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Mr. Noor Ahmed  
Secretary  
Economic Affairs Division  
Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization  
Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Islamabad, Pakistan

Re: Islamic Republic of Pakistan: Credit Number 5786-PK  
National Immunization Support Project  
Amendment to the Financing Agreement

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

We refer to: (a) the Financing Agreement (“Original Financing Agreement”) between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“Association”) for the provision of Credit 5786-PK (“Original Credit”); (b) the Multi Donor Trust Fund Grant Agreement (“MDTF Grant Agreement”) between the Recipient and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“Bank”) and Association (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the provision of MDTF Grant Number TF0A2189-PK (“Original Grant”), all dated August 31, 2016, as amended, for the above-referenced project (“Project”).

We also refer to the MDTF Grant Agreement (“Additional MDTF Grant Agreement”) between the Recipient and the World Bank, acting as administrator of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the provision of the additional MDTF grant (“Additional Grant”) for the Project, both dated the same date as this amendment letter.

Reference is also made to the discussions between the Recipient and the Association relating to addition of Benazir Income Support Programme as an implementing entity during the meeting of November 28, 2018 and as reflected in the minutes of the meeting transmitted to the Association by the Recipient’s letter dated November 30, 2018.

We are pleased to inform you that in view of the above discussions, the Association agrees and consequently the Financing Agreement is amended as set forth below:

1. Component 5.2 under Schedule 1 to the Financing Agreement, as cross referenced in the Original MDTF Grant Agreement and the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement, is amended as the following:

*“Research and Evaluation:* Carrying out analytical work and research to provide evidence for EPI-related policy decisions, including: operational research for improved immunization coverage, the piloting of cash transfers schemes to incentivize the demand of immunization services and the implementation of EPI surveys.”

2. The words “and BISP” are added after the words “Project Provinces” in paragraphs 1(b) and 2 of Section I.B and paragraph 1 of Section I.F of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, as cross referenced in the Original MDTF Grant Agreement and the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement.

3. Paragraph 5 of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, as cross referenced in the Original MDTF Grant Agreement and the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement is amended as follows:

“The Recipient undertakes that all human resources positions created on the development side of the Recipient’s budget as per the Federal PC-I will be shifted to the recurrent side of the Recipient’s budget by June 30, 2020”

4. Section III (Procurement) of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, as cross referenced in the Original MDTF Grant Agreement and the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement, is deleted and replaced with the following:

“Section III. **Procurement**

All goods and consulting 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 the Procurement Regulations, and the provisions of the Procurement Plan, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with the World Bank.”

5. The table under Section IV.A.2 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, as cross referenced in the Original MDTF Grant Agreement and the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement is amended and attached as Annex 1 to the amendment letter.

6. New paragraphs (c) and (d) in Sections IV.B.1 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement, as cross referenced in the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement are added as the following:

(c) for payments made from the Additional MDTF Grant prior to the date of the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after July 1, 2019, for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1); or

(d) under Categories (3)(a) and (3)(b), until and unless BISP has adopted the Operational Manual acceptable to the Association.”

7. The words “and the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement” are inserted between the words “the MDTF Grant Agreement” and “has/have not been achieved” in Section IV.B.2 of Schedule 2 of the Financing Agreement, as cross reference in the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement.

8. The new definitions of the terms “Additional Grant”, “Additional MDTF Grant Agreement”, “BISP”, “Cash Transfer”, “Facilitation Centers”, “Implementation Agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding”, “Original Grant”, “Original MDTF Grant Agreement” are added to Section I of the Appendix as follows:

“Additional Grant” means the grant in the amount of eight million one hundred thousand United States Dollars (USD8,100,000), as such amount might be increased/supplemented

from time to time, extended by the International Development Association and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, acting as administrator of the National Immunization Support Project Multi-Donor Trust Fund, pursuant to the Additional MDTF Grant Agreement.

“Additional MDTF Grant Agreement” means the grant agreement for the Additional Grant between the Recipient on the one side, and the International Development Association and the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, acting as administrator of the National Immunization Support Project Multi-Donor Trust Fund, dated on the same date as the proposed amendment, for the scale-up of the Original Project, as such grant agreement may be amended from time to time.

“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, and revised in January, 2011, and as of July 1, 2016.

“BISP” means the Benazir Income Support Programme, the Recipient’s autonomous statutory authority responsible for the implementation of the Recipient’s cash transfer programs, established pursuant to the Recipient’s Benazir Income Support Programme Act 2010, or any successor thereto.

“Cash Transfer” means a cash grant provided conditional upon the verification of requirements as set out in the Operational Manual.

“Facilitation Centers” means any unit established by BISP to facilitate the registration, verification of co-responsibilities required for the disbursement of the Cash Transfers and the delivery of the health and nutrition services under Component 5.2 of the Project.

