
GRANT NUMBER D9000-LR

Financing Agreement

(Additional Financing on Vaccines for the Liberia COVID-19 Emergency Response Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

GRANT NUMBER D9000-LR

FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”) for the purpose of providing additional financing for activities related to the Original Project (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). 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) 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 General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to four million nine hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 4,900,000) (“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 III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project and the MPA Program. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 4.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
- (a) The HEPRTF Grant Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.
 - (b) The Recipient has updated, adopted and submitted to the Association, the Project Implementation Manual, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.
- 4.03. For purposes of Section 10.05(b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty years after the Signature Date.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its minister responsible for finance.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
- (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance and Development Planning
P.O. Box 10-9016
1000 Monrovia 10; and
 - (b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:

(+231) 22 60 75
- 5.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
- (a) The Association's address is:

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

(b) the Association's Electronic Address is:

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AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

By



Authorized Representative
Samuel D. Tweah Jr
Name: _____
Minister
Title: _____
06-Jul-2021
Date: _____

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By



Authorized Representative
Khwima Nthara
Name: _____
Country Manager
Title: _____
06-Jul-2021
Date: _____

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

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

The Project constitutes a phase of the MPA Program, and consists of the following parts:

Part A. Emergency Preparedness and Response

1. Supporting the Recipient's health sector in the procurement of Project COVID-19 Vaccines, including the acquisition, freight and transport of Project COVID-19 Vaccines.
2. Supporting Project COVID-19 Vaccine preparation and deployment, including:
(a) coordination mechanisms at the national, regional and country levels;
(b) developing targeting strategies for each priority group; (c) developing legal regulatory documents, including the aspects related to personal data protection;
(d) developing operational micro-plans and budgets; (e) adoption of global tools and adaptation of the supply chain systems to best practices, including strengthening the cold-chain; (f) acquisition of ancillary supply kits (including waste management boxes, cold boxes, vaccine carriers, vaccination record cards for each Project Covid-19 Vaccine recipient, and personal protective equipment for vaccinators, solar powered refrigerators/freezers, and related supplies);
(g) distribution of Project COVID-19 Vaccines to the last mile including, transportation, cold-chain equipment, consumable and related costs to ensure equitable distribution of vaccines across all priority groups with a special focus on people with disabilities and the most vulnerable; and (h) deployment of health workers/medical staff to accelerate vaccine roll-out.
3. Strengthening the laboratory system, surveillance, clinical care and vaccine pharmacovigilance, *inter alia*: (a) improving case detection, confirmation, contact tracing, recording, reporting and surveillance; (b) strengthening laboratory system for the diagnosis of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, and procurement of tests and consumables; (c) strengthening the acute management of clinical cases of COVID-19 patients; (d) pharmacovigilance and monitoring of cases of adverse events following immunization; (e) developing and adapting tools and guidelines for monitoring and evaluation of the vaccination campaign and detection of adverse events following immunization; (f) provision of training to those involved in vaccine deployment on adverse events following immunization; and (h) acquisition and dissemination of emergency kits for anaphylactic shock management, resuscitation equipment.

4. Strengthening community engagement, risk communication and surveillance preparedness for Project COVID-19 Vaccine deployment, including rebuilding and strengthening community and citizen trust during crises and developing risk management approaches to enhance demand of Project COVID-19 Vaccine, in particular: (a) strengthening community engagement and social mobilization and accountability for vaccine demand and use (e.g., developing systems for community based surveillance, multi-stakeholder engagement, training of community leaders, and related activities); and (b) developing messages and materials, and information to be used in the Project COVID-19 vaccination campaign in limited and recognized platforms.
5. Strengthening the health sector capacity for: (a) integration of vaccine equity and gender inclusion, and carrying out prevention and mitigation measures for sexual exploitation and abuse during the Project COVID-19 Vaccination roll out; (b) implementing the Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) Instruments to ensure compliance with said ESS Instruments during Project implementation; and (c) carrying out a program of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in fixed, semi-fixed and mobile health facilities to mitigate against the spread of COVID-19.

