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***Global Agriculture and Food Security
Program***
Grant Agreement

**(Second Additional Financing for the West Africa Food System Resilience
Program**

Phase 2 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach)

between

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

and

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

**(acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and
Food**

Security Program)

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**GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY
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GRANT AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ("Bank"), acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program 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 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 to this Agreement.

**Article II
The Project**

- 2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project") and the MPA Program. 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 twenty five million United States Dollars (\$ 25,000,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing 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 consists of the following:

- (a) the CILSS Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the CILSS to perform any of its obligations under the CILSS Financing Agreement;
- (b) the CORAF Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the CORAF to perform any of its obligations under the CORAF Financing Agreement;
- (c) the ECOWAS Revised Treaty has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the ECOWAS to perform any of its obligations under the ECOWAS Financing Agreement; and
- (d) the security situation in any Project implementation area has deteriorated or escalated so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Recipient or any of its agencies to carry out any part of the Project.

4.02. The Additional Events of Acceleration consist of the following, namely that any event specified in paragraphs (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) of Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs.

Article V Effectiveness

5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the Bank has been furnished to the Bank that the following condition has been satisfied: that the Recipient has recruited an internal auditor with qualifications and experience satisfactory to the Bank.

5.02 Except as the Recipient and the Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

5.03. *Termination for Failure to Become Effective.* This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

Article VI **Recipient's Representative; Addresses**

6.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister responsible for finance.

6.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions:

(a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance
Treasury Building
George Street
Freetown, Sierra Leone; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

E-mail: fsecretary@mof.gov.sl

6.03. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions:

(a) the Bank's address is:

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

(b) the Bank's Electronic Address is:

Telex:

Facsimile:

248423 (MCI) or
64145 (MCI)

1-202-477-6391

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

By

Hon. Sheku A.F. Bangura

Authorized Representative

Name: _____ Hon. Sheku A.F. Bangura

Title: _____ Minister
of Finance

Date: _____ 04-Aug-2023

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global
Agriculture and Food Security Program

By

Abdu Muwonge

Authorized Representative

Name: _____ Abdu Muwonge

Title: _____ Country Manager

Date: _____ 02-Aug -2023

SCHEDULE 1 Project
Description

The objective of the Project is to increase preparedness against food insecurity and improve the resilience of food systems in Participating Countries.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Digital Advisory Services for Agriculture and Food Crisis Prevention and Management

1.1 Implementing the following program of activities designed to upgrade food crisis prevention and monitoring systems:

- (a) Improve national capacities for delivery of reliable information services on vulnerability, nutrition and food security through ECOWAS' *Cadre Harmonisé* and agriculture regional information systems, by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) strengthening information and communication technology infrastructure, data collection, as well as technical capacity at the national level, making data available to all actors in the region;
 - (ii) developing decision support tools and methods for improved, user-targeted agro-advisory services, and early warning and response services for food security; and
 - (iii) introducing innovative technologies for data collection, integration and analysis.
- (b) Reorganize and improve national pest and disease monitoring and management mechanisms, by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) strengthening phytosanitary data collection and sharing;
 - (ii) developing and operationalizing harmonized phytosanitary data management and forecasting systems;
 - (iii) capacity-building to strengthen skills, including policy and regulatory as needed, in surveillance, data analysis and forecasting; and
 - (iv) Training on pest management, disaster risk and good agricultural practices.
- (c) Strengthen regional collaboration for food crisis prevention by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) promoting collaboration and information exchange between regional and national entities by establishing thematic regional

working groups and organizing joint capacity-building and events; and

- (ii) implementing data policies based on open access principles to build the value of data related to agriculture, food security, vulnerability and hydromet services.

1.2 Implementing the following program of activities designed to strengthen digital hydromet and agro-advisory services for farmers:

- (a) Improve the production of climate, hydromet, agromet and impact-based information for use by decision-makers, farmers, pastoralists and other actors in the food system by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) augmenting national hydromet infrastructure and technical capacities, including the use of big data, artificial intelligence and other innovative forecasting digital tools;
 - (ii) streamlining the chain of information across regional, national and sub-national levels so as to develop cost-effective regional information systems;
 - (iii) ensuring maximum utility of existing infrastructure and services;
 - (iv) enhancing cooperation between public and private hydromet and agromet service providers;
 - (v) supporting targeted capacity building and Training; and
 - (vi) in Chad, developing long-term strategic orientations for the meteorological and the rural development agencies.
- (b) Support timely delivery and use of essential agro-hydrometeorological information to key users by, *inter alia*, development of multimodal communication channels, supporting co-development of services by users, and targeted outreach.
- (c) Strengthen the financial and institutional sustainability of national and regional institutions providing climate, hydromet and agromet information by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) developing and implementing strategies for long-term financial and institutional sustainability, including technical assistance to leverage public-private agromet and hydromet data collection;
 - (ii) creating policy environment conducive to collaboration between the public, private and academic sectors;

- (iii) facilitating open access to relevant hydrological and meteorological data and basic services; and
- (iv) leveraging state-of-the-art technologies and new business models.

