

SPF GRANT NUMBER TF0B7344

State and Peace-Building Fund Grant Agreement

(Support for Social Recovery Needs of Vulnerable Groups in Beirut)

between

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

acting as administrator of the State and Peace-Building Fund

and

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC.

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**STATE AND PEACE-BUILDING FUND
GRANT AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC. (“Recipient”), a global humanitarian aid, relief, and development nongovernmental organization, and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT/INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Bank”), acting as administrator of State and Peace-Building Fund.

WHEREAS the Recipient and the World Bank, in its capacity as the administrator of the Lebanon Financing Facility for Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Multi-Donor Trust Fund (No. TF073612) intend to enter into a grant agreement (“LFF Grant Agreement”) for the purpose of providing financing in the amount of five million United States Dollars (US\$5,000,000) (“LFF Grant”) to the Recipient to assist in financing the Project (as described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement), on terms and conditions set forth in the LFF Grant Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, the Recipient and the World 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 objective of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project 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 two million seven hundred ninety five thousand United States Dollars (\$2,795,000) (“Grant”) to finance 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
Additional Remedies**

- 4.01. The Additional Events of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions consist of the following:
 - (a) International Rescue Committee’s Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of International Rescue Committee to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration consists of the following, namely, that either of the events specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement has occurred.

**ARTICLE V
Effectiveness**

- 5.01. The Additional Condition of Effectiveness consists of the following:
 - (a) That the Recipient has hired a Financial Officer with terms of reference and qualification acceptable to the Bank and in accordance with the Procurement Regulations.
 - (b) That the Recipient has adopted the Project Operations Manual, in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank.

5.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.

Article VI
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

6.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is International Rescue Committee Inc.'s Chief Financial Officer.

6.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Recipient's address is:

International Rescue Committee, Inc.
122 East 42nd Street, 12 Floor
New York, New York, 10168-1289
United States of America

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:	E-mail:
+1 (212) 551-3179	Oscar.Raposo@rescue.org

6.03. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions: (a) the Bank's address is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International
Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America; and

(b) the Bank's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:
1-202-477-6391

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION**
acting as administrator of Lebanon Financing Facility for
Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Multi-Donor Trust
Fund

By

Saroj Kumar Jha

Authorized Representative

Name: Saroj Kumar Jha

Title: Regional Director

Date: 24-Dec-2021

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC.

By

Oscar Raposo

Authorized Representative

Name: Mr. Oscar Raposo

Title: Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Date: 05-Jan-2022

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to support the immediate social recovery needs of vulnerable groups following the Port of Beirut August 4, 2020 explosion.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Support for Social Services for Vulnerable Groups affected by the Explosion

1.1 Enhanced Support for Survivors of GBV

1.1.1 Provision of grants to selected NGOs to develop a model for non-government support for social services for survivors and those at-risk of GBV and provide holistic services for survivors and those at-risk of GBV in line with international good practices, such as, *inter alia*, through (a) supporting emergency shelters; (b) case management; (c) providing mental health and psycho-social support; (d) developing life skills; (e) referrals for tailored services, including medical services, mental health and psycho-social support services and legal assistance, and (e) provision of education for children in shelters.

1.1.2 Capacity-building, training, coaching and mentoring for service providers in the non-government and public sectors.

1.1.3 Adoption of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and protocols for GBV case management, including on safe and integrated digital case management systems and protocols.

1.1.4 Providing support to improve dissemination and use GBV Information Management Systems (GBVIMS) and relevant training on its access, use and management.

1.1.5 Training of staff and volunteers responding to the national hotline and other front liners on GBV core concepts and safe referrals methodology.

1.1.6 Raising awareness of GBV and available support services, by utilizing community communication channels and developing social media communications.

1.2 Enhanced Support for psycho-social wellbeing

Provision of grants to selected NGOs to improve psycho-social wellbeing of vulnerable individuals and households in the Greater Beirut area through psycho-social interventions, including, *inter alia*:

- (a) supporting the development and initial roll-out and implementation of SbS program for target groups including youth, persons who have lost livelihoods, persons with disabilities and migrants in Lebanon;

(b) supporting the adaptation of Self Help Plus (SH+) tool to the local context and initial piloting and roll-out of the program to target groups including health workers and NGO workers, and development of a protocol for online delivery of the tool in English and Arabic; and

(c) development of: (i) a pilot program for training for managers and small business owners to support the mental wellbeing of staff; (ii) software platform for delivery of the SbS program adapted for local context; and (iii) implementation of sensitization and awareness programs on mental health awareness in general and specifically on participation in SbS and SH+ interventions.

1.3 Enhanced Support for to Persons with Disabilities and Older Population

1.3.1 Provision of grants to specialized NGOs and CSOs to improve access to quality healthcare for persons with disabilities and older persons, through, *inter alia*: outreach, at-home health and physiotherapy services, including: (a) the undertaking of a pilot local participatory needs assessment; (b) training of caregivers to deliver at-home therapies; (c) development of peer-to-peer activities and self-help groups; (d) development of and piloting of an information portal for persons with disabilities and older persons, to match potential beneficiaries to existing services.