Part B. Program Management and Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation

Strengthening the capacity for Project management, monitoring, digital information, management, operational research and learning, including:

1. Strengthening the capacity of national institutions for the coordination and management of the Project management, including: (a) strengthening of public structures for the coordination and management of the Project; (b) the carrying out of financial management and procurement requirements of the Project; (c) the recruitment of additional staff/consultants responsible for overall administration, procurement, and financial management under the Project; (d) the financing of costs associated with Project coordination; and (e) the recruitment of needed additional staff/consultants.
2. Strengthening the monitoring and evaluation aspects of the Project, including: (a) strengthening monitoring and evaluation of prevention and preparedness; (b) building capacity for clinical and public health research, veterinary, and joint-learning across and within Liberia, and the West Africa sub-region, *inter alia*:
 - (i) the provision of training in participatory monitoring and evaluation at all administrative levels, including: (A) the carrying out of evaluation workshops; and (B) the development of an action plan for monitoring and evaluation; and (C) the replication of successful models, and monitoring and reporting on implementation of Environmental and Social Commitment Plan.

- (ii) strengthening the capacity of the PIU for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Project.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. National Steering Committee

The Recipient shall ensure that the National Steering Committee is maintained, at all times during the implementation of the Project, as the policy advisory and oversight body. The National Steering Committee shall be responsible, *inter alia*, for: (a) providing strategic and policy guidance on the implementation of the Project; (b) reviewing progress made towards achieving the Project's objectives; and (c) facilitating coordination of Project activities and removal of any obstacle(s) to the implementation of the Project.

2. The Ministry of Health

The Recipient shall designate, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the Ministry of Health ("MoH"), with the participation of the National Public Health Institute ("NPHI'L) to be responsible for prompt and efficient coordination, oversight and implementation of the Project, and shall take all actions including the provision of funding, personnel and other resources necessary to enable said MOH and NPHIL to perform said functions.

3. Project Implementation Unit

Without limitation upon the provisions of Section I.A.2 immediately above, the Recipient shall maintain, throughout Project implementation and within the MoH, the Project Implementation Unit ("PIU") with terms of reference, functions, resources, and staff, satisfactory to the Association. To this end, the PIU shall be responsible for, *inter alia*, day-to-day implementation and management of the Project coordination and management of Project activities, preparing the annual work plans and budget, producing quarterly and annual reports on the basis of a template acceptable to the Association, monitoring and evaluation of the Project, liaising at all times with the Recipient's national technical coordination taskforce made up of technical working groups, relevant technical departments, and other relevant stakeholders.

4. Project Financial Management Unit

Without limitation upon the provisions of Section I.A.3 immediately above, the Recipient shall, throughout Project implementation, maintain the PFMU adequately staffed with professionals hired under terms of reference and with

qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Association. PFMU shall be responsible for carrying out the financial management under the Project, including, without limitation, the responsibility for: (a) the maintenance of accounting records and the preparation of financial statements; (b) the preparation of the financial aspects of the interim unaudited financial reports; (c) the processing of payments; and (d) the preparation of the internal financial audits.

B. Project Implementation Manual

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project implementation manual containing: (a) detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including with respect to: 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, Compensation Benefits Framework, roles and responsibilities for Project implementation, the modalities for handling Personal Data (i.e., updating personal data collection and processing) in accordance with good international practice; (b) 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; (c) 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; (d) vaccine distribution plan, including action plan setting out timeline and steps for immunization; and (e) such other arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the effective implementation of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association (“Project Implementation Manual”).”
2. In case of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail, and except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not amend, abrogate or waive any provision of the Project Implementation Manual.

C. Annual Work Plan and Budget

1. For purposes of implementation of the Project, the Recipient shall:
 - (a) Not later than December 31 of each Fiscal Year during the implementation of the Project, prepare and furnish to the Association subsequent Annual Work Plans. Said Annual Work Plan(s) containing all activities proposed to be included in the Project during the following Fiscal Year, and a proposed financing plan for expenditures required for such activities, setting forth the proposed sources of financing.

