional Arrangements.

The Recipient shall carry out the Project, through MAFC, in accordance with the following institutional arrangements and mechanisms, as further elaborated in the PIM:

##### Implementation at National Level

##### 1. NAIVS – National FORUM

- (a) The Recipient shall, by not later than two months after Effective Date, establish, and thereafter maintain until the completion of the Project, the NAIVS-National FORUM to be comprised of, *inter alia*, representatives of national public services, regional authorities, Districts, the private sector, farmer organizations and civil society organizations.
- (b) The NAIVS-National FORUM shall be responsible for endorsing the key decisions regarding the implementation and effectiveness of NAIVS, including the allocation criteria of AIVs among Regions, Districts and Villages as proposed by the NVSC, as well as endorsing the annual work plan and budget, reviewing program performance and such additional responsibilities as may be determined in the PIM.

##### 2. National Voucher Steering Committee

- (a) The Recipient shall, by not later than two months after the Effective Date, establish, and thereafter maintain until the completion of the Project, the NVSC, to be chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the MAFC and, comprising representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, PMO-RALG, MAFC, national level farmer organizations, agribusinesses and civil society organizations.
- (b) The NVSC shall be responsible for, *inter alia*, developing policies, guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project; developing criteria for allocating AIVs to Regions; setting broad guidelines for AIV allocations to Districts and Villages; ensuring transparency of the AIV distribution and reviewing the integrity of the AIV system; and approving annual work plans and budgets.

3. Agricultural Input Section

- (a) The Recipient shall maintain the AIS within MAFC, at all times during Project implementation, with resources satisfactory to the Association to be responsible for day to day management of the Project and coordination of activities, including, preparation of annual work plans and budgets, estimating agricultural input demands and supplies, and monitoring and evaluation of the Project.
- (b) The Recipient shall ensure that the AIS is, at all times during Project implementation, maintained with staff in adequate numbers, including, a planning officer, a fertilizer and soil nutrition management specialist, seed officers, monitoring and evaluation officers, an accounts officer, a procurement officer and a communications officer; all with qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association.

4. Regional Voucher Committee

- (a) The Recipient shall, by not later than two months after the Effective Date, establish and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, the RVC for each respective Region, comprising of representatives from farmer organizations, agribusiness, and civil society.
- (b) The RVC shall be responsible for providing support to the Districts on the implementation, including the allocation of vouchers to Districts, monitoring and evaluation of the NAIVS in the respective Regions.

5. District Voucher Committees

- (a) The Recipient shall ensure that, by not later than two months after the Effective Date, the LGAs establish and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, the DVC for each respective District, under the chairmanship of the District commissioner, and comprising of, *inter alia*, representatives of farmers, Agro-dealers and civil society organizations.
- (b) The DVC shall be responsible for, *inter alia*, implementation and evaluation of the NAIVS in their respective Districts, allocation of vouchers to Wards and Villages, informing Village Governments about their respective AIV allocation and monitoring implementation at Village level.

**B. Procedures and Eligibility Criteria for the NAIVS**

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the NAIVS is carried out in accordance with procedures and eligibility criteria set forth in the PIM, which shall include the following:
  - (a) The Village Voucher Committee
 

The VVC shall be established in each targeted Village by the Village Assembly comprising of three women and three men, to be responsible for, *inter alia*, selection of eligible farmers and submitting the list of the selected farmers to the Village Assembly for approval, distribution of AIV to the approved farmers and monitoring utilization of inputs by the recipients of the AIVs.
  - (b) The VVC shall select the farmers in a transparent manner and in accordance with the eligibility criteria set forth in the PIM, which criteria shall include: (i) the applicant shall be a full-time farmer residing in the Village; (ii) cultivating maize and/or rice on no more than one hectare of land; and (iii) be willing to provide additional funds to top up the value of the AIV (the difference between the market value of inputs and the face value of the AIV, expected to be about fifty percent of the value of the inputs).
  - (c) Priority shall be given to female headed households and farming households that, in the preceding five year period: (i) used very little or no fertilizer; or (ii) did not use improved rice or maize seeds.
2. In implementing the NAIVS, the Recipient shall ensure that at the time of receiving the AIV, the beneficiary farmers shall sign an application form that will include a commitment to adhere to the requirements of the Project, including implementation of Project activities in accordance with the ESMF, IPMP, INMP and the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

**C. Anti-Corruption**

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

**D. Project Implementation Manual and Financial and Accounting Manual**

The Recipient shall:

1. by not later than thirty (30) days after Effective Date prepare and adopt the Project Implementation Manual and the FAM for the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;

2. carry out the Project in accordance with the PIM and the FAM, provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the provisions of the PIM and the FAM on the one hand, and those of this Agreement, the latter shall prevail; and
3. except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, not amend or waive, or permit to be amended or waived, any provision of the PIM and the FAM, if such amendment or waiver would, in the opinion of the Association, significantly affect the implementation of the Project.

