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

(Food and Nutrition Security Enhancement Project)

between

NEPAL

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

**acting as Trustee and Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food
Security Program**

Dated *November 14*, 2018

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AGREEMENT dated November 14, 2018, entered into between: NEPAL (“Recipient”); and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“World Bank”), acting as Trustee and Supervising Entity of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program.

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

**Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions**

- 1.01. The “Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds”, dated February 15, 2012 (“Standard Conditions”), constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in 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”). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MoALD in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.
- 2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

**Article III
The Grant**

- 3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount not to exceed twenty-two million seven hundred thousand United States Dollars (\$22,700,000) (“Grant”) to assist in financing the Project.

- 3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the World 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
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

- 4.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Secretary, Ministry of Finance or its Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation Coordination Division.

- 4.02. The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Finance
Government of Nepal
Singha Durbar
Kathmandu, Nepal

Facsimile:
(977-1) 4211-165

- 4.03. The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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

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1-202-477-6391

AGREED at Kathmandu, Nepal, as of the day and year first above written.

NEPAL

By



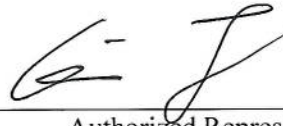
Authorized Representative

Name: Rajan Khanal

Title: Secretary, Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
acting as Trustee and Supervising Entity of the
Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

By



Authorized Representative

Name: Jimiao Fan

Title: Country Director

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to enhance climate resilience, improve agricultural productivity and nutrition practices of targeted smallholder farming communities in selected areas of Nepal.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A: Climate and Nutrition Smart Agricultural Technologies Adaptation and Dissemination

1. *Technology adaptation and testing.* Provision of support for testing and adapting appropriate climate and nutrition smart agricultural technologies, improved inputs (seeds fodder and livestock breeds) and improved agronomic, husbandry and post-harvest practices, including through: (a) testing of climate and nutrition smart crops and livestock technologies; (b) development of improved package of crop and livestock practices; (c) improvement of seed and breed replacement rate for crops and livestock (goats and poultry); and (d) training and capacity development.
2. *Technology dissemination and farmers' skills development.* Carrying out of a program of activities to enable farmers' adoption of improved climate smart agriculture technologies by mastering the management skills (good agriculture practices) required for sustainable production increases and post-harvest processing, including through: (a) provision of support for a streamlined farmer field school for crop and livestock production and adoption; (b) carrying out of demonstrations and field days; and (c) strengthening of advisory services and skills development.

Part B: Income Generation and Diversification

1. *Strengthening producer groups.* Provision of technical assistance and capacity building to: (a) improve skills, including training on participatory design of business plans, knowledge and business acumen of members of producer groups to make their farm operations more profitable and complement the agro-technical skills acquired under Part A of the Project; and (b) identify gender issues and formulate strategies for addressing them at the producer group and household levels.
2. *Building market linkages through productive alliances.* Carrying out of a program of activities to consolidate linkages between producer groups and market actors, including micro, small and medium-size enterprises, traders, and microfinance institutions, including through: (a) provision of technical assistance to conduct value chain analyses, market studies and diagnostics in the targeted rural

municipality clusters; (b) establishment of a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform among key actors in value chains; (c) provision of Matching Grants to cooperatives or groups of smallholder producers to finance the simple business plans developed under Part B.1; and (d) rehabilitation of critical market infrastructure.

Part C: Improving Nutrition Security

1. *Institutional capacity strengthening.* (a) Strengthening of subnational nutrition and food security networks to coordinate efforts between nutrition-sensitive and nutrition specific sectors; (b) provision of support for public outreach services; and (c) promotion of a balanced food plate.
2. *Nutrition field school and home nutrition gardens.* (a) Provision of support for the nutrition field schools; (b) strengthening of community institutions, particularly women's groups; and (c) provision of Small Grants to communities for investments in inputs, technologies, and services for home food production, processing, and preservation, and for reducing women's labor and drudgery.

Part D: Project Management, Communication and Monitoring and Evaluation

Provision of support for the planning, implementation, coordination, management, communication, and monitoring and evaluation of Project activities and training for the Project Management Unit, the State Level Coordination Committees and the Project Cluster Units.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. For purposes of Project oversight, implementation and coordination, the Recipient shall establish, by no later than two months after the Effective Date, and thereafter maintain, throughout the period of Project implementation:
 - (a) a Project Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary, MoALD and having composition and functions satisfactory to the Recipient and the World Bank, such functions to include facilitation of inter-agency/inter-ministerial cooperation and coordination, provision of oversight and policy guidance, approval of annual work plans, monitoring of Project implementation, and resolving of outstanding issues;
 - (b) a Project Management Unit within MoALD, headed by a Project Director, supported by qualified staff in sufficient numbers under terms of reference satisfactory to the Recipient and the World Bank, responsible for implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting;
 - (c) a Project Technical Coordination Committee chaired by the Joint Secretary of MoALD, and having composition and functions satisfactory to the Recipient and the World Bank, responsible for setting technical guidelines and norms for guiding Project implementation;
 - (d) a State Level Coordination Committee in each Project State, with composition satisfactory to the Recipient and the World Bank, to be responsible for Project planning, implementation, coordination, reporting, monitoring and supervision at the provincial-level.
 - (e) a Project Cluster Unit in each Project Municipality Cluster, with composition satisfactory to the Recipient and the World Bank, to be responsible for Project implementation, monitoring and coordination at the municipal-level.