- (b) Each such proposed Annual Work Plan shall specify any Training activities that may be required under the Project, including: (i) the type of Training; (ii) the purpose of the Training; (iii) the personnel to be trained; (iv) the institution or individual who will conduct the Training; (v) the location and duration of the Training; and (vi) the cost of the Training.
- (c) The Recipient shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on each such Annual Work Plan and thereafter ensure that the Project is implemented with due diligence during said following Fiscal Year in accordance with such work plan and budget as shall have been approved by the Association.

D. 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, as 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. Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph 2 above, if 60 days prior to the Closing Date, the Association determines that there are measures and actions specified in the ESCP which will not be completed by the Closing Date, the Recipient shall: (a) not later than 30 days before the Closing Date, prepare and present to the Association, an action plan satisfactory to the Association on the outstanding measures and actions, including a timetable and budget allocation for such measures and actions (which action plan shall deemed to be considered an amendment of the ESCP); and (b) thereafter, carry out said action plan in accordance with its terms and in a manner acceptable to the Association.

4. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
5. 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, including, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
6. 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.
7. The Recipient shall, ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors, and subcontractors and supervising entities to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein; and (b) adopt and enforce codes of conduct that should be provided to and signed by all workers, detailing measures to address environmental, social, health and safety risks, and the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and violence against children, all as applicable to such civil works commissioned or carried out pursuant to said contracts.

E. Specific Environmental and Social Standards Covenants

1. The Recipient shall not later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date update, adopt and re-disclose the (a) Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF); and (b) Gender-based Violence (“GBV”) Action Plan, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; and

2. The Recipient shall not later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date:
 - (a) recruit to the PIU a social safeguards officer with specific experience in GBV risk management, and terms of reference, experience, and qualifications, satisfactory to the Association.
 - (b) operationalize the Project grievance redress mechanism (“GRM”), and thereafter, maintain throughout Project implementation, a functional GRM, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; and
 - (c) ensure that National Guidelines for Safe Management of Health Care Waste have been distributed to the vaccination and other facilities where such health waste is generated, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.

F. Standards for COVID-19 Vaccine Approval

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

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester. Except as may otherwise be explicitly required or permitted under this Agreement or as may be explicitly requested by the Association, in sharing any information, report or document related to the activities described in Schedule 1 of this Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that such information, report or document does not include Personal Data.

Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing 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 SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts A.3, A.4, A5 and B of the Project	1,736,000	100%
(2) Project COVID-19 vaccines acquisition under Part A.1 of the Project	3,164,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	4,900,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made for:
 - (a) payments made prior to the Signature Date; or
 - (b) payments under Category (1), until the proceeds of the Original Financing allocated to Category (2) under the table set forth in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement have been fully disbursed.
2. The Closing Date is September 30, 2024.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means the annual work plan and budget for the Project, to be prepared on an annual basis by the Recipient.
2. “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.
3. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
4. “COVAX Facility” means the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility, a mechanism through which demand and resources are pooled to support the availability of, and equitable access to, COVID-19 vaccines for all economies, and which is coordinated by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (“CEPI”), and the WHO.
5. “COVID-19” means the coronavirus disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
6. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated March 26, 2020, as updated on June 23, 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.
7. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the environmental and social management framework to be prepared and adopted by the Recipient, and deemed satisfactory to the Association, setting out the principles, rules, guidelines and procedures to screen and assess the potential adverse environmental and social risks and impacts (including health and safety issues) of Project activities, including the risks of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse, adopt measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset environmental and social adverse risks and impacts, including: the principles, organizational arrangements (including consultation, budget and disclosure); measures that endeavor to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, procedural, budget and institutional arrangements and

actions needed to implement these measures, and information on the agency or agencies responsible for addressing the Project's risks and impacts; as well as for the preparation of any environmental and social instruments referred to therein, as such framework may be amended by the Recipient from time to time, with the prior written agreement of the Association.

