

19-Jun-2020

Mr. Hamid Yaqoob Shaikh
Chairman
Planning and Development Board
Government of Punjab

Re: Pakistan: Punjab Job and Competitiveness Program
Program Agreement (Loan Number:8600-PK)
Amendments to the Program Agreement

Dear Mr. Shaikh:

1. We refer to the Program Agreement June 17, 2016 (“ Program Agreement”) between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“Bank”) and the Province of Punjab (“Project Implementing Entity”) (“Program Agreement”), in connection with the Loan Agreement (“Loan Agreement”) of same date between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (“Borrower”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“Bank”). We also refer to your letter dated April 15, 2020, requesting amendments to the Program Agreement.

2. We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank agrees to your request and consequently the Program Agreement is amended as set forth below:

3. Section I.C.1(b)(c) and (d) of Schedule to the Program Agreement is amended as set forth below:

“(b) PIU

(i) The Program Implementing Entity shall, through PIU, be responsible for the management and coordination of the day-to-day implementation of the Program activities by various entities of the Program Implementing Entity; the monitoring of results under the Program; and the preparation of performance and financial reports on Program implementation.

(ii) To this end, the Program Implementing Entity shall maintain, throughout the period of implementation of the Program, the PIU, with composition, institutional framework, powers, functions, and resources satisfactory to the Bank, and supported by competent personnel in adequate numbers for such purpose.

(c) EPA

The PIU shall ensure that the Program Implementing Entity takes all necessary actions to ensure that EPA’s capacities shall be strengthened so as to enable it to actively and efficiently carry out its responsibilities in the implementation of the Program, including to ensure compliance of the Program’s activities with the

Program Implementing Entity's environmental laws and regulations, and diligent implementation of the recommendations of Section 7 (Recommendations and Proposed Actions) of the ESSA.

(d) Department of Labor and Department of Industries

The PIU shall ensure that the Program Implementing Entity takes all necessary actions to ensure that the Department of Industry and Department of Labor shall actively and efficiently carry out its responsibilities in the implementation of the Program, including to ensure compliance of the Program's activities with the Program Implementing Entity's social laws and regulations, and diligent implementation of the recommendations of Section 7 (Recommendations and Proposed Actions) of the ESSA."

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

5. The World Bank will disclose this amendment letter and related information on this Program Agreement in accordance with the World Bank's Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this amendment letter, the Recipient/PIE consents to disclosure of this amendment letter and related information.

6. Please confirm your agreement to the foregoing on behalf of the Project Implementing Entity by countersigning and dating the form of confirmation set forth below and returning one fully countersigned original of this amendment letter to us and retaining one original for your records. Upon receipt by the Bank of the countersigned original of this amendment letter, this amendment letter shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature of this amendment letter.

Sincerely,


INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT



Patchamuthu Illangovan
Country Director, Pakistan

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:

PROVINCE OF PUNJAB

By: 
Name: Mr. Imran Sikandar Baloch
Title: Secretary Planning and Development Board
Date: 19-Jun-2020

CC:

Mr. Noor Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs
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