## **CREDIT NUMBER 6868-HN**

# **Financing Agreement**

(Additional Financing to the Honduras COVID-19 Emergency Response Project)

between

THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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### FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") for the purpose of providing additional financing for activities related to the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). 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 credit, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in the amount of twenty million Dollars (USD20,000,000) (variously, "Credit" and "Financing"), to assist in financing the 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 The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to the greater of: (a) the sum of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge; and (b) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.05. The Interest Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawal Credit Balance shall be equal to the greater of: (a) the sum of one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge; and (b) zero percent (0%) per annum.



- 2.06. The Payment Dates are April 15 and October 15 in each year.
- 2.07. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
- 2.08. 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, through SESAL, 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) that the Amendment Letter has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled;
  - (b) that the PIU referred to in Section I.B. of Schedule 2 has been established in a manner satisfactory to the Association;
  - (c) that the Project Operational Manual has been prepared and adopted, in a manner satisfactory to the Association; and
  - (d) that the SEP and the ESMF have been updated, disclosed, consulted upon and adopted, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Board Approval 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 (20) years after the Signature Date.



## ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Finance Secretario of SEFIN.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions: (a) the Recipient's address is:

Secretaría de Estado en el Despacho de Finanzas Dirección General de Crédito Público Avenida Cervantes, Barrio El Jazmín Tegucigalpa, M.D.C. Honduras, C.A.; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:

E-mail

(504) 2237-4142

dgcp@sefin.gob.hn

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:

Telex:

Facsimile:

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# AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Luis Fernando Mata Echeverri

Title: Secretary of Finance

Date: 30-Jun-2021

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Andrea Gudes

**Authorized Representative** 

Andrea Guedes Name:

Title: \_\_\_ Acting Country Director

29-Jun-2021

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **Project Description**

The objective of the Project is to detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 in the Republic of Honduras.

The Project constitutes a phase of the MPA Program and consists of the Original Project and the following Parts 1.(b)(iv) and 1.(b)(v):

# Part 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response.

- (a) Strengthening the Recipient's epidemiologic surveillance and diagnostic capacity of SESAL, including, *inter alia*: (i) strengthening disease surveillance systems, public health laboratories, and epidemiological capacity for early detection and confirmation of COVID-19 cases at the central and sub-national levels through the provision of technical assistance, training, goods, supplies, energy-efficient equipment and systems; (ii) strengthening the international sanitary offices at points of entry as well as mass isolation units; (iii) providing operational support to SESAL's rapid response teams to investigate COVID-19 cases, perform contact tracing and implement community-based interventions for fast local outbreak containment; (iv) strengthening SESAL's existing information systems to provide data as needed to guide decision-making; (v) updating, disseminating, operationalizing and training SESAL's staff on relevant norms, protocols and guidelines on COVID-19 case management, patient care and infection prevention and control; and (vi) providing other measures supporting the detection and containment of COVID-19 and other potential infectious pathogens.
- (b) Strengthening of the public health services, including, *inter alia*: (i) providing medical services, supplies, medicines and equipment to public health facilities, including ICUs, for patients' medical care and to minimize contagious risks of patients and health personnel; (ii) providing technical assistance and training to selected health personnel public health facilities on the appropriate use of the equipment and provision of quality health care according to WHO protocols promoting the use of climate smart technologies when applicable; (iii) providing protective equipment, biosafety and hygiene materials for health personnel in public health facilities, including laboratories, isolation units, and international sanitary offices; (iv) procuring Project COVID-19 Vaccines; and (v) strengthening the Recipient's capacity to enable safe and effective vaccine deployment, including, *inter alia*:
  - (1) procurement of required supplies associated with vaccination activities, including waste management;
  - (2) contracting and training of human resources to strengthen delivery systems of Project COVID-19 Vaccines;
  - (3) developing national policies and plans surrounding prioritization of vaccine allocation;

- (4) improving regulatory standards for vaccination and pharmacovigilance systems;
- (5) implementing accountability and community engagement mechanisms;
- (6) strengthening information systems for vaccination registration, tracking, management, as well as pharmacovigilance;
- (7) supporting the development and strengthening of the Recipient's vaccinerelated immunization systems, and service delivery capacity, including inter alia, supply chain systems, management, and monitoring capacity and Training of health workers; and
- (8) implementing a communication campaign on vaccination.

# Part 2: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation.

- (a) Carrying out Project management activities including, *inter alia*: (i) the financial management, procurement, environmental and social requirements, and audits of the Project; (ii) monitoring and evaluation activities of the Project; and (iii) capacity building and monitoring and evaluation activities in pandemic preparedness, including, clinical and public health research, training of relevant administrative staff, and joint learning activities within the Recipient's territory and other countries.
- (b) Strengthening of SESAL's capacity to carry out its responsibilities under the Project.

