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Advisory Services (DAS) Funding Facility

I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Development Advisory Services (DAS) facility, a new and flexible non-core funding modality intended to support the upstream work of country offices. While the immediate benefit to individual country offices will vary according to past non-core income, over the longer term, I see this as an important step towards equipping you with the right tools for providing upstream advisory services in an increasingly non-core environment.

In many respects, the DAS facility will serve as the non-core financed equivalent of the core financed DSS facility. As such, it will provide Resident Representatives with some additional, directly accessible resources for rapid advisory services and substantive support. Please note that, since it is a non-core facility, there is no Headquarters' funding envisaged, and so your level of DAS resources

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depends on your ability to transfer existing and to mobilize new non-core resources for the facility. An interesting feature of the facility is that it can be used to accept direct contributions for upstream services from government and donors.

The enclosed document provides a detailed description of the DAS facility, including the pertinent operational and procedural guidelines needed to quickly establish and implement it at the country level. This document is also posted on the DRPC web site.

Within the next two weeks, DRPC will be contacting you directly to advise on specific non-core resources available to individual country offices that could be used to operationalize this new facility (add-on resources, interest income earned on unutilized cost sharing balances, etc.). The total available from all sources is around \$31.4 million but you should be aware that there will be a lot of variation in terms of how much is available to each office. Of the total, about \$4.1 m will be transferred to COs in Africa, \$7.4 m in Asia and the Pacific, \$2.0 m in Arab States, \$17.5 m in Latin America and the Caribbean, and \$0.4 m in Europe. This variation is based mainly on regional differences in income from cost sharing interest.

I hope that each of you will take immediate advantage of the opportunity to establish, fund and utilize this new facility. I look forward to your feedback on the usefulness of the facility.

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