Part 2: Sustainability and Adaptive Capacity of the Food System's Productive Base

2.1 Implementing the following program of activities designed to consolidate regional agriculture innovation systems:

- (a) Strengthen the National Centers of Specialization and Regional Centers of Excellence by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) consolidation of National Centers of Specialization and Regional Centers of Excellence; and
 - (ii) investments in capacity improvements, adaptive research and provision of scholarships and Training for undergraduate, graduate and/or PhD level education at the national level, including works and related equipment.
- (b) Deepen and expand regional research and development networks by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) undertaking regional networking and capacity building activities, including technology exchanges; and
 - (ii) investments in linkages with international research centers, undertaking strategic studies and planning, priority research and exchange of researchers, as well as knowledge sharing and communication.
- (c) Modernize national extension services by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) investments in modern approaches to extension services, including select relevant tools for e-extension and digital agriculture and facilitate their adoption, improved agricultural extension strategies and/or Training; and
 - (ii) upgrading extension services delivery at the national level.
- (d) Promoting technology access and exchange, including *inter alia*:
 - (i) value chain innovation platforms, mechanization services, upgraded national seed systems and soil fertility management capacities, and related outreach; and

- (ii) rehabilitation of relevant infrastructure.

2.2 Implementing the following program of activities designed to strengthen regional food security through integrated landscape management:

- (a) Establish a participatory integrated landscape management system by, *inter alia*:
 - (i) development of integrated landscape management plans by landscape stakeholders; and
 - (ii) establishment and operationalization of landscape committees and implementation by said committees of said integrated landscape management plans.
- (b) Enhance the resilience of ecosystem and food system in priority landscapes by, *inter alia*: (i) financing of Sub-Projects; and (ii) additionally for Chad, Matching Grants to prepare and invest in integrated landscape management plans, and support to sustainable land and pasture management.
- (c) Secure resilient ecosystem and food system beyond priority landscapes by, *inter alia*, provision of Matching Grants in the targeted landscapes; and financing of technical assistance, capacity-building, development of business plans, Training and equipment required for the purpose.

Part 3. Regional Food Market Integration and Trade

3.1 Implementing the following program of activities designed to facilitate trade across key corridors and consolidate food reserve systems:

- (a) Develop and implement an ECOWAS agricultural trade and market scorecard mechanism to track national implementation of regional policies and regulations, as well as implement the ECOWAS trade liberalization scheme and ECOWAP.
- (b) Encourage harmonization of agricultural regional trade policies on critical food system resilience, including reforms on sanitary and phytosanitary standards for food safety and compliance, as well as related outreach and capacity-building.
- (c) Improve the performance of the regional food security reserve to respond to crises, design sustainable mechanisms for financing food storage and crisis management systems as well as providing direct support to the first, second and/or third lines of food security defense through technical assistance and Training for the purpose, including: (i) review and upgrade

of storage facilities; and (ii) additionally in Sierra Leone, support to establish a national food reserve authority.

3.2 Implementing the following program of activities designed to support the development of strategic and regional value chains:

- (a) Strengthen value chain organization and financing by, *inter alia*, Participating Countries' provision of Matching Grants to eligible productive alliances to facilitate access to financing, or financing of eligible activities relevant to value chain entrepreneurs to enhance their integration into regional markets, as well as provision of capacity-building support.
- (b) Support agricultural competitiveness and market access infrastructure by, *inter alia*: (i) strengthening the capacity of national institutions for development of standards and regulations for improved product quality, sanitary and phytosanitary services, certifications, traceability and quality control and regional agricultural trade digital platforms; (ii) provision of technical assistance, financing of related studies and critical investments to leverage private financing; and (iii) including additionally for Chad, development of rural road interconnections and rehabilitation of strategic provincial markets.
- (c) (i) strengthen multi-stakeholder coordination and private sector enabling environment, including public-private dialogue and support policy reforms in the agriculture and food sectors; and (ii) support to public entities in the trade and agriculture sector to improve data collection and access, and facilitate transactions and cross-border trade.

Part 4. Contingent Emergency Response

Provision of immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed.

Part 5. Project Management

Strengthening the capacity of the Project Implementation Unit for implementation and management of the Project activities and results, including planning, preparation of annual work plans and budgets, preparation of Project progress reports, communication, overall management of procurement and financial management including carrying out of audits, monitoring and evaluation of Project activities and management of environmental and

social aspects, all through the provision of consulting services, non-consulting services, Training, Operating Costs and acquisition of goods for the purpose.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements A.

Institutional Arrangements.