#### **SCHEDULE 2**

#### **Project Execution**

#### Section I. Implementation Arrangements

## A. COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan of Honduras

Without limiting any other provision of this Agreement, the Recipient shall: (a) ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Emergency Response Plan ("ERP"); and (b) maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, adequate public health emergency coordination and management arrangements, all in a manner acceptable to the Association.

## B. Institutional Arrangements

The Recipient shall establish, operate and maintain throughout the implementation of the Project, a Project Implementing Unit ("PIU") within SESAL, with functions, responsibilities, resources and composition satisfactory to the Association, including, *inter alia*: a Project coordinator, a procurement specialist, a financial management specialist, an environmental specialist, and a social specialist, with qualifications satisfactory to the Association, as set forth in the Project Operational Manual.

#### C. Project Operational Manual

- 1. The Recipient, through SESAL shall prepare, adopt, and thereafter carry out the Project in accordance with a manual ("Project Operational Manual"), in a manner satisfactory to the Association, containing, *inter alia*: (a) specific provisions on detailed arrangements for the carrying out of the Project; (b) the composition and responsibilities of the PIU within SESAL; (c) the plan for monitoring, evaluation and supervision of the Project; (d) the procurement, financial management and disbursement requirements thereof; (e) the criteria and mechanisms to select the public health facilities, health personnel and administrative staff participating in the Project; (f) Personal Data collection and processing requirements in accordance with good international practices; (g) the project performance indicators; and (h) the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.
- 2. Without limitation on Section I.C.1 above, in order to ensure adequate implementation of Part 1.b (iv) and (v) of the Project, the Recipient, through SESAL, shall prepare and adopt, and include as part of the updated Project Operational Manual, a manual for COVID-19 Vaccine delivery and distribution ("Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual"), in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which shall include:
  - (a) 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;
- (b) 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;
- (c) rules and procedures for processing and collection of Personal Data in accordance with good international practice; and
- (d) vaccine distribution plan, including action plan setting out timeline and steps for immunization.
- 3. The Recipient, through SESAL, shall carry out the Project in accordance with this Agreement, the Project Operational Manual, and the Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual.
- 4. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient, shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive the provisions of the Project Operational Manual or the Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual without prior approval of the Association.
- 5. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Operational Manual or Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

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

- 1. Without limitations to the provisions of Section E of this Schedule and if, during Project implementation, the Recipient decides to use its military or security forces, the Recipient, through SESAL, shall:
  - (a) prior to any involvement of its military and/or security forces in the carrying out of Project activities, send a written notice to the Association (in accordance with Section 11.01(b) of the General Conditions) communicating such decision, including the name of the military or security unit;
  - (b) ensure that all activities carried out by said military or security unit under the Project are under the control of SESAL and are undertaken exclusively for the purposes related to the Project; and
  - (c) ensure that all goods, services, Operating Costs, and training financed by the Credit proceeds that may be used by said military or security unit are under the direction and control of SESAL and are carried out strictly in accordance with the Project Operational Manual and other arrangements

or protocols that the Association may require for carrying out these activities.

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

## E. Environmental and Social Standards

- 1. The Recipient, through SESAL, 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, through SESAL, shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan ("ESCP"), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
  - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, and provided in the ESCP;
  - (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
  - (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
  - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
- 3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 4. The Recipient shall, and shall cause SESAL to, ensure that the following measures are taken in case its military or security forces ("security personnel") are used in the implementation of Project activities, and/or for provision of security to Project workers, sites and/or assets, in a manner satisfactory to the Association:
  - (a) Adopt and enforce standards, protocols and codes of conduct for the selection and use of security or military personnel, and screen such personnel to verify that they have not engaged in past unlawful or abusive behavior, including sexual exploitation and abuse ("SEA"), sexual harassment ("SH") or excessive use of force;

- (b) ensure that such personnel is deployed in accordance with the relevant requirements of ESSs and the ESCP;
- (c) ensure that such personnel is adequately instructed and trained, prior to deployment and on a regular basis, on the use of force and appropriate conduct (including in relation to civilian-military engagement, SEA and SH, and other relevant areas), as set out in the, ESMF and the ESCP;
- (d) ensure that the stakeholder engagement activities under the Stakeholder Engagement Plan include a communication strategy on the involvement of such personnel under the Project;
- (e) ensure that any concerns or grievances regarding the conduct of such personnel are received, monitored, documented (taking into account the need to protect confidentiality), resolved through the Project's grievance mechanism; and reported to the Association no later than 5 days after being received.
- 5. The Recipient, through SESAL, shall ensure that:
  - (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
  - (b) the Association is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
- 6. The Recipient, through SESAL, 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, as set out in the ESCP.

### 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

- 1. The Recipient, through SESAL, 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.
- 2. 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, through SESAL, 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 Credit Allocated (expressed in USD)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, non-consulting services, and consulting services, Training and Operating Costs for the Project (except for goods under Part 1.(b)(iv))	14,250,000	100%
(2) Goods under Part 1.(b).(iv)	5,750,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	20,000,000	

## B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

- 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the Signature Date, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed USD 8,000,000 may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after February 1, 2021 (but in no case more than one year prior to the signature date of this Agreement) for Eligible Expenditures.
- 2. The Closing Date is April 30, 2023.

