



United Nations
Office for South-South Cooperation

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Subject: Approval of IBSA Fund Proposal: National Health Insurance Support Project

Dear Mr. O'Malley,

We are pleased to inform you that the project proposal in reference received favourable review by the Board of Directors of the India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation for funding by the IBSA Fund.

As a next step, a detailed project document should be formulated in line with the approved proposal, through a multi-stakeholder approach. We have been informed that the government of Grenada and UNDP have agreed that UNDP will act as Implementing Agency and facilitate consultations with the various stakeholders in this initiative towards drafting of the detailed project document. As stated in the approved proposal and annexes, the government focal points are Mr. Alva Browne, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. David S. Phillip, NHI Coordinator, Ministry of Implementation.

As way of background, the IBSA Fund was created out of the IBSA Dialogue Forum in 2004. As an example of cooperation among three developing countries, the fund constitutes a pioneer and unique initiative to enhance South-South cooperation for the benefit of nations of the South. Its purpose is to identify replicable and scalable projects that can be disseminated to interested developing countries as examples of best practices in the fight against poverty and hunger.

The IBSA Fund operates through a demand driven approach. Governments requesting support by this fund initiate discussion with focal points appointed among IBSA countries' officers around the world. These focal points submit proposals to the IBSA Fund Board of Directors for review. If the proposal receives favourable review, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation which acts as fund manager and secretariat of the Board of Directors, initiates contact with the named or potential implementing agency to advance formulation of a project, and to eventually facilitate the project's implementation.

Mr. Stephen O'Malley
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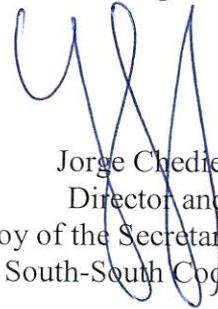
The project should be formulated in line with the IBSA guidelines in enclosure. Moreover, the project formulation phase is the most adequate stage for incorporating concerns for sound South-South cooperation partnerships. Additional concerns from IBSA include stressing the project's capacity building impact, its sustainability, the detail planning of a disengagement strategy and the use of Southern experts and institutions to engage in knowledge sharing.

The IBSA Board of Directors meets four times a year. All projects funded by the IBSA fund must report to the Board quarterly on their activities.

We look forwards to working together in the design and implementation of a successful IBSA project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or if you would like to further discuss IBSA operating modalities and objectives.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jorge Chediek', is written over the typed name and title.

Jorge Chediek
Director and
Envoy of the Secretary-General
on South-South Cooperation

Enclosures:

- Project Proposal: National Health Insurance Support Project
- IBSA Fund Programme Guidelines