1. Ministry of Agriculture

- (a) The Recipient shall designate, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the Ministry of Agriculture to be responsible for prompt and efficient oversight and coordination of the implementation of Project activities, and shall take all actions, including the provision of funding, personnel and other resources necessary to enable the Ministry of Agriculture to perform said functions.
- (b) To this end, the Recipient, through the Ministry of Agriculture, shall:
 - (i) maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, the Project Implementation Unit ("PIU") within NDPPCO, with terms of reference, qualified staffing and resources satisfactory to the Bank, to be responsible for overall coordination as well as day-to-day management, supervision and administration of the Project activities and results at the national and local levels, preparation of and consolidation of the annual work plans and budgets, fiduciary aspects (financial management and procurement), environmental and social standards aspects, reporting and communication of Project activities, and auditing, monitoring and evaluation of Project activities, all in accordance with the provisions of the PIM;
 - (ii) without limitation to the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) immediately above, ensure that PIU is staffed *inter alia*, with: (a) a Project coordinator; (b) relevant technical staff in adequate numbers; (c) environmental and social specialists as further set out in the ESCP; (d) procurement and financial management specialists; and (e) a monitoring and evaluation specialist; all as further set out in the Project Implementation Manual, and with terms of reference, experience and qualifications satisfactory to the Association;
 - (iii) without limitation to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) immediately above the Recipient shall, not later than 90 days of the Effective Date (or a later date as agreed with the Association

in writing), recruit for the Project one (1) senior financial management specialist and one (1) international procurement specialist both with qualifications, experience and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association;

- (iv) ensure coordination with CILSS, CORAF, and ECOWAS, as relevant, on technical aspects of Project implementation;
- (v) for purposes and without limitation to sub-paragraph (iv) immediately above, for purposes of Part 1 of the Project, where CILSS would have an implementation role: (A) facilitate, as needed, custom clearance of any equipment, materials and supplies required for the Project and any personal effects of CILSS consultants and/or contractors assigned to the Project; (B) permit, as needed, CILSS consultants and/or contractors to bring into, and withdraw from the Recipient's territory, reasonable amounts of foreign currency for purposes related to the Project and for their personal use; and (C) if applicable, exempt or offset CILSS consultants and/or contractors from any taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions under applicable laws and regulations of the Recipient, in respect of any payments made in good faith to CILSS consultants in connection with the Project or with items listed in (A) or (B); and (C) promptly provide and/or make available data to CILSS and the Bank for purposes of implementation of Part 1 of the Project, and authorize implementation by CILSS of relevant Project activities on the Recipient's territory; all in accordance with the Letter of Agreement;
- (vi) ensure coordination, through appropriate arrangements, with the Recipient's ministry in charge of trade and industry for purposes of implementation on technical aspects of Part 3 of the Project; and
- (vii) cause, through memoranda of understanding with terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association, SLMA and NWRMA to carry out technical aspects their respective parts of the Project with due diligence and efficiency; in conformity with appropriate administrative, technical, financial, economic, environmental and social standards and practices; and without limitation to such standards and practices, in accordance with the terms of this Financing Agreement, the Anti-Corruption Guidelines and the ESCP.

2. National Steering Committee and Regional Steering Committee

Without limitation upon the provisions of paragraph 1 immediately above, the Recipient shall, in accordance with the provisions of the PIM:

- (a) update and maintain at all times during the implementation of the Project, a National Steering Committee to provide policy guidance for the Project and said committee shall meet at least twice each Fiscal Year to undertake, among other tasks, the review and approval of the draft Annual Work Plan and Budget, approve annual report, and review of the status of Project implementation progress; and
- (b) designate and send a representative to the Regional Steering Committee ("RSC"). The RSC shall be chaired by the ECOWAS Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Environment, and Water Resources (or representative) and will include, among others, representatives of CILSS, CORAF, ECOWAS, and the Participating Countries. The RSC, in accordance with the provisions of the PIM, shall provide overall guidance and oversight for activities under the Project (including advocating for regional collaboration in knowledge development, and act as a liaison between the Project, regional leadership and the public at large), and hold meetings at least once a year to examine and approve annual work plans and budgets and annual implementation reports of Participating Countries, CILSS, CORAF and ECOWAS to ensure the consistency of Project activities and to provide strategic directions and to make recommendations aimed at ensuring better performance, greater sustainability and impact of the Project.

B. Implementation Arrangements

1. Project Implementation Manual

- (a) The Recipient shall, no later than 60 days of the Effective Date, update and maintain, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association and furnish to the Association for review, a Project implementation manual, which shall include provisions on the following matters: (i) capacity building activities for sustained achievement of the Project objectives; (ii) arrangements on financial management, setting forth the detailed policies and procedures for financial management under the Project; (iii) procurement management procedures, including a manual to guide procurement at the national and local levels; (iv) institutional administration, coordination and day to day execution of Project activities; (v) monitoring and evaluation of Project activities and results (including the roles and responsibilities of third party monitoring agents

where applicable); (vi) reporting arrangements; (vii) information, education and communication of Project activities and results; (viii) guidelines for assessing and managing environmental and social risks and impacts of Project activities and designing appropriate mitigation, management and monitoring measures in respect of said impacts; (ix) arrangements for the grievance mechanism under the Project including a grievance mechanism for the safe, ethical, effective and confidential handling of complaints related to sexual exploitation and abuse and/or sexual harassment; (x) Personal Data collection and processing under grievance mechanisms in accordance with good international practices where applicable, including a separate and confidential process for handling sexual exploitation and abuse and/or sexual harassment complaints data; (xi) eligibility criteria, policy and procedures for selection of beneficiaries and awarding of scholarships and/or grants to selected beneficiaries under Part 2.1 of the Project; (xii) eligibility criteria, policy and procedures for selection of beneficiaries (including productive alliances) and activities, and awarding of Matching Grants to selected beneficiaries to carry out activities under Parts 2.2(c) and 3.2(a) of the Project; (xiii) eligibility criteria, policy and procedures for selection of beneficiaries and activities under Sub-Projects for Part 2.2; (xiv) actions and procedures for the implementation of the gender action plan; (xv) criteria, timing and procedures for conclusion of agreements with implementing partners (such as service agreements or memoranda of understanding), as required, to define respective responsibilities under the Project; and (xvi) such other technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project.

