

**FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH  
VIRGIN ISLANDS**

WHEREAS the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as "UNDP") and the Government of the British Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as the "Government") have agreed to co-operate in the implementation of a project/programme in the British Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Project"), as described in the Project document [Enhancing British Virgin Islands local capacities to promote sustainable development, resilience and greater regional presence in the Caribbean], in the British Virgin Islands, and submitted to the Government for information.

WHEREAS the Government has informed UNDP of its willingness to contribute funds (hereinafter referred to as "the contribution") to the UNDP on a cost-sharing basis to increase the resources available for the Project;

WHEREAS the UNDP shall designate an Implementing Partner for the implementation of each Project financed from the contribution (hereinafter referred to as "the Implementing Partner")

NOW THEREFORE, UNDP and the Government hereby agree as follows:

**Article I**

1. The Government shall, in the manner referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, place at the disposal of UNDP the contribution of 120,000 US Dollars (one hundred and twenty thousand American dollars).
2. The Government shall, in accordance with the schedule of payments set out below, deposit the contribution in:

Name of the beneficiary	UNDP Representatives in Barbados (USD) Account
Full address of beneficiary	UN House, Marine Gardens, Hastings, Christ Church, Barbados
Bank account number	3752218105
Full address of beneficiary bank	Bank of America 730 15 <sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. 7 <sup>th</sup> floor Washington DC 20005-1012 United States of America
SWIFT code of beneficiary bank	BOFAUS3N ABA Number 111000012 FED Wire 026009593

<u>Date payment due</u>	<u>Amount (stated currency)</u>
90 days after the signature of the present agreement	US\$120,000

3. The Government will inform UNDP when the Contribution is paid via an e-mail with remittance information to [contributions@undp.org](mailto:contributions@undp.org) and [ugo.blanco@undp.org](mailto:ugo.blanco@undp.org), providing the following information: Government's name, UNDP multi country office for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, Project no. and title, Government reference (if available). This information should also be included in the bank remittance advice when funds are remitted to UNDP.
4. The value of the payment will be made in US dollars.
5. The above schedule of payments<sup>1</sup> takes into account the requirement that contributions shall be paid in advance of the implementation of planned activities. It may be amended to be consistent with the progress of project delivery. UNDP shall not absorb any loss (including but not limited to exchange fluctuations) under the Project. The Parties acknowledge and agree that all losses shall be charged to the Project.
6. All financial accounts and statements shall be expressed in United States dollars.
7. UNDP may agree to accept Contributions in a currency other than United States dollars provided such currency is fully convertible or readily usable by UNDP and subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 above. Any change in the currency of the Contribution shall be made only in agreement with UNDP.

## Article II

1. In accordance with the decisions and directives of UNDP's Executive Board reflected in its Policy on Cost Recovery from Other Resources, the Contribution shall be subject to cost recovery for indirect costs incurred by UNDP headquarters and country office structures in providing General Management Support (GMS) services. To cover these GMS costs, the contribution shall be charged a fee equal to 8 %. Furthermore, as long as they are unequivocally linked to the specific project(s), all direct costs of implementation, including the costs of implementing partner, will be identified in the project budget against a relevant budget line and borne by the project accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> It is recommended that country offices negotiate the number of installments to ensure at least six months' anticipated disbursements are funded with each installment. This will make processing of contributions and reporting more efficient for the country offices.

2. The aggregate of the amounts budgeted for the project, together with the estimated costs of reimbursement of related support services, shall not exceed the total resources available to the project under this Agreement as well as funds which may be available to the project for project costs and for support costs under other sources of financing.

### **Article III**

1. The contribution shall be administered by the UNDP in accordance with UNDP regulations, rules, policies and procedures, applying its normal procedures for the execution of its projects.
2. Project management and expenditures shall be governed by the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of UNDP and, where applicable, the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the Implementing Partner.

### **Article IV**

1. The implementation of the responsibilities of the UNDP and of the Implementing Partner pursuant to this Agreement and the relevant project document shall be dependent on receipt by the UNDP of the contribution in accordance with the schedule of payments set out in Article I, paragraph 2, above. UNDP shall not start implementation of the activities prior to receiving the Contribution or the first tranche of the Contribution (whichever is applicable).
2. If unforeseen increases in expenditures or commitments are expected or realized (whether due to inflationary factors, fluctuation in exchange rates or unforeseen contingencies) UNDP shall submit to the Government on a timely basis a supplementary estimate showing the further financing that will be necessary. The Government shall use its best endeavors to make available to UNDP the additional funds required.
3. If the Contribution referred to in Article I, paragraph 2, above, are not received in accordance with the payment schedule, or if the additional financing required in accordance with paragraph 2, above, is not forthcoming from the Government or other sources, the assistance to be provided to the Project under this Agreement may be reduced, suspended or terminated by UNDP.

