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Honourable Dr. Ashni Singh
Senior Minister, Office of the President, with Responsibility for Finance
Ministry of Finance
49 Main and Urquhart Streets
Georgetown, Guyana

Re: Co-operative Republic of Guyana
COVID-19 Emergency Response Project
Credit No. 6802-GY
First Amendment to the Financing Agreement

Excellency:

We refer to the above-referenced Financing Agreement between the Co-operative Republic of Guyana ("Recipient") and the International Development Association ("Association") dated December 15, 2020 ("Financing Agreement").

In view of the above and our recent discussions, the Association proposes to amend the Financing Agreement as follows:

1. Section 2.01 is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

"The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient a credit, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to five million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 5,400,000) (variously, "Credit" and "Financing"), to assist in financing Parts 1(a)(i)-(vii), 1(b)(i)-(vi), and 2 of the project as such project is described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project")."

2. The Project description set forth in Schedule 1 to the Financing Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety to read as set forth in the Annex to this Amendment Letter.

3. The table under Section III.A of Schedule 1 to the Financing Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs, and Training and Workshops for Part 1(a) (except viii and ix), Part 1(b) (except (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x)) and Part 2 of the Project	5,400,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	5,400,000	

4. The Appendix to the Financing Agreement is hereby amended by adding and placing in alphabetical order the following definitions (as a result, the remaining definitions are renumbered to maintain alphabetical order):

“‘Environmental and Social Commitment Plan’ or ‘ESCP’ means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated June 21, 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.”

“‘One Health’ means a coordinated, collaborative, multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach that recognizes the interconnection between the health of humans, animals and ecosystems and that addresses potential or existing risks originating from animal-human-ecosystem interfaces.”

“‘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.”

“‘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.”

All other terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendment, on behalf of the Recipient, by signing and dating this amendment letter in the spaces provided below. This amendment letter shall be executed in two counterparts each of which shall be an original and one of which shall be returned to us. The provisions set forth in this amendment letter will become effective as of the date of the countersignature, upon receipt by the Association of one fully executed original of this amendment letter.


Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By Kathryn Ann Funk
Kathryn Ann Funk
Acting Country Director
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AGREED:

CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

By: 
Authorized Representative
Title: Senior Minister, Office of the President
Date: 02-Jul-2021

Enclosure

ANNEX

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Guyana.

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

I. Emergency Response to COVID-19.

- (a) **Case Detection, Confirmation, Contact Tracing, Recording, and Reporting.** Strengthening disease surveillance systems, public health laboratories and epidemiological capacity for early detection of COVID-19 cases through:
- (i) improving the diagnostic capacity for COVID-19 in the National Public Health Reference Laboratory;
 - (ii) establishing COVID-19 diagnostic facilities in selected hospital labs;
 - (iii) improving general laboratory services to enhance clinical management of COVID-19 cases;
 - (iv) enhancing the provision of rapid results for COVID-19 screening;
 - (v) strengthening epidemiological and surveillance capacity;
 - (vi) establishing laboratory capacity in the Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation Annex;
 - (vii) recruiting, training and deploying contact tracers to cover all regions;
 - (viii) developing and implementing logistical data and tracking systems for Project COVID-19 Vaccine deployment and other immunization programs, including ancillary supplies and staff involved; and
 - (ix) training staff involved in the use of immunization surveillance and tracking systems.
- (b) **Health System Strengthening.** Strengthening the health system for more effective treatment of symptomatic COVID-19 patients, and isolation and quarantine of asymptomatic COVID-19 cases through:
- (i) expanding capacity for intensive care units;
 - (ii) establishing specialized medical care units in selected hospitals;
 - (iii) increasing bed capacity in hospitals, isolation and quarantine facilities;
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- (iv) increasing availability and improving existing cold-chain, storage facilities, and delivery systems for Project COVID-19 Vaccines;
- (v) strengthening psycho-social support to vulnerable households;
- (vi) promoting preventive actions to limit spread of communicable diseases and increasing community awareness and participation;
- (vii) supporting Guyana's health sector in the purchase and deployment of Project COVID-19 Vaccines;
- (viii) recruiting and training staff for Project COVID-19 Vaccine deployment and for the expanded program of immunization;
- (ix) developing and implementing citizen and community engagement mechanisms to build trust in immunizations; and
- (x) implementing a centralized hydroclave disposal system for waste generated by immunization activities.

2. Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Supporting Project implementation activities, including administrative, coordination management, procurement, financial management, environmental, social, reporting functions; and carrying out capacity building on pandemic response and preparedness.

3. Supporting National and Sub-National Prevention and Preparedness, and Health System Resilience.

Strengthening analytical and assessment capacity of the MOH and other relevant ministries of the Recipient on health system strengthening, preparedness and resilience, and on multisectoral actions for better health outcomes, through:

- (a) promoting a One Health approach, including:
 - (i) carrying out a joint external evaluation and training and dissemination activities;
 - (ii) carrying out a performance of veterinary services assessment; and
 - (iii) carrying out a One Health bridging workshop and a training program on resilience, multisectoral training in health and agriculture, data collection, cross-sectoral surveillance and integrated monitoring and reporting systems; and
- (b) strengthening the delivery and quality of care through an assessment of the performance of the health system and its ability to deliver essential services, including carrying out a health facility and a patient experience survey.