8. "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.
9. "GBV/SEA/SH Prevention and Response Action Plan" or "GBV AP" means the action plan to be prepared and adopted by the Recipient, and deemed satisfactory to the Association, which outlines how the Project will put in place the necessary protocols and mechanisms to address the GBV/SEA/SH risks; and how to address any SEA/SH allegations that may arise. including specific arrangements for the Project by which SEA/SH risks will be addressed.
10. "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 April 1, 2021).
11. "GRM" means Grievance Redress Mechanism.
12. "HEPRTF Grant Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Recipient and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Association, together acting as administrator of the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Trust Fund (HEPRTF TF0B6141), providing for a grant to the Recipient to assist the Recipient in the carrying out of Part A.2 of the Project.
13. "MFDP" means the Recipient's ministry responsible for finance, and any successor thereto.

14. “Ministry of Health” or “MoH” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for health, and any successor thereto.
15. “MPA Program” means the 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.
16. “National Public Health Institute” means the institute established and operating pursuant to the National Public Institute of Liberia Act (published on January 26, 2017) of the laws of the Recipient.
17. “National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan” means the Recipient’s emergency preparedness and response plan for COVID-19, dated March 13, 2020, and acceptable to the Association, as said document may be modified from time to time during the Emergency, and such term includes all schedules and annexes to said document.
18. “National Guidelines for Safe Management of Health Care Waste” means the Recipient’s national guidelines for safe management of health care waste.
19. “National Steering Committee” means the committee referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
20. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenses incurred by the Recipient on account of Project implementation, including costs related to audits, office equipment and supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, shipping costs, office rentals, communication and insurance costs, office administration costs, bank charges, utilities, transport costs, travel, *per diem* and supervision costs, and salaries of contracted employees, but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service.
21. “Original Financing Agreement” means the financing agreement entered into between the Recipient and the Association (Credit No. 6609-LR and Grant No. D608-LR).
22. “Original Project” means the project described in Schedule 1 to the Original Financing Agreement.
23. “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.

24. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated November 2020.
25. “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 acquired or deployed under the Project; “Project COVID-19 Vaccines” means the plural thereof.
26. “Project Financial Management Unit” or “PFMU” means the fiduciary management unit established within the MFDP and referred to in Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
27. “Project Implementation Manual” means the manual referred to in Section I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as such manual may be amended from time to time, with the prior written approval of the Association
28. “Project Implementation Unit” and “PIU” means, each, the implementation unit established within MoH, and referred to in Section I.A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
29. “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.
30. “Training” means the reasonable costs associated with training under the Project, based on the relevant Annual Work Plan and Budget, and attributable to study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops and other training activities, not included under service providers’ contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel, accommodation and *per diem* costs of trainees and trainers, trainers’ fees, and other training related miscellaneous costs.
31. “Vaccine Approval Criteria” means that the Project COVID-19 Vaccine: (a) has received regular or emergency licensure or authorization from at least one of the Stringent Regulatory Authorities identified by WHO for vaccines procured and/or supplied under the COVAX Facility, as may be amended from time to time by WHO; (b) has received the WHO Prequalification or WHO Emergency Use Listing; or (c) has met such other criteria as may be agreed in writing between the Recipient and the Association.

32. “WHO” means the specialized agency of the United Nations established pursuant to the Constitution of the World Health Organization, dated July 22, 1946, as amended from time to time.
33. “WHO Emergency Use Listing” means a risk-based procedure for assessing and listing by WHO of unlicensed vaccines, therapeutics, and in vitro diagnostics with the aim of expediting the availability of these products to people affected by a declared public health emergency.
34. “WHO Fair Allocation Framework” means the rules which govern the allocation of vaccines to participants in the COVAX Facility, as developed by WHO, subject to periodic review by the COVAX Facility.
35. “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.