- (b) The Recipient shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on said Project implementation manual, and thereafter, shall adopt such Project implementation manual, as shall have been approved by the Association ("Project Implementation Manual" or "PIM").
- (c) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the PIM; provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the provisions of the PIM and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- (d) Except as the Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not amend, abrogate or waive any provision of the PIM.

2. Annual Work Plan and Budget

- (a) The Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Bank not later than November 30 of each Fiscal Year during the implementation of the Project, a draft work plan and budget for Project implementation, setting

out, *inter alia*: (i) a detailed description of all activities proposed to be included in the Project for the next fiscal year; (ii) a proposed financing plan for expenditures required for such activities, including proposed amounts and sources of financing; (iii) environmental and social instruments applicable to such activities in accordance with the provisions of ESCP; (iv) detailed budgeted activities to support the implementation of the gender action plan and; (v) responsibility for execution of said Project activities.

- (b) Each such proposed work plan and budget 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 Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on each such proposed work plan and budget 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 Bank ("Annual Work Plan and Budget" or "AWP&B").
- (d) The Recipient shall not make or allow to be made any change(s) to the approved AWP&B without prior approval in writing by the Bank.

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, 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 Bank 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 sixty (60) days prior to the Closing Date, the Bank 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 thirty (30) days before the Closing Date, prepare and present to the Bank, an action plan satisfactory to the Bank on the outstanding measures and actions, including a timetable and budget allocation for such measures and actions (which action plan shall be 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 Bank.
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 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 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 those related to the spread of communicable diseases, cases of gender-based discrimination, child and forced labor, exclusion of vulnerable groups (women, youth, people with disabilities, pastoralist, illiterate ethnic/linguistic groups), cases of sexual exploitation and abuse, and/or a complaint management, 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 to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of 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.

D. Contingent Emergency Response under Part 4 of the Project

1. In order to ensure the proper implementation of contingent emergency response activities under Part 4 of the Project ("Contingent Emergency Response Part"), the Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (a) a manual ("CERC Manual") is prepared and adopted in form and substance acceptable to the Bank which shall set forth detailed implementation arrangements for the Contingent Emergency Response Part, including: (i) any structures or institutional arrangements for coordinating and implementing the Contingent Emergency Response Part; (ii) specific activities which may be included in the Contingent Emergency Response Part, Eligible Expenditures required therefor ("Emergency Expenditures"), and any procedures for such inclusion; (iii) financial management arrangements for the Contingent Emergency Response Part; (iv) procurement methods and procedures for the Contingent Emergency Response Part; (v) documentation required for withdrawals of Financing amounts to finance Emergency Expenditures; (vi) a description of the environmental and social assessment and management arrangements for the Contingent Emergency Response Part; and (vii) a template Emergency Action Plan;
 - (b) the Emergency Action Plan is prepared and adopted in form and substance acceptable to the Association.
 - (c) the Emergency Response Part is carried out in accordance with the CERC Manual and the Emergency Action Plan; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the CERC Manual or the Emergency Action Plan and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and
 - (d) neither the CERC Manual or the Emergency Action Plan is amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived without the prior written approval by the Association.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the structures and arrangements referred to in the CERC Manual are maintained throughout the implementation of the Contingent Emergency Response Part, with adequate staff and resources satisfactory to Association.
3. The Recipient shall ensure that:

- (a) the environmental and social instruments required for the Contingent Emergency Response Part are prepared, disclosed and adopted in accordance with the CERC Manual and the ESCP, and in form and substance acceptable to the Association; and
 - (b) the Contingent Emergency Response Part is carried out in accordance with the environmental and social instruments in a manner acceptable to the Association.
- 4. Activities under the Contingency Emergency Response Part shall be undertaken only after an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred.

E. Investments, Activity Areas, Matching Grants and Sub-Projects

- 1. The Recipient shall ensure that investments to be made and areas in which activities are to be implemented under the Project are selected and approved in accordance with criteria and procedures, and under financing terms and conditions, set forth in the PIM.
- 2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 immediately above or to Section I.B.1. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that any Project activities involving the use or risk of pollution of the waters of an international waterway will be limited to the rehabilitation or minor additions or alterations of existing schemes or existing installations that will not cause adverse impact to other riparian countries or will not be adversely affected by other riparians' possible water use, as further set forth in the PIM.
- 3. The Recipient shall select beneficiaries and provide Matching Grants under Parts 2.2(c) and 3.2(a) in amounts and for purposes, all in accordance with procedures and criteria set out in the PIM.
- 4. The Recipient shall select beneficiaries and activities for Sub-Projects under Part 2.2(b)(i) of the Project, in accordance with procedures and criteria set out in the PIM.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

