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LOAN NUMBER 7615-PH

Loan Agreement

Food Crisis Response Development Policy Operation Loan

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between

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated December 16, 2008

LOAN AGREEMENT

Agreement dated December 16, 2008, entered into between REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (“Borrower”) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“Bank”) for the purpose of providing financing in support of the Program (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement). The Bank has decided to provide this financing on the basis, inter alia, of (a) the actions which the Borrower has already taken under the Program and which are described in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement, and (b) the Borrower’s maintenance of an appropriate macro-economic policy framework. The Borrower and the Bank therefore hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral 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 — LOAN

- 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, an amount of two hundred million Dollars (\$200,000,000), as such amount may be converted from time to time through a Currency Conversion in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of this Agreement (“Loan”).
- 2.02. The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in support of the Program in accordance with Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Front-end Fee payable by the Borrower shall be equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the Loan amount.
- 2.04. The interest payable by the Borrower for each Interest Period shall be at a rate equal to LIBOR for the Loan Currency plus the Fixed Spread; provided that, upon a Conversion of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, the interest payable by the Borrower during the Conversion Period on such amount shall be determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article IV of

the General Conditions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amount of the Withdrawn Loan Balance remains unpaid when due and such non-payment continues for a period of thirty (30) days, then the interest payable by the Borrower shall instead be calculated as provided in Section 3.02(d) of the General Conditions.

- 2.05. The Payment Dates are May 15 and November 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Loan shall be repaid in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. (a) The Borrower may at any time request any of the following Conversions of the terms of the Loan in order to facilitate prudent debt management: (i) a change of the Loan Currency of all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan, withdrawn or unwithdrawn, to an Approved Currency; (ii) a change of the interest rate basis applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from a Variable Rate to a Fixed Rate, or vice versa; and (iii) the setting of limits on the Variable Rate applicable to all or any portion of the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding by the establishment of an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar on the Variable Rate.
- (b) Any conversion requested pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section that is accepted by the Bank shall be considered a “Conversion”, as defined in the General Conditions, and shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions and of the Conversion Guidelines.
- (c) Promptly following the Execution Date for an Interest Rate Cap or Interest Rate Collar for which the Borrower has requested that the premium be paid out of the proceeds of the Loan, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amounts required to pay any premium payable in accordance with Section 4.05(c) of the General Conditions up to the amount allocated from time to time for the purpose in the table in Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III — PROGRAM

- 3.01. The Borrower declares its commitment to the Program and its implementation. To this end, and further to Section 5.08 of the General Conditions:
- (a) the Borrower and the Bank shall from time to time, at the request of either party, exchange views on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program;
 - (b) prior to each such exchange of views, the Borrower shall furnish to the Bank for its review and comment a report on the progress achieved in carrying out the Program, in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request; and
 - (c) without limitation upon the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, the Borrower shall promptly inform the Bank of any situation that would have the effect of materially reversing the objectives of the Program or any action taken under the Program including any action specified in Section I of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV —TERMINATION

4.01. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V – REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

5.01. The Borrower’s Representative is the Secretary of Finance.

5.02. The Borrower’s Address is:

Department of Finance
Department of Finance Building
Bangko Sentral Complex
Roxas Blvd.
Manila, Philippines

Cable address:

SECFIN

Facsimile:

(63-2) 523-9216

Manila

5.03. The Bank's Address is:

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

Cable address:	Telex:	Facsimile:
INTBAFRAD Washington, D.C.	248423(MCI) or 64145(MCI)	1-202-477-6391

AGREED at Manila, Republic of the Philippines, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

By: /s/ Margarito Teves of the Philippines

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Bert Hofman

Authorized Representative

SCHEDULE 1

Program Actions; Availability of Loan Proceeds

Section I. Actions under the Program

The actions taken by the Borrower under the Program include the following:

1. The Borrower has temporarily lifted restrictions on private sector imports of rice, has refrained from purchasing rice through international rice auctions, and has released buffer stocks in the domestic market.
2. The Borrower has increased subsidies and transfers to poorer households in response to the food price crisis and has increased spending, over and beyond the originally allocated 2008 budget, to the rice subsidy program, nutrition and feeding programs and other social protection programs aimed at assisting poorer households.
3. The Cabinet Secretaries of the Borrower's Department of Health, Department of Education, Department Social Welfare and Development, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and Department of Agriculture have approved Operational Guidelines for the Food for School Program for School Year 2008-2009.
4. The Borrower has adopted its Administrative Order Number 232-A of July 28, 2008 establishing a National Social Welfare Program and assigning coordination responsibilities under such program to its Department of Social Welfare and Development.
5. The Borrower has adopted the proxy means test based national household targeting system known as the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction for the targeting of DSWD social protection programs and services.
6. The Borrower has established a database of over 200,000 poor households covering 83 municipalities.
7. The Borrower has included in its budget proposal to its Congress for Fiscal Year 2009 adequate funding for expanding the database to cover at least its twenty (20) poorest provinces in Fiscal Year 2009.