“Implementation Agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding” means an agreement and or a memorandum to be entered into among the concerned Department of Health, EPI and the Project Implementing Entity under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, setting forth their respective powers, functions, duties and responsibilities in the implementation of the Project, including, *inter alia*:

(a) the obligations of the Department of Health and EPI to: (i) provide, selected health and nutrition services to eligible beneficiaries under Component 5.2 of the Project, seconding sufficient and qualified health personnel, and ensuring the uninterrupted supply of medicines, vaccines and medical supplies at the Facilitation Centers as required to cover the services [in] demand; (ii) comply with the data sharing protocols, public disclosures and grievance redress mechanisms set forth in the Operations Manual; (iii) secure a suitable location, acceptable to the Project Implementing Entity and the Association, for the location and establishment by the Project Implementing Entity of the Facilitation Centers and safety and security thereof; (iv) comply with and implement, the ESMP; and (v) enable and support the Project Implementing Entity in all Project activities carried out by it on its behalf within its jurisdiction; and

(b) the obligations of the Project Implementing Entity to: (i) carry out Component 5.2 of the Project acting on its behalf and as applicable on behalf of the Recipient; and, (ii) provision of Cash Transfer with verification of the eligibility and implementation requirements thereof as set forth in the Operations Manual.

“Original Grant” means the grant in the amount of seventy-nine million six hundred thousand United States Dollars (USD79,600,000), as such amount might be increased/supplemented from time to time, extended by the International Development Association and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, acting as administrator of the National Immunization Support Project Multi-Donor Trust Fund, pursuant to the Original MDTF Grant Agreement.

“Original MDTF Grant Agreement” means the MDTF Grant Agreement between the Recipient and the International Development Association and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, acting as administrator of the National Immunization Support Project Multi-Donor Trust Fund, dated August 31, 2016, for the purpose of providing Original Grant for the Original Project, as may be amended from time to time (MDTF Grant No. TF0A2189-PK).

“Procurement Regulations” means the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016, revised November 2017.

9. The terms “Consultant Guidelines”, “Procurement Guidelines”, “MDTF Grant” and “MDTF Grant Agreement” in Section II of the Appendix are deleted.

10. The term “Procurement Plan” in Section I of the Appendix is amended to read as follows:

“Procurement Plan” means the Recipient's procurement plan for the Project, dated October 6, 2020 provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.

11. Paragraph 9 of Section II of the Appendix is amended to read as follows:

“Renumbered paragraph 77 (originally paragraph 76) in the Appendix (“Project Agreement”) is modified to read:

‘Project Agreements’ means, collectively, the agreements between the Association and the Project Provinces and BISP (as defined in the Financing Agreement) relating to the implementation of all or part of the Project, as such agreement may be amended from time to time. The term “Project Agreements” include the General Conditions as applied to said Project Agreements, and all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to said Project Agreements. The term “Project Agreement” means either of such agreements individually considered, as the context may determine.”

Except as specifically amended in this amendment letter, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The Association will disclose this amendment letter and related information on this Financing Agreement in accordance with the Association’s Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this amendment letter, the Recipient consents to disclosure of this amendment letter and related information.

Please confirm your acceptance to the foregoing by signing and dating the two (2) originals of this amendment letter, retaining one original for your records and returning the other original to the

Association. This amendment letter and the Project Agreement between Benazir Income Support Programme and the Association shall become effective on the date upon which the Association dispatches to the Recipient and Benazir Income Support Programme notice of effectiveness following the last countersignature of any of: (1) a duly countersigned copy of this amendment letter; and (2) the Project Agreement between Benazir Income Support Programme and the Association, upon receipt by the Association of the duly countersigned originals of these two documents.

Sincerely,  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

*Najy Benhassine*

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Najy Benhassine  
Country Director, Pakistan

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:

**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

By:   
Name: Noor Ahmed  
Title: Secretary  
Date: 23-Jun-2021

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**Annex 1**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of the Financing (Credit No. 5786-PK) Allocated (expressed in SDR)</b>	<b>Amount of the Original Grant (MDTF Grant No. TF0A2189-PK) Allocated (expressed in USD)</b>	<b>Amount of the Additional Grant (MDTF Grant No. TF0B3039-PK) Allocated (expressed in USD)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes w/exceptions)</b>
(1) Eligible Expenditures Program for Component 1, 2 and 3 of the Project	25,260,000	48,800,000	7,100,000	100%
(2) Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Incremental Operating Costs, Training and Workshops	10,112,000	28,800,000	1,000,000	100% exclusive of taxes customs, duties tolls or other charges on importation of vaccines and related supplies
(3) (a) Cash Transfers and related service charges to BISP	437,000	1,200,000		100% of amounts disbursed
(b) Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Incremental Operating Costs, Training and Workshops to BISP	291,000	800,000		100% exclusive of taxes customs, duties tolls or other charges on importation of vaccines and related supplies
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	36,100,000	79,600,000	8,100,000	