B. Project Implementation Manual

1. The Recipient shall adopt, not later than two months after the date this Agreement becomes effective and thereafter ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with, the Project Implementation Manual, including the Matching Grant Manual and the Small Grant Manual annexed thereto, and shall not take or concur in any action which would have the effect of assigning, amending,

abrogating or waiving such documents or any provision thereof, without the prior written consent of the World Bank.

2. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental and Social Management Framework, which shall include the Resettlement Policy Framework and the Vulnerable Community Development Framework, and except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive, or permit to be assigned, amended, abrogated or waived, said instruments or any provision thereof.
2. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Environmental and Social Management Framework and those of this Agreement, the latter shall govern.
3. The Recipient shall ensure that any contract for works includes the obligation of the respective contractor to implement the Environmental and Social Management Framework.
4. Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under Section II.A of this Schedule, the Recipient shall collect and submit semi-annually, consolidated reports on compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework, giving details of measures taken in furtherance of the Environmental and Social Management Framework, and remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.
5. The Recipient shall ensure that the terms of reference for any consultancies related to studies, technical assistance and/or capacity building under this Agreement shall be satisfactory to the World Bank and, to that end, such terms of reference shall, *inter alia*, duly incorporate the requirements of the World Bank's Safeguard Policies then in force, as applied to the advice conveyed through such studies, technical assistance and/or capacity building activities.

D. Selection Criteria, Terms and Conditions and Procedures for Matching Grants and Sub-projects under Part B.2(c) of the Project and Small Grants and Sub-projects under Part C.2(c) of the Project

1. The Recipient shall provide to Beneficiaries, Matching Grants to finance Sub-projects under Part B.2(c) of the Project or Small Grants to finance Sub-projects under Part C.2(c) of the Project in accordance with the selection and eligibility

criteria, and procedures, as well as terms and conditions acceptable to the World Bank, as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual.

2. The Recipient shall make each Matching/Small Grant under a Matching/Small Grant Agreement with each Beneficiary using the form of the model matching/small grant agreement attached to the Project Implementation Manual and on the terms and conditions described in more detail in such Manual.
3. With respect to each Matching/Small Grant Agreement, the Recipient shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the World Bank, including the right to:
 - (a) suspend or terminate the right of the Beneficiary to use the proceeds of the Matching/Small Grant, or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Matching/Small Grant then withdrawn, upon the Beneficiary's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Matching/Small Grant Agreement;
 - (b) require each Beneficiary to:
 - (i) carry out the Sub-project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the World Bank, including in accordance with the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual, the Environmental and Social Management Framework, and the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of grant proceeds other than the Recipient;
 - (ii) prior to commencing any Sub-project: (a) prepare any relevant Environmental Management Plans, Land Acquisition and Resettlement Action Plans or Vulnerable Communities Development Plans, required under the Environmental and Social Management Framework; and (b) adopt such plans and ensure that such plans are disclosed publicly and are carried out in accordance with their respective terms;
 - (iii) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose of the Sub-project;
 - (iv) procure the goods, works and services to be financed out of the Matching/Small Grant in accordance with the provisions of Section III of this Schedule 2;

- (v) carry out the Sub-project activities prior to the Closing Date of this Agreement;
 - (vi) maintain procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the World Bank, the progress of the Sub-project and the achievement of its objectives, including records of meetings and minutes of the proceedings;
 - (vi) (A) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the World Bank, in a manner adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Sub-project; and (B) at the World Bank's or the Recipient's request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors, acceptable to the World Bank, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the World Bank, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the World Bank;
 - (vii) enable the Recipient and the World Bank to inspect the Sub-project, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and
 - (viii) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the World Bank all such information as the Recipient or the World Bank shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.
4. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under each Matching/Small Grant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the World Bank and to accomplish the purposes of the respective Sub-project. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any Matching/Small Grant Agreement or any of its provisions.

E. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of 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 ("Anti-Corruption Guidelines").