8. The Borrower has adopted and launched a conditional cash transfer program using the proxy means test based national household targeting system known as the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction.
9. The Borrower has included in its budget proposal to its Congress for Fiscal Year 2009 adequate funding for scaling up and sustaining the conditional cash transfer program to a total of 320,000 households.

Section II. Availability of Loan Proceeds

- A. General.** The Borrower may withdraw the proceeds of the Loan in accordance with the provisions of this Section and such additional instructions as the Bank may specify by notice to the Borrower.
- B. Allocation of Loan Amounts.** The Loan shall (except for amounts required to pay the Front-end Fee) be withdrawn in a single tranche. The allocation of the amounts of the Loan to this end is set out in the table below:

Allocations	Amount of the Loan Allocated (expressed in USD)
Single Tranche	199,500,000
Front-end Fee	500,000
TOTAL AMOUNT	200,000,000

C Deposits of Loan Amounts

1. the Borrower shall open, prior to furnishing to the Bank the request for withdrawal from the Loan Account, and thereafter maintain a Deposit Account in US Dollars in Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Bank.
2. the withdrawal from the Loan Account shall be deposited by the Bank into the Deposit Account, and
3. the Borrower shall ensure that upon the deposit of the amount of the Loan into the Deposit Account, an equivalent amount is accounted for in the Borrower's budget management system, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

D. Audit

Upon the Bank's request, the Borrower shall:

1. have the Deposit Account audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Bank, in accordance with consistently applied audited standards acceptable to the Bank;
2. furnish to the Bank as soon as available, but in any case not later than six (6) months after the deposit of the single tranche loan amount into the Deposit Account, a certified copy of the audit report, of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request; and
3. furnish to the Bank such other information concerning the Deposit Account and their audit as the Bank shall reasonably request.

E. Excluded Expenditures. The Borrower undertakes that the proceeds of the Loan shall not be used to finance Excluded Expenditures. If the Bank determines at any time that an amount of the Loan was used to make a payment for an Excluded Expenditure, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Bank, refund an amount equal to the amount of such payment to the Bank. Amounts refunded to the Bank upon such request shall be cancelled.

F. Closing Date. The Closing Date is June 30, 2009.

SCHEDULE 2

Amortization Schedule

- The following table sets forth the Principal Payment Dates of the Loan and the percentage of the total principal amount of the Loan payable on each Principal Payment Date (“Installment Share”). If the proceeds of the Loan have been fully withdrawn as of the first Principal Payment Date, the principal amount of the Loan repayable by the Borrower on each Principal Payment Date shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying: (a) Withdrawn Loan Balance as of the first Principal Payment Date; by (b) the Installment Share for each Principal Payment Date, such repayable amount to be adjusted, as necessary, to deduct any amounts referred to in paragraph 4 of this Schedule, to which a Currency Conversion applies.

<u>Principal Payment Date</u>	<u>Installment Share (Expressed as a Percentage)</u>
On each May 15 and November 15 Beginning May 15 2019 Through May 15, 2033	3.33%
On November 15, 2033	3.43%

- Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Schedule, upon a Currency Conversion of all or any portion of the Withdrawn Loan Balance to an Approved Currency, the amount so converted in the Approved Currency that is repayable on any Principal Payment Date occurring during the Conversion Period, shall be determined by the Bank by multiplying such amount in its currency of denomination immediately prior to the Conversion by either: (a) the exchange rate that reflects the amounts of principal in the Approved Currency payable by the Bank under the Currency Hedge Transaction relating to the Conversion; or (b) if the Bank so determines in accordance with the Conversion Guidelines, the exchange rate component of the Screen Rate.

APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. “DSWD” means the Borrower’s Department of Social Welfare and Development, or any successor thereto.
2. “Excluded Expenditure” means any expenditure:
 - (a) for goods or services supplied under a contract which any national or international financing institution or agency other than the Bank or the Association has financed or agreed to finance, or which the Bank or the Association has financed or agreed to finance under another loan, credit, or grant;
 - (b) for goods included in the following groups or sub-groups of the Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC, Rev.3), published by the United Nations in Statistical Papers, Series M, No. 34/Rev.3 (1986) (the SITC), or any successor groups or subgroups under future revisions to the SITC, as designated by the Bank by notice to the Borrower:

Group	Sub-group	Description of Item
112		Alcoholic beverages
121		Tobacco, un-manufactured, tobacco refuse
122		Tobacco, manufactured (whether or not containing tobacco substitutes)
525		Radioactive and associated materials
667		Pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, unworked or worked
718	718.7	Nuclear reactors, and parts thereof; fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors
728	728.43	Tobacco processing

		machinery
897	897.3	Jewelry of gold, silver or platinum group metals (except watches and watch cases) and goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares (including set gems)
971		Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)

- (c) for goods intended for a military or paramilitary purpose or for luxury consumption;
 - (d) for environmentally hazardous goods, the manufacture, use or import of which is prohibited under the laws of the Borrower or international agreements to which the Borrower is a party;
 - (e) on account of any payment prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations; and
 - (f) with respect to which the Bank determines that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Borrower or other recipient of the Loan proceeds, without the Borrower (or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the Bank to address such practices when they occur.
3. "Food for School Program" means the program described in the Borrower's "Operational Guidelines for the Food for School Program" dated November 19, 2008, an immediate intervention to address hunger among families through their children enrolled in public elementary schools, Department of Education-supervised pre-schools and day-care centers.
 4. "General Conditions" means the "International Bank for Reconstruction and Development General Conditions for Loans", dated July 1, 2005 (as amended through February 12, 2008) with the modifications set forth in Section II of this Appendix.
 5. "Program" means the program of actions, objectives and policies designed to promote growth and achieve sustainable reductions in poverty and set forth or referred to in the letter dated November 20, 2008 from the Borrower to the Bank declaring the Borrower's commitment to the execution of the Program, and

requesting assistance from the Bank in support of the Program during its execution.

6. “Single Tranche” means the amount of the Loan allocated to the category entitled “Single Tranche” in the table set forth in Part B of Section II of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.

Section II. Modifications to the General Conditions

The modifications to the General Conditions are as follows:

1. The last sentence of paragraph (a) of Section 2.03 (relating to Applications for Withdrawal) is deleted in its entirety.
2. Sections 2.04 (*Designated Accounts*) and 2.05 (*Eligible Expenditures*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article II are renumbered accordingly.
3. Paragraph (a) of Section 2.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 2 above) is modified to read as follows:

“Section 2.05. *Refinancing Preparation Advance; Capitalizing Front-end Fee and Interest*

(a) If the Loan Agreement provides for the repayment out of the proceeds of the Loan of an advance made by the Bank or the Association (“Preparation Advance”), the Bank shall, on behalf of such Loan Party, withdraw from the Loan Account on or after the Effective Date the amount required to repay the withdrawn and outstanding balance of the advance as at the date of such withdrawal from the Loan Account and to pay all accrued and unpaid charges, if any, on the advance as at such date. The Bank shall pay the amount so withdrawn to itself or the Association, as the case may be, and shall cancel the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the advance.”

4. Sections 5.01 (*Project Execution Generally*), and 5.09 (*Financial Management; Financial Statements; Audits*) are deleted in their entirety, and the remaining Sections in Article V are renumbered accordingly.
5. Paragraph (a) of Section 5.05 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above and relating to *Use of Goods, Works and Services*) is deleted in its entirety.

6. Paragraph (c) of Section 5.06 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above) is modified to read as follows:

“Section 5.06. Plans; Documents; Records

... (c) The Borrower shall retain all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing expenditures under the Loan until two years after the Closing Date. The Borrower shall enable the Bank’s representatives to examine such records.”

7. Paragraph (c) of Section 5.07 (renumbered as such pursuant to paragraph 3 above) is modified to read as follows:

Section 5.07. Program Monitoring and Evaluation

... (c) The Borrower shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and furnish to the Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date, a report of such scope and in such detail as the Bank shall reasonably request, on the execution of the Program, the performance by the Loan Parties and the Bank of their respective obligations under the Legal Agreements and the accomplishment of the purposes of the Loan.

8. The following terms and definitions set forth in the Appendix are modified or deleted as follows, and the following new terms and definitions are added in alphabetical order to the Appendix as follows, with the terms being renumbered accordingly:

- (a) The definition of the term “Eligible Expenditure” is modified to read as follows:

“‘Eligible Expenditure’ means any use to which the Loan is put in support of the Program, other than to finance expenditures excluded pursuant to the Loan Agreement.”

- (b) The term “Financial Statements” and its definition are deleted in their entirety.

- (c) The term “Project” is modified to read “Program” and its definition is modified to read as follows (and all references to “Project” throughout these General Conditions are deemed to be references to “Program”):

“‘Program’ means the program referred to in the Loan Agreement in support of which the Loan is made.”

- (d) The term “Program Preparation Advance” (renamed as such pursuant to subparagraph 8(c) above) is modified to read “Preparation Advance” and its definition is modified to read as follows:

“‘Preparation Advance’ means the advance referred to in the Loan Agreement and repayable in accordance with Section 2.05.”