The Recipient shall ensure that each Project Report is furnished to the Association 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-Projects under Part 2.2(b)(i) of the Project	19,118,000.00	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work Plans and Budgets
(2) Goods, works, nonconsulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for Part 5 of the Project	1,800,000.00	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work Plans and Budgets
(3) Goods, works, nonconsulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for Parts 2.1(c), 2.1(d), 2.2(a), of the Project	4,082,000.00	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work Plans and Budgets
(4) Emergency Expenditures under Part 4 of the Project.	0	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	25,000,000.00	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made:
 - (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; and
 - (b) for Emergency Expenditures under Category 4 unless and until all of the following conditions have been met in respect of said expenditures:
 - (i) (A) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Crisis or Emergency has occurred, and has furnished to the Bank a request to withdraw Financing amounts under Category 4; and (B) the Bank has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof; and
 - (ii) the Recipient has adopted the CERC Manual and Emergency Action Plan, in form and substance acceptable to the Bank.

2. The Closing Date is September 30, 2028.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" or "AWP&B" means the work plan and budget prepared annually by the Recipient in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
2. "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.
3. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
4. "CERC Manual" means the manual referred to in Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as such manual may be updated from time to time with the agreement of the Bank, and which will form an integral part of the PIM.
5. "CILSS" means the *Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel*, the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, established as an international organization pursuant to the *Convention portant création du Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel*, dated September 12, 1973, and revised on April 22, 1994.
6. "CILSS Financing Agreement" means the financing agreement No. D920 entered into between the CILSS and the Association dated December 20, 2021, pursuant to which the Association extends to CILSS a grant to assist in CILSS' implementation of the MPA Program on terms and conditions set forth in said agreement.
7. "CILSS Legislation" means *Convention portant création du Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de lutte contre la sécheresse dans le Sahel*, dated September 12, 1973, and revised on April 22, 1994.
8. "Contingent Emergency Response Part" means any activity or activities to be carried out under Part 4.2 of the Project to respond to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency.
9. "CORAF" means the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development, a regional organization aimed to strengthen national agricultural research system and to promote agricultural productivity and competitiveness.
10. "CORAF Financing Agreement" means the financing agreement No. D929 between the CORAF and the Association dated December 20, 2021, pursuant to

which the Association extends to CORAF a grant to assist in financing CORAF's implementation of the MPA Program on terms and conditions set forth in said agreement.

11. "CORAF Legislation" means collectively the Registration Act (*enregistrement*) of the Republic of Senegal MAE No. 0892 MAESE dated December 20, 1989, CORAF's Statutes dated June 2008, and CORAF's Governance Manual dated June 20, 2008, pursuant to which CORAF has been established and is functioning.
12. "ECOWAP" means ECOWAS Agricultural Policy adopted by the Heads of States of the ECOWAS member countries on January 19, 2005.
13. "ECOWAS" means the Economic Community of West African States, established and operating pursuant to the ECOWAS Revised Treaty.
14. "ECOWAS Financing Agreement" means the financing agreement No. D923 entered into between the ECOWAS and the Association dated January 26, 2022, pursuant to which the Association extends to ECOWAS a grant to assist in financing ECOWAS' implementation of the MPA Program on terms and conditions set forth in said agreement.
15. "ECOWAS Revised Treaty" means the establishment treaty of ECOWAS, signed in Cotonou, Benin, on July 24, 1993.
16. "Eligible Crisis or Emergency" means an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact to the Recipient, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster.
17. "Emergency Action Plan" means the plan referred to in Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, detailing the activities, budget, implementation plan, and monitoring and evaluation arrangements, to respond to the Eligible Crisis or Emergency.
18. "Emergency Expenditures" means any of the eligible expenditures set forth in the CERC Manual referred to in Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and required for the Contingent Emergency Response Part.
19. "Environmental and Social Commitment Plan" or "ESCP" means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated July 12, 2023, 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. 20. "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/SubSaharan African 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.
21. “Fiscal Year” means the Recipient’s twelve-month period starting January 1 and ending December 31 of the same calendar year.
22. “Letter of Agreement” means the Recipient’s letter of or around the same date as this Agreement, to support implementation of portions of Part 1 of the Project through CILLS.
23. “Matching Grant” means the grants to be provided under Parts 2.2(c) and 3.2(a) of the Project in accordance with Section I.E.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
24. “Ministry of Agriculture” means the Recipient’s ministry in charge of agriculture, or its legal successor thereto.
25. “MPA Program” means the multiphase programmatic approach program designed to increase preparedness against food insecurity and improve the resilience of food system actors, priority landscapes and value chains in program areas.
26. “National Centers of Specialization” means an entity responsible for conducting research on a specific commodity, the results of which can be adapted by a member of ECOWAS.
27. “National Steering Committee” means the project steering committee referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