F. Donor Visibility and Visit

1. The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donors' support for the Project.

2. For the purposes of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon the World Bank's request, enable the representatives of the Donor(s) to visit any part of the Recipient's territory for purposes related to the Project.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports; Mid-term Review; Completion Report

1. The Recipient shall:
 - (a) monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of the indicators set forth in the Project Implementation Manual. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report;
 - (b) prepare, under terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank, and furnish to the World Bank, on or about December 15, 2021, a mid-term report integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of said report and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof during the period following such date; and
 - (c) review with the World Bank, on such date as the World Bank shall request, the report referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and, thereafter, take all measures required to ensure the efficient completion of the Project and the achievement of the objectives thereof, based on the conclusions and recommendations of said report and the World Bank's views on the matter.
2. The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date.

B. Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days

after the end of each calendar quadrimester, covering the quadrimester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements for the Project audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

All goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017 (“Procurement Regulations”), and the provisions of the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project (“Procurement Plan”) dated June 19, 2018 provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with the World Bank.

Section IV. 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; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing” dated February 2017, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.
2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Incremental	18,910,000	100%

Operating Costs under Parts A, B.1, B.2(a), B.2(b), B.2(d), C.1, C.2(a), C.2(b) and D of the Project		
(2) Matching Grants under Part B.2(c) of the Project	2,240,000	61.5%
(3) Small Grants under Part C.2(c) of the Project	1,550,000	61.5%
TOTAL AMOUNT	22,700,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.
2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is June 30, 2023.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Beneficiary” means a group of smallholder producers or a cooperative or a community group or a women group that meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Project Implementation Manual, whose Sub-project meets the selection criteria established in such Manual and which will receive a Matching Grant or a Small Grant, under a Matching Grant Agreement or a Small Grant Agreement.
2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” means the Recipient’s framework dated May 9, 2018 satisfactory to the World Bank and publicly disclosed in the Recipient’s territory on May 17, 2018, setting out measures to eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts of activities to be implemented under the Project, offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels, and to enhance positive impacts of such activities, and the mechanisms (procedures and institutional responsibilities) for ensuring sustainable environmental and social management of the Project, as such framework may be amended from time to time with the prior agreement of the World Bank.
4. “Environmental Management Plan” means a plan, acceptable to the World Bank to be prepared on the basis of the Environmental and Social Management Framework detailing the specific actions, measures and policies designed to address adverse environmental impacts and facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the Environmental and Social Management Framework, as such plan may be amended from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank; and “Environmental Management Plans” means, collectively, all such plans.
5. “G20” means the group of finance ministers and central bank governors from nineteen of the world’s largest economies and the European Union, formed in 1999 as a forum for member nations to discuss key issues related to the global economy and whose mandate is to promote growth and economic development across the globe.
6. “Global Agriculture and Food Security Program” or “GAFSP” means the multilateral mechanism to assist in the implementation of pledges made by the G20 in Pittsburgh in September 2009, whose objective is to address the underfunding of country and regional agriculture and food security strategic investment plans that have been developed by countries in consultation with donors and other stakeholders at the country-level.

7. “Incremental Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient on account of the Project for: office space rental, utilities, office supplies and equipment, support for information systems, building (including laboratory) and equipment maintenance, minor refurbishment of offices, vehicle operation, maintenance and insurance, translation and communication services, public awareness-related publicity and media expenses, travel and subsistence, bank charges, and salaries of temporary staff, but excluding salaries, bonuses, fees or honoraria of members of the Recipient’s civil service.
8. “Land Acquisition and Resettlement Action Plan” means a plan, acceptable to the World Bank, to be prepared in accordance with the Resettlement Policy Framework set out in the Environmental and Social Management Framework detailing specific actions, measures and policies designed to address loss of income, livelihoods or property associated with Project activities, as such plan may be amended from time to time with the prior written consent of the World Bank; and “Land Acquisition and Resettlement Action Plans” means, collectively, all such plans.
9. “Matching Grant” means a grant made or proposed to be made under Part B.2(c) of the Project to a Beneficiary for the financing of a Sub-project; and “Matching Grants” means, collectively, all such grants.
10. “Matching Grant Agreement” means the agreement referred to in Section I.D.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement to be entered into between the Recipient and a Beneficiary providing for the financing of a Sub-project through a Matching Grant and includes all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to the Matching Grant Agreement; and “Matching Grant Agreements” means, collectively, all such agreements.
11. “Matching Grant Manual” means the Recipient’s manual annexed to the Project Implementation Manual, containing, *inter alia*: (i) the criteria, detailed rules and procedures for the selection and financing of Sub-projects; (ii) the procedures for procurement, financial management and audits under the Sub-projects; (iii) the indicators to be used in the monitoring and evaluation of the Sub-projects; (iv) the disbursement arrangements for Matching Grants; and (v) the model form to be used for the preparation of Matching Grant Agreements, as such manual may be revised from time to time with the World Bank’s prior written approval.
12. “Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development” or “MoALD” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for agriculture development, or any successor thereto.
13. “Ministry of Finance” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for finance, or any successor thereto.