# **SCHEDULE 3**

# **Repayment Schedule**

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each April 15 and October 15:	
commencing October 15, 2026 to and including April 15, 2046	1.65%
Commencing October 15, 2046 to and including April 15, 2051	3.40%

<sup>\*</sup> The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.05 (b) of the General Conditions.

#### **APPENDIX**

#### Section I. Definitions

- 1. "Amendment Letter" means the amendment letter to be entered into the Recipient and the Association on the Signature Date, to amend the Original Financing Agreement.
- 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. "Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge" means the Association's standard basis adjustment to the Interest Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association, and expressed either as a positive or negative percentage per annum.
- 4. "Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge" means the Association's standard basis adjustment to the Service Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association, and expressed either as a positive or negative percentage per annum.
- 5. "Board Approval Date" means the date the Project is approved by the Board of Executive Directors of the Association.
- 6. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 7. "Concessional Financing" means, without limitation to the definition of said term in paragraph 19 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the Credit extended by the Association to the Recipient on the terms referred to in Article II of this Agreement and in the General Conditions.
- 8. "COVID-19" means the coronavirus disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
- 9. "Emergency Response Plan" and "ERP" mean the Recipient's emergency response plan for COVID-19 "Plan para la Contención y Respuesta a casos de Coronavirus (COVID-19) en Honduras", approved by SESAL, the Recipient's national system of disaster risk management, and the Pan American Health Organization on February, 2020, and acceptable to the Association, as said document may be modified from time to time during the COVID-19 pandemic, and such term includes all schedules and annexes to said document.

- 10. "Emergency Use Authorization" means an authorization issued by a Stringent Regulatory Authority to facilitate the availability and use of medical countermeasures, including vaccines, during a declared state of public health emergency.
- "Environmental and Social Commitment Plan" or "ESCP" means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated March 16, 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.
- "Environmental and Social Standards" or "ESSs" means, collectively: (i) 12. "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"; and (x) "Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure"; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.
- 13. "ESMF" or "Environmental and Social Management Framework" means the same plan prepared for the Original Project, referred to in Article IV, Section 4.01 to this Agreement, and to be updated, disclosed, consulted upon and adopted for the Project, as set out in the ESCP, in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.
- 14. "General Conditions" means the "International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing", dated December 14, 2018.
- 15. "ICU" means intensive care unit.
- 16. "MPA Program" means the multiphase programmatic approach program designed to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness.

- 17. "Operating Costs" means reasonable and necessary incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, including office supplies, vehicle rental, operation and maintenance, insurance costs, bank charges, office administration, maintenance and rental costs, communication costs, minor office refurbishing and equipment maintenance, utilities, document duplication/printing, consumables, travel, accommodation, *per diem* and supervision costs, and salaries of locally contracted employees as well as hazard payments for the Recipient's civil service staff (excluding regular salaries of the Recipient's civil service staff), and as approved by the Association.
- 18. "Original Financing Agreement" means the financing agreement entered into between the Recipient and the Association for financing the Project, dated April 23, 2020.
- 19. "Original Project" means the Honduras COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (Credit Number IDA 6626-HN) financed through the Original Financing Agreement.
- 20. "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.
- 21. "PIU" means the Project implementation unit referred to in Section I.B of Schedule
- 22. "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.
- 23. "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.
- 24. "Project Operational Manual" means the manual referred to in Section I.C.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 25. "Regions" mean the regional areas of the North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Asia Pacific, and Africa.

- 26. "SEFIN" means "Secretaria de Estado en el Despacho de Finanzas" the Recipient's Ministry of Finance, or its successor acceptable to the Association.
- 27. "SEP" or "Stakeholder Engagement Plan" means the same plan prepared for the Original Project, referred to in Article IV, Section 4.01 to this Agreement, and to be updated, disclosed, consulted upon and adopted for the Project, as set out in the ESCP, in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.
- 28. "SESAL" means Secretaria de Estado en el Despacho de Salud, the Recipient's Ministry of Health, established pursuant to Decree No. 08, dated December 24, 1954, or its successor acceptable to the Association.
- 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. "Stringent Regulatory Authority" means a National Regulatory Authority ("NRA") that is classified by WHO as a Stringent Regulatory Authority.
- 31. "Training" means the reasonable costs associated with training under the Project, as agreed between the Recipient and the Association, 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.
- 32. "Vaccine Approval Criteria" means that the Project COVID-19 Vaccine: (a) has been approved by three (3) Stringent Regulatory Authorities (including by Emergency Use Authorization) in three (3) Regions; or (b) has received the WHO Prequalification and has been approved by one (1) Stringent Regulatory Authority (including by Emergency Use Authorization); or (c) has met such other criteria as may be agreed in writing between the Recipient and the Association.
- 33. "WHO" means the World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health.
- 34. "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.