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Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
Ministry of Finance  
Praia, Cabo Verde

**Re: Republic of Cabo Verde: IDA Credit No. 6597-CV  
(Cabo Verde COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Project)**

**Amendment to the Original Financing Agreement**

Excellency:

We refer to the Financing Agreement (“Original Financing Agreement”) for the above-referenced proposed Project, between the Republic of Cabo Verde (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“Association”), dated April 6, 2020.

We also refer to the Financing Agreement negotiated between the Recipient and the Association on January 25, 2021, for the purpose of providing an additional financing to the Original Project (“Financing Agreement for AF”).

In order to align the provisions of the Original Financing Agreement with the ones of the Financing Agreement for AF, the Association proposes to amend the Original Financing Agreement as follows:

1. Schedule 1 is amended to read as follows:

**“SCHEDULE 1**

**Project Description**

The objective of the Project is to prepare and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in Cabo Verde.

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

- 1.1 Supporting implementation of prevention, detection and response activities in the National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, including the following:
  - (a) acquisition of COVID-19 diagnostics tests, emergency medical and non-medical supplies such as gloves, surgical masks, respirators, eye protection wear and isolation gowns as well as infection prevention and control materials for health workers and health facilities;

- (b) rehabilitation and provision of medical equipment and supplies to designated health facilities in the Recipient's islands of *Sal* and *Boa Vista*;
  - (c) strengthening the capacities of laboratories in selected health facilities through provision of critical consumables, reagents, and equipment stock for emergencies and COVID-19 testing;
  - (d) acquisition of medical equipment such as diagnostic and life support equipment and durable medical equipment such as hospital and surgical beds and surgical instruments to support the response, treatment and isolation of infected severe and critical cases; and
  - (e) acquisition of vehicles for emergency operations including for transportation medicines, supplies, biological surveillance samples and blood products.
- 1.2 Supporting Project COVID-19 Vaccine acquisition, planning and distribution, including the following:
- (a) supporting the development of MHSS's national deployment and vaccination plan and associated budget;
  - (b) developing a regulatory framework and plans to ensure swift importation of the Project COVID-19 Vaccines;
  - (c) providing Training to health personnel for Project COVID-19 Vaccine roll-out;
  - (d) supporting the acquisition, storage and distribution of Project COVID-19 Vaccines;
  - (e) supporting the acquisition and distribution of ancillary supply kits, COVID-19 vaccination record cards, personal protective equipment (PPEs) for vaccinators;
  - (f) developing standards and protocols surrounding cold chain, supplies, storage, logistics, and Training; and
  - (g) strengthening service delivery capacity, including *inter alia*: implementing national risk-communication and a community engagement plan for COVID-19, and strengthening and adapting Pharmacovigilance System (PVS).

## **Part 2: Project Implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation**

Supporting the Project Coordination Unit for day to day implementation, coordination, supervision and overall management (including, fiduciary aspects, monitoring and evaluation, carrying out of audits and reporting) of Project activities.”

2. Section I of Schedule 2 is amended to read as follows:

**“SCHEDULE 2**

**Project Execution**

**Section I. Implementation Arrangements**

**A. Institutional Arrangements**

**1. Ministry of Finance**

The Recipient, through the Ministry of Finance (MoF), shall be responsible for the prompt and efficient oversight and implementation of activities under the Project, and take all actions including the provision of funding, personnel and other resources necessary to perform said functions.

**2. Project Coordination Unit**

Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section I.A, the Recipient, through the MoF, shall designate, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the Project Coordination Unit (“PCU”), to be responsible for day to day execution, coordination and implementation (including procurement, financial management, environmental and social, monitoring and evaluation, supervision and reporting) of activities under the Project. To this end, the Recipient, through MOF, shall take all actions, including the provision of funding, personnel (including a Project coordinator, a procurement specialist, a financial management specialist, a financial management assistant, a procurement assistant, and an environmental and social development specialist), and other resources satisfactory to the Association, to enable the PCU to perform said functions, as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual.

**B. Implementation Arrangements**

**1. National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and National COVID-19 Immunization Plan**

Without limitation to Section 3.01 of this Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and the National COVID-19 Immunization Plan, all in a manner acceptable to the Association.

**2. Project Implementation Manual**

- (a) The Recipient shall, not later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, update and adopt the Project Implementation Manual in a manner and on terms acceptable to the Association, containing, *inter alia*, detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including with respect to: (i) administration and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, procurement and accounting procedures, environmental and social safeguards, corruption and fraud

mitigation measures, a grievance redress mechanism, Personal Data collection and processing in accordance with applicable national law and good international practice, roles and responsibilities for Project implementation, and such other arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the effective implementation of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; (ii) rules and procedures for prioritizing intra-country vaccine allocation following principles established in the WHO Fair Allocation Framework, including an action plan setting out the timeline and steps for implementing such rules; (iii) rules and procedures establishing minimum standards for vaccine management and monitoring, including medical and technical criteria, communications and outreach plan, cold chain infrastructure, and other related logistics infrastructure; and (iv) vaccine distribution plan, including action plan setting out timeline and steps for immunization.

- (b) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual without prior approval of the Association.
- (c) In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

**3. Work Plan and Budget**

- (a) The Recipient shall: (i) not later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, prepare and furnish to the Association, a work plan and budget (“Work Plan and Budget”), satisfactory to the Association, which shall include, *inter alia*, the activities to be carried out under the Project and a financing plan for expenditures required for such activities, setting forth the amounts and sources of financing; and (ii) thereafter carry out said Work Plan and Budget in accordance with its terms and in a manner acceptable to the Association.
- (b) The Recipient shall not make or allow to be made any change to the approved Work Plan and Budget without prior approval in writing by the Association.