14. "Project Cluster Unit" means the unit referred to in paragraph 1(e) of Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and "Project Cluster Units" means, collectively, all such units.
15. "Project Implementation Manual" means the plan for the Project to be prepared and adopted by the Recipient and found satisfactory to the World Bank containing, inter alia: (i) the implementation arrangements; (ii) the procurement procedures and standard procurement documentation; (iii) the financial management action plan which outlines reporting requirements, financial management and audit procedures; (iv) key guidelines and principles for environmental and social management including the Environmental and Social Management Framework; (v) the performance indicators to be used in the monitoring and evaluation of the Project; (vi) flow and disbursement arrangements of Project funds; (vii) the Matching Grant Manual; and (viii) the Small Grant Manual, as said manual may be amended from time to time with the World Bank's prior written approval.
16. "Project Management Unit" means the unit referred to in paragraph 1(b) of Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
17. "Project Municipality Cluster" means a municipality cluster in the Recipient's territory selected to participate in the implementation of the Project, acceptable to the World Bank; and "Project Municipality Clusters" means, collectively, all such municipality clusters.
18. "Project State" means a State in the Recipient's territory selected to participate in the implementation of the Project, acceptable to the World Bank.
19. "Project Steering Committee" means the committee referred to in paragraph 1(a) of Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
20. "Project Technical Coordination Committee" means the committee referred to in paragraph 1(c) of Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
21. "Resettlement Policy Framework" means the Recipient's resettlement policy framework acceptable to the World Bank and included in the Environmental and Social Management Framework, setting out the measures and actions to be taken during the implementation of the Project to address loss of income, livelihoods or property associated with Project activities, as such framework may be amended from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank and the Recipient.
22. "Small Grant" means a grant made or proposed to be made under Part C.2(c) of the Project to a Beneficiary for the financing of a Sub-project; and "Small Grants" means, collectively, all such grants.

23. "Small Grant Agreement" means the agreement referred to in Section I.D.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement to be entered into between the Recipient and a Beneficiary providing for the financing of a Sub-project through a Small Grant and includes all appendices, schedules and agreements supplemental to the Small Grant Agreement; and "Small Grant Agreements" means, collectively, all such agreements.
24. "Small Grant Manual" means the Recipient's manual annexed to the Project Implementation Manual, containing, *inter alia*: (i) the criteria, detailed rules and procedures for the selection and financing of Sub-projects; (ii) the procedures for procurement, financial management and audits under the Sub-projects; (iii) the indicators to be used in the monitoring and evaluation of the Sub-projects; (iv) the disbursement arrangements for Small Grants; and (v) the model form to be used for the preparation of Small Grant Agreements, as such manual may be revised from time to time with the World Bank's prior written approval.
25. "State Level Coordination Committee" means the committee referred to in paragraph 1(d) of Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and "State Level Coordination Committees" means, collectively, all such committees.
26. "Sub-project" means an investment that meets the criteria established in the Project Implementation Manual and to be implemented by a Beneficiary under Part B.2(c) or Part C.2(c) of the Project.
27. "Training" means expenditures (other than those for consultants' services) to finance the reasonable costs of local and overseas training and workshops, the services of trainers and speakers, meeting rooms, materials, publications, travel costs, per diem allowances for trainees and participants.
28. "Vulnerable Communities Development Framework" means the Recipient's vulnerable communities development framework acceptable to the World Bank and included in the Environmental and Social Management Framework, setting out the measures and actions to be taken during the implementation of the Project to address any adverse effects on Vulnerable Communities associated with the implementation of the Project, and ensure culturally appropriate social and economic benefits for Vulnerable Communities affected by the Project, as such framework may be amended from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank and the Recipient.
29. "Vulnerable Communities Development Plan" means a plan, acceptable to the World Bank, to be prepared as provided for in the Environmental and Social Management Framework detailing the specific actions, measures and policies identified by the Recipient to address any adverse effects on Vulnerable Communities associated with the implementation of the Project, and ensure culturally appropriate social and economic benefits for Vulnerable Communities affected by the Project, as such plan may be amended from time to time with the

prior written agreement of the World Bank; and “Vulnerable Communities Development Plans” means, collectively, all such plans.

30. “Vulnerable Community” means a social group susceptible to being disadvantaged in the development process induced by the Project or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, ethnic minorities, indigenous groups, female headed households, the poor (based on the Recipient’s poverty line), the differently abled, the elderly and landless families.
31. “World Bank’s Safeguard Policies” means the World Bank’s operational policies and procedures set forth in the World Bank’s Operational Manual under OP/BPs 4.01, 4.04, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.36, 4.37, 7.50 and 7.60 published at www.worldbank.org/opmanual.