1.3.2 Provide support to Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) and their outreach teams in identifying persons with disabilities and older persons in remote and hard-to-reach parts of Beirut.

1.3.3 Capacity building and financing for NGO-run Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs), to enable the procurement and delivery of assistive devices for persons with disabilities and provision of promotive, preventive, therapeutic (including Non-Communicable Diseases, essential and life-saving medications), rehabilitative and palliative services.

1.3.4 Development of social media communication strategy and dissemination of information aimed at reducing stigma related to persons with disabilities and older persons and inform potential beneficiaries of available services.

Part 2. Capacity Building and Project Management

Financing of project management costs over the project life incurred by the Recipient including, *inter alia*: (i) overall project management, fiduciary and safeguards management; (ii) incremental operating costs; (iii) providing technical assistance and institutional strengthening measures; (iv) developing and implementing a monitoring and reporting plan to provide visibility of the results and a transparent model for the development and implementation of Project activities.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements.

1. The Recipient shall maintain overall responsibility for the implementation of the Project.
2. The Recipient shall maintain a Project Management Unit (PMU) throughout the Project implementation period, with composition, mandate, and resources, and terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank, including the hiring of a Finance Officer, and an environmental and social specialist within 60 days of the Effective Date. The PMU shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of overall planning, coordination, technical, procurement, financial management, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and communication of the activities under the Project, and provision of Sub-grants to local NGOs all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Project Operations Manual.

B. 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 Bank.
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 Bank. 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 from the Grant 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 Bank 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 Bank through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Bank, 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 Bank, 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 Bank 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 Bank.

C. Project Operational Manual

1. The Recipient shall adopt the Project Operational Manual (POM), satisfactory to the Bank, and, thereafter, carry out the Project in accordance with said manual, which shall include the rules, methods, guidelines, standard documents and procedures for the carrying out of the Project, including the following:
 - a. detailed description of Project implementation activities and the detailed institutional arrangements of the Project to ensure inter-institutional coordination;
 - b. conditions, mechanism and eligibility criteria to: (i) select consultants and sign service-agreements (Service Agreements); including *inter alia*, a model Service Agreement, (ii) specific criteria for activities to be eligible for financing under the Sub-grants, eligibility criteria for Eligible NGOs, a model Sub-grant agreement (Sub-grant Agreement) between IRC and

Eligible NGOs, guidelines for approval, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of said activities;

- c. monitoring, evaluation, reporting, personal data protection and data privacy, and governance measures, requirements and procedures for the Project; and
 - d. overall Project administrative, accounting, auditing, reporting, financial, environmental and social, procurement and disbursement procedures.
2. In the event that any provision of the Project Operational Manual conflicts with this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.
3. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project Operational Manual is not amended without the prior written agreement of the Bank.

D. Provision of Sub-grants to Eligible NGOs under Parts 1.1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.1 of the Project

1. For purposes of administering the Sub-grants under Parts 1.1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.1 of the Project, the Recipient shall:
- a. conduct a competitive selection process, in accordance with the POM, to select NGOs, based on the eligibility criteria set forth in the POM, including, *inter alia*, requirements that each NGO: (i) be duly registered under the Lebanese laws; (ii) operate in the Republic of Lebanon; (iii) not have participation or ownership by any public entity;
 - b. ensure that (i) no Sub-grant exceeds the ceiling amount specified in the POM for each respective Sub-grant type; (ii) each Sub-grant supports activities eligible under the POM; and (iii) does not finance activities deemed ineligible under the ESCP; and
 - c. enter into a Sub-grant Agreement with each NGO under terms and conditions approved by the Bank, which shall be consistent with the requirements of the ESCP and which terms shall include an obligation by the Eligible NGO to:
 - i. use the proceeds of the Sub-grant to pay Operating Costs of the Eligible NGO, in accordance with the criteria and at the maximum amounts established in the POM;
 - ii. carry out its respective activities with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, financial and managerial standards and practices, environmental and social standards, and

in accordance with the provisions of the World Bank Anti-Corruption Guidelines; (2) provide, promptly as needed the resources required for these purposes; and (3) maintain adequate records;

- iii. maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate, in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Bank, the progress of its activities and the achievement of its objectives;
 - iv. the Recipient has the right to inspect by itself, or jointly with the Bank, if the Bank and/or the Recipient so requests, the goods and sites, included in the activities, the operations thereof, and any relevant records and documents;
 - v. maintain an appropriate financial management system and, upon request, submit to the Recipient and the Bank their respective annual audited financial statements, or simplified versions thereof, commensurate with the sub-grantee's capacity, as outlined in the POM;
 - vi. prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Bank, , all such information as the Bank shall reasonably request, relating to the implementation of the activities, and the performance of its obligations under the Sub-grant Agreement;
2. The Recipient may suspend or terminate the right of the NGO to use or administer the proceeds of the grant, or to obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Sub-grant then withdrawn, upon failure by the NGO to perform its obligations under the Sub-grant Agreement; and
 3. The Recipient shall, and shall cause NGO, to promptly inform the Recipient and the Bank of any condition which interferes or threatens to interfere with the progress of its activities, or the performance by it of its obligations under the Sub-grant Agreement.