**E. Safeguards**

The Recipient shall:

1. by not later than three months after Effective Date, cause the MAFC to prepare, adopt and disclose the INMP and the revise and disclose the IPMP, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;
2. ensure that: (a) the Project is carried out in accordance with the ESMF, INMP and IPMP; and (b) except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, not amend or waive, or permit to be amended or waived, any provision of the ESMF, INMP, and the IPMP;
3. ensure that MAFC is responsible, for the implementation of said ESMF, revised IPMP and INMP;
4. ensure that the Project Reports referred to in Section II of this Schedule shall include adequate information on the status of compliance with the ESMF, INMP and IPMP, giving details of:
  - (a) measures taken in furtherance of such ESMF, INMP and IPMP;
  - (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of such ESMF, INMP and IPMP; and
  - (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
5. by not later than three months before the Closing Date, submit to the Association an environmental Cumulative Impact Assessment Report, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.

**Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation****A. Project Reports**

1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of indicators set forth below in sub-paragraph 2 of this paragraph. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.
2. The performance indicators referred to above in sub-paragraph (a) consist of the following:
  - (a) Maize production (tons).
  - (b) Rice Production (tons).
  - (c) Average maize yields (tons per hectare).
  - (d) Average rice yields (tons per hectare).

**B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits**

1. The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of the General Conditions.
2. The Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 (b) of the General Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association not later than six months after the end of such period.

**Section III. Procurement****A. General**

1. **Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services.** All non-consulting services for Part 1(a) of the Project, as well as goods and works for Parts 1(a), 1(b), 2 and 3 of the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be

procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.

- 2. **Consultants’ Services.** All consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.
- 3. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Association of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in the Procurement Guidelines, or Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

**B. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services**

- 1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, all non-consulting services for Part 1(a) of the Project, as well as goods and works for Parts 1(a), 1(b), 2 and 3 shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.
- 2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services.** The following table specifies the methods of procurement, other than International Competitive Bidding, which may be used for goods, works and non-consulting services. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used:

<b>Procurement Method</b>
(a) National Competitive Bidding
(b) Direct Contracting
(c) Shopping

3. **Exceptions for the use of National Competitive Bidding referred to in paragraph B.2(a) of this Section.**

National Competitive Bidding for goods and works may be used subject to the following:

- (a) In accordance with paragraph 1.14(e) of the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall provide that: (i) the bidders, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors shall permit the Association, at its request, to inspect their accounts and records relating to the bid submission and performance of

the contract, and to have said accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the association; and (ii) the deliberate and material violation by the bidder, supplier, contractor or subcontractor of such provision may amount to an obstructive practice as defined in paragraph 1.14(a)(v) of the Procurement Guidelines.

- (b) National Competitive Bidding may be used, except for the provisions given to domestic suppliers and contractors.

**C. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services**

- 1. **Quality- and Cost-based Selection.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality and Cost-based Selection.
- 2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services.** The following table specifies methods of procurement, other than Quality and Cost-based Selection, which may be used for consultants’ services. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used.

<b>Procurement Method</b>
(a) Quality Based Selection
(b) Fixed Budget Selection
(c) Least Cost Selection
(d) Single Source Selection
(e) Selection Based on Consultants’ Qualifications
(f) Procedures set forth in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines for selection of Individual Consultants.
(g) Sole Source Procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

**D. Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions**

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the Association’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Association.

**Section IV. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing**

**A. General**

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the Association and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.
2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Financing to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed</b>
(1) Agricultural Input Vouchers for Part 1(a) of the Project.	87,900,000	50% or such percentage as may be determined from time to time based on a review of the interim unaudited financial reports referred to in Section B.2 of this Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
(2) Non-consulting services and goods for Part 1(a) of the Project	5,700,000	50% or such percentage as may be determined from time to time based on a review of the interim unaudited financial reports referred to in Section B.2 of this Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
(3) Goods, works, consultants’ services, Training and Operating Costs for Parts 1(b), 2 and 3 of the Project	14,000,000	100%
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>107,600,000</b>	



**B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after April 1, 2009, for Eligible Expenditures under the Project.