**C. Standards for Project COVID-19 Vaccine Approval**

All Project COVID-19 Vaccines shall satisfy the Vaccine Approval Criteria.

**D. Use of Military and Security Actors**

- 1. Without limitations to the provisions of Section E.2 of this Schedule and if during Project implementation, the Recipient decides to use its military or security forces, the Recipient shall: (a) prior to any involvement of its military and/or security forces in the carrying out of Project activities, send a written notice to the Association (in accordance with Section 11.01(b) of the General Conditions) communicating such decision, including the name of the military or security unit; and (b) all activities carried out by said military or security unit under the Project

shall be under the control of MHSS and shall be undertaken exclusively for the purposes related to the Project. All goods, services, Operating Costs, and Training financed by the Credit proceeds may be used by said military or security unit under the direction and control of MHSS and strictly in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual and other arrangements or protocols that the Association may require for carrying out these activities.

2. Except as the Association may otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the ownership of any assets generated, goods procured, and works constructed by the military or security unit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Section out of the Financing proceeds shall be transferred to, or shall vest, with MHSS or any equivalent or appropriate line ministry or agency agreed with the Association.

**E. Environmental and Social Standards**

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, and provided in the ESCP;
  - (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
  - (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
  - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
4. The Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the

ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and

(b) the Association is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.

5. The Recipient shall establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances of Project-affected people, and take all measures necessary and appropriate to resolve, or facilitate the resolution of, such concerns and grievances, in a manner acceptable to the Association.”

3. The Appendix on Definitions is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the one in the Annex to the Amendment Letter.

All other provisions of the Original Financing Agreement, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please indicate agreement to the foregoing, on behalf of the Recipient, by countersigning and dating the form of confirmation on the two original copies of this letter provided and returning one original, as countersigned, to us. Upon receipt by the Association of the copy of this letter countersigned by the Recipient, this amendment shall become effective as of the date of its countersignature.

Sincerely,

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

By: Nathan M. Belete  
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**CONFIRMED:  
REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE**

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**APPENDIX**

**Definitions**

1. “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.
2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “COVID-19” means the coronavirus disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
4. “Emergency Use Authorization” means an authorization issued by a Stringent Regulatory Authority to facilitate the availability and use of medical countermeasures, including vaccines, during a declared state of public health emergency.
5. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated March 25, 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.
6. “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”; (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.
7. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020 and on December 21, 2020).
8. “MHSS” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for health, and any successor thereto.

9. “Ministry of Finance” or “MoF” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for finance, and any successor thereto.
10. “MPA Program” means the global emergency 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.
11. “National COVID-19 Immunization Plan” means the Recipient’s immunization plan for COVID-19, dated February 11, 2021, and acceptable to the Association, as said document may be modified from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and annexes to said document.
12. “National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan” means the Recipient’s emergency preparedness and response plan for COVID-19, dated March 17, 2020, and acceptable to the Association, as said document may be modified from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and annexes to said document.
13. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses arising under the Project, and based on the Work Plan and Budget, on account of vehicle operation and maintenance, maintenance of equipment, communication and insurance costs, office administration costs, utilities, rentals, accommodation, banking charges, advertising expenses, travel and *per diem*, but excluding the salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants.
14. “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.
15. “Pharmacovigilance System” or “PVS” means a system used by an organization to fulfill its tasks and responsibilities about detecting, assessing, understanding, and preventing adverse effects or any other drug-related problem and detect any change to their risk-benefit balance.
16. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 85 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated November 2020.
17. “Project Coordination Unit” means the Recipient’s unit referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
18. “Project COVID-19 Vaccine” means a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19, authorized by the Recipient’s national regulatory authority for distribution, marketing and administration within the territory of the Recipient, and purchased under the Project; “Project COVID-19 Vaccines” means the plural thereof.
19. “Project Implementation Manual” means the Recipient’s manual acceptable to the Association, and referred to in Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as such manual may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the Association.



20. “Regions” mean the regional areas of the North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Asia Pacific, and Africa.
21. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Financing Agreement” in the General Conditions.
22. “Stringent Regulatory Authority” means a National Regulatory Authority (“NRA”) that is classified by WHO as a Stringent Regulatory Authority.
23. “Training” means expenditures for Project related study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops and other training activities not included under goods or service providers’ contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel and *per diem* costs of trainees and trainers.
24. “Vaccine Approval Criteria” means that the Project COVID-19 Vaccine: (a) has been approved by three (3) Stringent Regulatory Authorities (including by Emergency Use Authorization) in two (2) Regions; or (b) has received the WHO Prequalification and has been approved (including by Emergency Use Authorization) by one (1) Stringent Regulatory Authority; or (c) has met such other criteria as may be agreed in writing between the Recipient and the Association.
25. “WHO” means the World Health Organization.
26. “WHO Fair Allocation Framework” means the WHO’s allocation framework as elaborated in its working paper on “Fair allocation mechanism for COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility” dated September 9, 2020, for prioritizing: (a) frontline workers in health and social care settings; (b) the elderly; and (c) and people who have underlying conditions that put them at a higher risk of death.
27. “WHO Prequalification” means a service provided by WHO to assess the quality, safety, and efficacy of medical products for priority diseases, and which are intended for United Nations and international procurement to developing countries.
28. “Work Plan and Budget” means the work plan and budget acceptable to the Association referred to in Section I.B.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as said work plan and budget may be modified from time to time with the written agreement of the Association.