E. Third Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA)

1. Within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date, the Recipient shall authorize a TPMA engaged under Lebanon Financing Facility, to carry out, under the terms satisfactory to the Bank, a technical audit of the Project implementation, including, *inter alia*, verification of: (a) fiduciary compliance to the World Bank regulations; (b) eligibility of NGOs to receive sub-grants and verification of the payment of these sub-grants to Eligible NGOs under Parts 1 of the Project, in accordance with the POM; (c) expenditures incurred by

eligible NGOs in accordance with the POM; (d) signing of the sub-grant agreements between eligible NGOs and IRC as detailed in the POM; and (f) submission by eligible NGOs of the required reports as specified in the POM.

2. The Recipient shall, and shall cause its contractors, to cooperate with Third-Party Monitoring Agent for purposes of carrying out third-party monitoring of Project implementation, and facilitate such Third-Party Monitoring Agent in:
(a) visiting any facilities and sites included in the Project; (b) examining the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Grant; and (c) inspecting any documents and records relevant to the performance of Recipient's obligations under this Agreement, consistent with procedures as outlined in the POM.
3. The Recipient shall cooperate with TPMA in preparing and submitting to the Bank a technical audit report on a quarterly basis, within 45 days of the end of each quarter, containing an evaluation of Project implementation carried out by the TPMA.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Documents; Records

In addition, and without limitation to the obligations set forth in Section 2.05 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall ensure that:

- (a) all records evidencing expenditures under the Project are retained for seven years and six months after the Closing Date, such records to include:
(i) this Agreement, all addenda thereof, and any amendments thereto; (ii) the Recipient's financial and narrative progress reports submitted to the Bank; (iii) the Recipient's financial information related to the Grant, including audit reports, invoices and payroll records; (iv) the Recipient's implementation documentation (including sub-agreements, procurement files, contracts, purchase orders); and (v) the corresponding supporting evidence referred to in Section 3.04 of the Standard Conditions; and
- (b) the representatives of the Bank are: (i) able to examine all records referred to above in paragraph (a); (ii) provided all such information concerning such records as they may from time to time reasonably request; and (iii) able to disclose such records and information to the Donor(s).

B. Project Reports

The Recipient shall ensure that each Project Report is furnished to the Bank not later than one month 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) Sub-grants, Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training under Part 1.1 of the Project	2,795,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	2,795,000	

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.
2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2022.

APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. “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.
2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “CSOs” means “Civil Society Organizations”.
4. “Eligible NGOs” means non-governmental organizations which have met the respective eligibility criteria set forth in the POM to be eligible for Sub-grants under the Project.
5. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated July 26, 2021, 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 Bank.
7. “GBV” means “Gender-Based Violence”

8. “International Rescue Committee Inc” or “IRC Inc” is a global humanitarian aid, relief, and development nongovernmental organization registered under the laws of the State of New York in the United States, receiving the Grant funds as a mandated agency for implementing Project activities and remitting grants under the Project to Eligible NGOs.
9. “Lebanon Financing Facility” or “LFF” means the “Lebanon Financing Facility for Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Multi-Donor Trust Fund Grant No. TF073612”.
10. “NGOs” means “Non-Governmental Organizations”
11. “Operating Costs” means incremental costs incurred by the Recipient or by the Eligible NGOs on account of the Project coordination, implementation and monitoring, including expenditures for audit fees, legal fees (as required), office supplies and consumables, translation and interpretation, bank charges, Project-related travel, including per diem and accommodation, and other miscellaneous costs directly associated with the Project implementation and salaries of Project staff but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants, meeting allowances, other sitting allowances, salary top-ups and all honoraria.
12. “Project Operations Manual” or “POM” means the manual to be prepared and adopted by the Recipient pursuant to the provisions of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
13. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 20 of the Appendix to the Standard Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated November 2020.
14. “SbS” means “Step-by-step”
15. “SH+ tool” or “Self Help Plus tool” means a self-help intervention involving pre-recorded audio and illustrated content and non-specialist facilitators, which enables delivery of psychological stress management services to groups of adversely affected populations in hard-conflict and crisis-affected contexts.
16. “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.
17. “Standard Conditions” means the “International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Development Association Standard Conditions for Grant Financing Made by the Bank out of Trust Funds”, dated February 25, 2019.
18. “Sub-grants” means grants to Eligible NGOs under the Project.

19. "Training" means the reasonable costs of trainings under the Project, including: (a) travel and subsistence allowances for training participants, (b) services of trainers, (c) rental of training facilities, (d) preparation and reproduction of training materials, and (e) other activities related to course preparation and implementation.