28. "NDPPCO" means the Recipient's National Development Partners Program Coordinating Office referred to in Section I.A.1 (b) (i) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
29. "NWRMA" means the Recipient's National Water Resources Management Agency, a body corporate established under the Recipient's national laws, pursuant to the National Water Resources Management Agency Act 2017, as published in the Recipient's Gazette dated August 17, 2017.
30. "NDPPCO" means the Recipient's National Development Partners Program Coordinating Office referred to in Section I.A.1 (b) (i) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
31. "NWRMA" means the Recipient's National Water Resources Management Agency, a body corporate established under the Recipient's national laws, pursuant to the National Water Resources Management Agency Act 2017, as published in the Recipient's Gazette dated August 17, 2017.
32. "Original Financing Agreement" means the financing agreement No. E1160-SL entered into between the Recipient and the Association dated August 22, 2022.
33. "Original Project" means the project described in Schedule 1 to the Original Financing Agreement.
34. "Operating Costs" means incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient on account of Project implementation, management and monitoring, including: dissemination of Project related information, travel costs, lodging and *per diem* for field trips related to Project implementation; vehicle rent and operation, supplies and utilities, salaries of contracted or temporary Project staff, mail, advertisement costs, translation costs, commercial bank charges, communication costs, office space rental, office equipment and maintenance, hardware and software, as such costs shall be agreed with the Bank on an annual basis, but excluding salaries of officials and/or employees of the Recipient's civil service.
35. "Participating Countries" means collectively, for Phase 1 of the MPA Program, Burkina Faso, Republic of Mali, Republic of Niger and Republic of Togo, and for Phase 2 of the MPA Program, Republic of Chad, Republic of Ghana and Republic of Sierra Leone, and the term "Participating Country" means any of the Participating Countries.
36. "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.

37. "Project Implementation Manual" or "PIM" means the Recipient's manual referred to in Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
38. "Project Implementation Unit" or "PIU" means the Recipient's unit referred to in Section I.A.1 (b) (i) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
39. "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.
40. "Regional Centers of Excellence" means a regional entity, which is oriented towards excellence and organized by national institutions sharing priorities in the fields of agricultural research, innovation, teaching and learning. Such entity may have experimental sites located in several countries of the ECOWAS region.
41. "Regional Steering Committee" means the committee to be established by ECOWAS and referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
42. "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 Grant Agreement" in the Standard Conditions.
43. "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.
44. "SLMA" means the Recipient's Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency, a body corporate established under the Recipient's national laws, pursuant to the Sierra Leone Meteorological Agency Act of 2017, as published in the Recipient's Gazette dated September 28, 2017.
45. "Sub-Projects" means, for purposes of Part 2.2(b)(i) of the Project, eligible investments focused on *inter alia*, land and watershed restoration, agroforestry, floodplain restoration and water mobilization, irrigation schemes rehabilitation, and delivery of appropriate mechanical and biological resources. For the Recipient, this means financing of climate-smart technologies on land and watershed restoration, soil fertility management and improved crop and livestock materials, as further set out in the PIM.
46. "Training" means the reasonable costs for the following expenditures incurred in providing training or workshops: travel by participants and presenters to the training or workshop site, *per diem* allowances of such persons during the training

or workshop, honoraria for the presenters, rental of facilities, materials, supplies and translation and interpretation services.

02-Aug-2023

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Hon. Mr. Sheku Bangura
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Treasury Building
George Street
Freetown
Sierra Leone

**Re: Republic of Sierra Leone
Grant No. E1160-SL
(The West Africa Food System Resilience Program
Phase 2 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach)**

Amendment to the Financing Agreement

Honorable Minister:

We refer to the Financing Agreement dated August 22, 2022, between the Republic of Sierra Leone (the "Recipient") and the International Development Association (the "Association") ("Financing Agreement") for the West Africa Food System Resilience Program Phase 2 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach (the "Project").

The Association hereby proposes to amend the Financing Agreement to reflect the modifications to the Project disbursement arrangements for the purposes of the additional activities related to the Project for which the Recipient has requested the Association, acting as trustee and as a supervising entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program to provide a second additional grant in the amount not to exceed twenty five million United States Dollars (\$ 25,000,000). The Association has agreed to extend such financial assistance under the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Agreement (GAFSP Grant Number TFC2060-SL) between the Recipient and the Association, acting as trustee and as a supervising entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, dated on or about the countersignature date of this letter ("Amendment Letter").

The Association proposes to amend the Financing Agreement as follows:

1. The table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement has been replaced as follows: -
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Category	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
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(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for the Project under Parts 1.1, 1.2, 3.1 (a), 3.1 (b), 3.2 b(i)(ii), and 3.2(c) of the Project	16,500,000	100%
(2) Matching Grants under Parts 2.2(c) of the Project	-	100%
(3) Sub-Projects under Part 2.2(b)(i) of the Project	-	100%
(4) Emergency Expenditures under Part 4.1 of the Project	18,670,000	100%
(5) Emergency Expenditures under Part 4.2 of the Project	-	100%
(6) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for the Project under Part, 3.1 (c)	1,615,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work plans and Budgets
(7) Matching Grants under 3.2(a) of the Project	4,010,000	100%
(8) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for the Project under Part 5	3,705,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work plans and Budgets
TOTAL	44,500,000	