2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2012.

**Section V. Other Undertakings****A. Annual Work Plans and Budgets**

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than May 15 of each year, the Annual Work plan and Budget for the Project for each subsequent year of Project implementation, of such scope and detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested, except for the Annual Work Plan and budget for the Project for the first year of Project implementation, which shall be furnished no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.

**B. Midterm Review**

The Recipient shall:

- (a) not later than 18 months after the Effective Date, undertake, in conjunction with the Association, a midterm review, during which they shall exchange views generally on all matters relating to the progress of the Project, and the performance by the Recipient of its obligations under this Agreement, including the progress achieved by the Recipient under the Project, having regard to the Project Performance Indicators;
- (b) not later than one month prior to the review, furnish to the Association, for comments, a report, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, on the progress of the Project, and giving details of the various matters to be discussed at such review; and
- (c) following such review, act promptly and diligently in order to take any corrective action deemed necessary to remedy any shortcoming noted in the implementation of the Project, or to implement such other measures as may have been agreed upon between the parties in furtherance of the objectives of the Project.

**SCHEDULE 3****Repayment Schedule**

<b>Date Payment Due</b>	<b>Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*</b>
On each March 15 and September 15:	
commencing September 15, 2019 to and including March 15, 2029	<b>1%</b>
commencing September 15, 2029 to and including March 15, 2049	<b>2%</b>

\* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.03 (b) of the General Conditions.

**APPENDIX****Definitions**

1. “ASDP” means the Recipient’s agricultural sector development program dated May 2006 and covering the period from 2006-07 to 2012-13.
2. “Agricultural Input Section” or “AIS” means the section within the MAFC responsible for regulation and promotion of agricultural inputs and referred to in Section I.A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “Agricultural Inputs Vouchers” or “AIVs” means the serialized vouchers issued by the MAFC under the NAIVS in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual to selected beneficiary farmers operating in the Targeted Areas that are eligible for assistance under the terms of the NAIVS and which vouchers can be redeemed by said farmers at registered Agro-Dealers for the quantities specified on the vouchers for: (a) improved, including hybrid, maize or rice seed; (b) nitrogen fertilizer; and (c) phosphorous fertilizer; in each case with a face value of about fifty percent of the market price of the respective input, plus a remoteness premium to cover the cost of transporting the input (subject to top up in accordance with said PIM) (as several of these terms are hereinafter defined) and “Agricultural Inputs Voucher” or “AIV” means any of them.
4. “Agricultural Research Institutes” means the following research institutes Selien, Ilonga and Uyole.
5. “Agricultural Seed Agency” or “ASA” means the government agency responsible for seed development established and operating pursuant to Act No. 30 of 1997 of the Recipient’s Laws, referred to in Part 2(b)(iv) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
6. “Agro-dealers” means established private sector retail and wholesale business traders of farm inputs and other agro-chemicals.
7. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means the work plan and budget for the Project prepared annually and approved by the Association in accordance with Section V.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
8. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006.
9. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

10. “Consultant Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers” published by the Bank in May 2004 and revised in October 2006.
11. “Cumulative Impact Assessment Report” means the report, referred to in Section I.E. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, detailing the cumulative environmental impacts that the increased use of fertilizer, pesticides and irrigation during Project implementation, shall have on water (ground and surface) and soil quality.
12. “District” means an administrative unit established pursuant to Section 6 of the Regions and Districts (Establishment Procedures) Act No. 12 of 1994 of the laws of the Recipient, representing a designated area and population within the territory of the Recipient.
13. “District Voucher Committee” or “DVC” means the committee referred to in Section I.A.5 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
14. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the framework dated August 2005, prepared by the Recipient for its agricultural sector under its ASDP, and approved by the Association, setting forth an environmental and social screening process that will enable Project implementers to identify and assess potential adverse environmental and social impacts, and offset and reduce them to acceptable levels, or enhance positive impacts, and in accordance with which environmental management plans will be prepared and submitted to the Association for its approval, and such framework includes the Integrated Pest Management Plan (as hereinafter defined) and dam safety measures, as the same may be amended from time to time with the concurrence of the Association.
15. “Financial and Accounting Manual” or “FAM” means the manual to be adopted pursuant to Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, setting forth financial arrangements and procedures governing the Project, including, budgeting, flows of funds, audit, financial reporting, institutional and staffing arrangements, accounting and internal control procedures.
16. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants”, dated July 1, 2005 (as amended through October 15, 2006).
17. “Integrated Nutrient Management Plan” or “INMP” means a comprehensive plan, satisfactory to the Association, addressing issues relating to the use of fertilizers or related substances, including, institutional, regulatory and budgetary issues, ensuring approved substances including fertilizers are procured, transported, stored, handled, used and any remnants are discarded appropriately;

and monitoring of the use of the said substances and designed to minimize potential adverse impacts on human health and the environment, as the same may be amended with the prior written concurrence of the Association.

