



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE WORLD BANK

AND

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, "World Bank") and the World Health Organization ("WHO") (collectively, the "Parties") recognize the critical importance of partnerships for meeting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

WHEREAS, the Parties share a common intention to foster their cooperation and acknowledge the need to define an enabling environment in pursuit of this endeavour, in particular in ensuring healthy lives of people and promoting wellbeing for all at all ages, at global and country levels;

WHEREAS, the Parties will cooperate in developing training materials (including "Frequently Asked Questions" indicated in Appendix A to this Memorandum of Agreement) on the use of the Standard Forms of Agreement in order to facilitate their consistent interpretation and effective application;

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that a number of provisions in the Standard Forms of Agreement derive from the Financial Management Framework Agreement (FMFA) and the Fiduciary Principles Accord (FPA) concluded between UN agencies (including WHO) and the World Bank;

WHEREAS in 2017 the World Bank intends to initiate a process with UN agencies to discuss and review the approach pertaining to the management of fraud and corruption prevention and that as an outcome of this process revised provisions on fraud and corruption prevention will become applicable to the Standard Forms of Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

1. When a Government engages WHO in provision of technical assistance in support of achieving the development objectives set up within the context of the World Bank-financed operations, the annexed Standard Form of Agreement (*"Provision of Technical Assistance by WHO Under Bank-Financed Projects"*) shall be used and should not be amended except by agreement in writing of the World Bank and WHO.
2. When a Government requests WHO's assistance in implementing "technical cooperation programmes or projects" that may include multiple components and a range of inputs (goods, works, consulting and non-consulting services, and training) that are required for delivery of outputs, the annexed Standard Form of Agreement (*"Delivery of Outputs by WHO Under Bank-Financed Projects"*) shall be used and should not be amended except by agreement in writing of the World Bank and WHO.
3. This Memorandum of Agreement is valid for an indefinite period and may be terminated by either Party upon six (6) months' written notice to the other Party.

Geneva, 17 November 2016



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Appendix A

Preliminary List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to be jointly developed by the World Bank and WHO to facilitate effective application of the Technical Assistance and Output- based Standard Forms of Agreement

- a. Guidance and examples on when the Technical Assistance vs Output template agreement should be used.
- b. Clarification on the 25% limit on procurement of equipment under the Technical Assistance template.
- c. Guidance on the hiring of government officials by WHO under the Technical Assistance and Output templates. Examples of circumstances when financial transfers to Government are permissible, notwithstanding the general prohibition on the use of WHO DFC financing modality under the Standard Forms of Agreement (Annex II).
- d. Guidance on application of the World Bank's temporary suspension and debarment lists to the UN Agencies' vendors.
- e. Reporting templates – (i) Progress report, (ii) Interim report, and (iii) Final Certified Financial Statement, to be included.
- f. Clarification on the standard for reporting of information on allegations of corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices and the procedure for information sharing.
- g. Guidance on the process and communication that WHO would provide to the Government with respect to consultants, contractors and staff that are selected after signature of a Standard Form of Agreement (Annex I).
- h. Guidance on the development of an Inception Report (Annex III).



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