All the terms and conditions of the Agreement that have not been amended herein shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: Abdu Muwonge

Abdu Muwonge
Country Manager for Sierra Leone
Western and Central Africa Region

**CONFIRMED AND AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

04-Aug-2023 Hon. Sheku A.F. Bangura
By: _____
Hon. Mr. Sheku Bangura
Minister of Finance

Date: _____

02-Aug-2023
_____, 2023

Hon. Mr. Sheku Bangura
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Treasury Building
George Street
Freetown
Sierra Leone

**Re: Republic of Sierra Leone
Grant No. E1430-SL
(Additional Financing for the West Africa Food System Resilience Program
Phase 2 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach)**

Amendment to the Financing Agreement

Honorable Minister:

We refer to the Financing Agreement dated December 19, 2022, between the Republic of Sierra Leone (the "Recipient") and the International Development Association (the "Association") ("Financing Agreement") for the Additional Financing for the West Africa Food System Resilience Program Phase 2 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach (the "Project").

The Association hereby proposes to amend the Financing Agreement to reflect the modifications to the Project disbursement arrangements for the purposes of the additional activities related the Project for which the Recipient has requested the Association, acting as trustee and as a supervising entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program to provide a second additional grant in the amount not to exceed twenty five million United States Dollars (\$25,000,000). The Association has agreed to extend such financial assistance under the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant agreement (GAFSP Grant Number TFC2060-SL) between the Recipient and the Association, acting as trustee and as a supervising entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, dated on or about the countersignature date of this letter ("Amendment Letter").

The Association proposes to amend the Financing Agreement as follows:

1. The table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement has been replaced as follows: -
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Category	Amount of the Grant/Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be financed (inclusive of taxes)
(1) Matching Grants under Parts 2.2(c) of the Project	1,453,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work Plans and Budgets
(2) Sub-Projects under Part 2.2(b)(i) of the Project	27,819,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work plans and Budgets
(3) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for the Project (Parts 3.1(c)(i))	865,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work plans and Budgets
(4) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for the Project Parts 2.1(c), 2.1(d), 2.2(a)	6,915,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work plans and Budgets
(5) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training for the Project (Part 5)	1,948,000	Such percentage as may be determined in the Annual Work plans and Budgets
TOTAL	39,000,000	

All the terms and conditions of the Agreement that have not been amended herein shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: Abdu Muwonge

Abdu Muwonge
Country Manager for Sierra Leone
Western and Central Africa Region

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

04-Aug-2023 By: Hon. Sheku A.P. Bangura

Date: _____

Hon. Mr. Sheku Bangura
Minister of Finance

02-Aug-2023

Date: _____

Hon. Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura
Minister for Finance
Ministry of Finance
Freetown
Republic of Sierra Leone

Re: Grant No. TFC2060-SL
(Second Additional Financing for the West Africa Food System Resilience Program
Phase 2 under the Multi-Phase Programmatic Approach)
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter

Hon. Bangura:

I refer to the Grant Agreement ("Agreement") between Republic of Sierra Leone ("Recipient") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association ("Bank" ¹), acting as Trustee and as a Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, for the above-referenced project. The Standard Conditions, as defined in the Grant Agreement, provide that the Recipient may, from time to time, request withdrawals of Grant amounts from the Grant Account ("Grant") in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter ("DFIL"), and such additional instructions as the Bank may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. The Standard Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Project specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Grant Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Grant Funds

The *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 2017 ("Disbursement Guidelines"), are available on the Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and are an integral part of the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Grant is specified below.

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in **Schedule 1** provides the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, information on registration of authorized signatories, processing of Withdrawal Applications (including the minimum value of applications and advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and frequency of reporting on the Designated Account(s).

¹ "Bank" means: (a) IBRD if the Grant is made or administered by IBRD; (b) IDA if the Grant is made or administered by IDA; and (c) collectively, IBRD and IDA if the Grant is made or administered by both IBRD and IDA.



The Recipient shall through the FSRP PIU of NDPPCO deliver withdrawal Applications (with supporting documents, "Applications") electronically through the Bank's web-based portal "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. This option will be effective after the officials

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designated in writing by the Recipient, who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications, have registered as users of "Client Connection." The designated officials shall deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through "Client Connection." By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, which can be delivered manually or electronically, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Bank by these means. The Recipient may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form on exceptional cases (including those where the Recipient encounters legal limitations) and which were previously agreed with the Bank. By designating officials to use SIDC and deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the Authorized Signatory Letter its agreement to (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with the Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>; and (b) to cause such officials to abide by those terms and conditions.

II. Financial Reports and Audits

(i) Financial Reports

The Recipient shall through the FSRP PIU of NDPPCO prepare and furnish to the Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter interim unaudited financial reports ("IFRs") for the Project covering the quarter. The Recipient shall, through the FSRP PIU of NDPPCO cause the UN agency to provide the UN report as stipulated in the agreement between the Recipient and the UN agency in a timely manner.