18. “Integrated Pest Management Plan” or “IPMP” means a comprehensive plan included in the ESMF to address significant pest management issues such as: (a) new land-use development or changed cultivation practices in an area; (b) significant expansion into new areas; (c) diversification into new crops in agriculture; (d) intensification of existing low-technology systems; (e) proposed procurement of relatively hazardous pest control products or methods; or (f) specific environmental or health concerns (e.g., proximity of protected areas or important aquatic resources, worker safety), and designed to minimize potential adverse impacts on human health and the environment and to advance ecologically-based integrated pest management, as the same may be amended with the prior written concurrence of the Association.
19. “Local Government Authority” or “LGA” means a District authority or an urban authority established pursuant to the respective Recipient’s Local Government (District Authorities) Act No. 7 of 1982, as amended, or the Local Government (Urban Authorities) Act No. 8 of 1982, as amended, and “Local Government Authorities” or “LGAs” means more than one such LGA.
20. “Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives” or “MAFC” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for agriculture, food security and cooperatives, or any successor thereto.
21. “NAIVS-National FORUM” means the forum referred to in Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
22. “National Agricultural Inputs Voucher Scheme” or “NAIVS” means the program established by the Recipient for purposes of intensifying food production by improving access and affordability of agricultural inputs for small holder farmers.
23. “National Voucher Steering Committee” or “NVSC” means the committee referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
24. “Operating Costs” means the incremental expenses, incurred by MAFC, Regional Secretariats and the LGAs based on the Annual Work Plan and Budget as approved by the Association, incurred under the Project on account of office space rental, utilities and supplies, bank charges, communications, vehicle operation, maintenance, and insurance, building and equipment maintenance, per diem and travel costs for staff and external auditors, but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, and bonuses of members of the Recipient’s civil service.

25. “PMO-RALG” or “Prime Minister’s Office – Regional Administration and Local Government” means the office of the Recipient’s Prime Minister responsible for regional administration and local government, or any successor thereto.
26. “Procurement Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits” published by the Bank in May 2004 and revised in October, 2006.
27. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated May 5, 2009 and referred to in paragraph 1.16 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.24 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.
28. “Project Implementation Manual” or “PIM” means the manual, satisfactory to the Association, giving details of guidelines and procedures agreed with the Association for the implementation, supervision, and monitoring and evaluation, of the Project, including: (a) institutional and staffing arrangements; (b) reporting requirements as set forth in Section II.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; (c) procurement procedures as set forth in Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and (d) environmental and social management.
29. “Region” means any part proclaimed or deemed to be proclaimed by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to be a region, pursuant to the powers conferred upon him by the constitution.
30. “Regional Secretariat” means the secretariat established under the Regional Administration Act No. 19 of 1997 of the laws of the Recipient.
31. “Regional Voucher Committee” or “RVC” means the committee referred to in Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
32. “Targeted Areas” means the regions on the Recipient’s territory with high potential for producing maize and paddy rice including the southern highlands, northern highlands, western regions and irrigated areas in all regions, as the said regions are further elaborated in the PIM.
33. “Training” means the training of persons involved in Project-supported activities, based on the Annual Work Plan and Budget as approved by the Association, such term including seminars, workshops, and study tours, and costs associated with such activity including travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to course preparation and implementation.

34. “Village” means a village registered as such pursuant to the provisions of the Borrower’s Local Government (District Authorities) Act No. 7 of 1982, as amended, representing a designated area and population in Mainland Tanzania.
35. “Village Assembly” means the assembly of persons who are ordinarily resident in the Village and who have attained the apparent age of eighteen (18) years, as further defined in Section 55 of the provisions of the Recipient’s Local Government (District Authorities) Act No. 7 of 1982, as amended.
36. “Village Government” means the Village Assembly and Village Council, as set forth in Sections 55 – 62 of the Local Government (District Authorities) Act No. 7 of 1982.
37. “Village Voucher Committee” or “VVC” means a committee to be established pursuant to Section 1.B.a of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and in accordance with the PIM.
38. “Ward” means the administrative sub-division of a District referred to in Section 29 of the Local Government (District Authorities) Act No. 7 of 1982.