□ Audits

Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Bank by the Recipient the FSRP PIU of NDPPCO not later than six (6) months after the end of such period. The Recipient shall the FSRP PIU of NDPPCO, cause the UN agency to provide the project audit report as stipulated in the agreement between the Recipient and the UN agency in a timely manner.

III. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>, the Bank recommends that you register as a user of "Client Connection." From this website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near realtime status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more

information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Bank by email at askloans@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

Abdu Muwonge

Abdu Muwonge
Country Manager for Sierra Leone
Africa Western and Central Region

Attachments

1. Form of Authorized Signatory Letter
2. Interim unaudited Financial Report (IFR)

With copies: The Financial Secretary Ministry
 of Finance
 Treasury Building
 George Street
 Freetown, Sierra Leone
 Email: fsecretary@mof.gov.sl

Hon. Mr. Mohamed Rahman Swaray
Minister
Ministry of Information and Communications
8th Floor, Youyi Building
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Investing in rural people

5 October 2023

Excellency,

Re: Republic of Sierra Leone: Financing Agreement
Loan No. I-893-SL; Grant No. I-DSF-8115-SL.
Additional Loan No. 2000002312; Additional Grant No. 2000002311
Rural Finance and Community Improvement Programme – Phase II ("RFCIP2"/ "the Programme")
Amendment to the Financing Agreement

1. We refer to the Financing Agreement dated 7 May 2013 between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the International Fund for Agricultural Development for the execution of the Programme, as amended and restated on 21 November 2018.
2. We also refer to the letter from the Minister for Finance, Economic Planning and Development dated 30th December 2022 requesting an additional financing amounting to USD 15,000,000 to scale up the Programme activities.
3. We are pleased to inform you that the Executive Board of the Fund approved in August 2023 an additional financing in the form of a Debt Sustainability Framework grant amounting to fifteen million United States dollars (USD 15 000 000) (the "Additional DSF Grant").
4. In light of the above, the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

I. Cover page and first page

"Additional DSF Grant No. 2000004672" shall be included.

II. Preamble: the following sections shall be amended to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Fund has subsequently agreed to provide a first additional financing in the form of a loan (the "Additional Loan") and a grant (the "Additional Grant") and a second Additional DSF Grant (jointly the "Additional Financing") to further support this Programme;"

III. Main Document

- (a) Section A, paragraph 3 shall be amended to read as follows:

"3. The Fund shall provide an Original Loan, an Original Grant, an Additional Loan, an Additional Grant and an Additional DSF Grant to the Borrower/Recipient (jointly referred to as the "Financing"), which the Borrower/Recipient shall use to implement the Programme in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement."

His Excellency
Minister for Finance
of the Republic of Sierra Leone
Freetown

- (b) Section B, a new paragraph E is included to read as follows:

"E. The amount of the Additional DSF Grant is fifteen million United States Dollars (USD 15 000 000)."

- (c) Section B, paragraph 6 is amended to include:

"6. A new "Designated Account C" for the Additional DSF Grant in United States dollars, to be opened in a reputable bank."

- (d) Section B, paragraph 7 is amended to read as follows:

"7. The Borrower/Recipient shall provide counterpart financing for the Programme in the amount of approximately five million two hundred thousand United States dollars (USD 5 200 000) to cover taxes and duties, the fixed assets contribution to the APEX and other Programme implementation costs, including supervision, in accordance with the approved Annual Work Plan and Budget ("AWPB") of the Programme."

- (e) Section C, paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

"3. The Programme Completion Date shall be the 31 of May 2027."

IV. Schedule II – Allocation Table

- (a) Paragraph 1 is amended to read as follows:

"1. Allocation of the Financing proceeds. (a) The Tables below set forth the Categories of Eligible Expenditures to be financed by the Original Loan, the Original Grant, the Additional Loan, the Additional Grant and an Additional DSF Grant and the allocation of the amounts of the respective financing to each Category and the percentages of expenditures for items to be financed in each Category."

- (b) A new Table 1.3 with a heading "IFAD Additional DSF Grant" shall be added as per Annex A to this letter.

- (c) A new paragraph (f) on retroactive financing shall be added to read as follows:

"f. *Retroactive financing.* As an exception to section 4.07(a) (ii) of the General Conditions, specific eligible expenditures incurred as of 1 July 2023 until the date of entry into force of this amendment letter shall be considered eligible up to an amount equivalent to one million five hundred thousand United States dollars (USD 1 500 000) for activities relating to the RFI computerization, recruitment and staff salary cost including NPCU running costs. Activities to be financed by retroactive financing and their respective category of expenditures and source of financing will require prior no objection from IFAD to be considered eligible."

5. Except as expressly modified hereby the Agreement remains unmodified and in full force and effect.

6. If this proposal is acceptable to you, we have the honour to request that you countersign the two copies of this letter and return one copy to the Fund, thereby constituting a formal agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Fund, which shall enter into force upon receipt by the Fund of the Instrument of ratification.

Accept, Honourable Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Pascaline Baranbeka
Country Director
West and Central Africa Division
Programme Management Department

CONFIRMED:

REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

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Sheku Ahmed Fantamadi Bangura
Minister for Finance

Date:

22 October 2023