### **Article V**

Ownership of equipment, supplies and other property financed from the contribution shall vest in UNDP. Matters relating to the transfer of ownership by UNDP shall be determined in accordance with the relevant policies and procedures of UNDP.

### **Article VI**

The contribution shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures provided for in the financial regulations, rules, policies and procedures of UNDP.

### **Article VII**

UNDP shall provide the Government on request with financial and other reports prepared in accordance with UNDP reporting procedures.

### **Article VIII**

1. UNDP shall notify the Government when all activities relating to the Project have been completed in accordance with the Project Document.
2. Notwithstanding the completion of all activities relating to the [Programme/Project], UNDP shall continue to hold unutilized funds from the Contribution until all commitments and liabilities incurred in implementation of the activities finance by the contribution have been satisfied and these activities brought to an orderly conclusion.
3. If the unutilized funds prove insufficient to meet such commitments and liabilities, UNDP shall notify the Government and consult with the Government on the manner in which such commitments and liabilities may be satisfied.
4. In cases where the Project is completed in accordance with the project document any funds below 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be automatically reallocated by UNDP. Any funds above 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be reallocated by UNDP after consultation with the Government.

### **Article IX**

The Parties agree that it is important to take all necessary precautions to avoid corrupt practices. To this end, UNDP shall maintain standards of conduct to govern the performance of its staff, including of corrupt practices in connection with the award and administration of contracts, grants, or other benefits, as set forth in the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, the UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules, and the UN Procurement Manual.

### **Article X**

Consistent with numerous United Security Council resolutions, including S/RES/1269 (1999), S/RES 1368 (2001), and S/RES/1373 (2001), both the Donor and UNDP are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. It is the policy of UNDP to seek to ensure that none of its funds are used, directly or indirectly, to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism. In accordance with this policy, UNDP undertakes to use reasonable efforts to ensure that none of the Donor funds provided under this Agreement are used to provide support to individuals or entities associated with terrorism.

### **Article XI**

1. After consultations have taken place between the two Parties to this Agreement and provided that the funds from the Contribution already received are, together with other funds available to the [Programme/Project], sufficient to meet all commitments and liabilities incurred in the implementation of the [Programme/Project], this Agreement may be terminated by UNDP or by the Government. The Agreement shall cease to be in force thirty days after either of the Parties may have given notice in writing to the other Party of its decision to terminate the Agreement.
2. If the unutilized contribution-payments, together with other funds available to the Project, are insufficient to meet such commitments and liabilities, UNDP shall notify the Government and consult with the Government on the manner in which such commitments and liabilities may be satisfied.
3. Notwithstanding termination of this Agreement, UNDP shall continue to hold unutilized funds until all commitments and liabilities incurred in implementation of the activities financed by the contribution have been satisfied and these activities brought to an orderly conclusion.
4. In cases where this agreement is terminated before Project completion any funds below 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be automatically reallocated by UNDP. Any funds above 5,000 USD (five thousand US Dollars) that remain unexpended after all commitments and liabilities have been satisfied shall be reallocated by UNDP after consultation with the Government.

**Article XIII**

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the signature of this Agreement by parties hereto, on the date of the last signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Agreement in the English and in two copies.

For the Government:

For the United Nations Development Programme



(Signature)

Name: Dr. Carolyn O'Neal-Morton  
Title: Permanent Secretary, Premier's Office

Date: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Place: Tortola, Virgin Islands

(Signature)

Name: Valerie Cliff  
Title: Resident Representative

Date: 19 April 2021

Place: Barbados

**Article XII**

Any notice or correspondence between UNDP and the Government will be addressed as follows:

- (a) To the Government: Dr. Carolyn O’Neal-Morton, Permanent Secretary,  
Premier’s Office

Address: Premier's Office  
Government of the Virgin Islands  
2nd Floor, Cutlass Tower  
Road Town, TORTOLA  
VG1110  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- (b) Upon receipt of funds, UNDP shall send an electronic receipt to the Government email address provided below as confirmation that the remitted funds have been received by UNDP

Government email address: [coneal-morton@gov.vg](mailto:coneal-morton@gov.vg)

Attention: Dr. Carolyn O’Neal-Morton, Permanent  
Secretary, Premier’s Office

To UNDP: Ugo Blanco, Deputy Resident Representative

Address: United Nations Development Programme  
[Ugo.blanco@undp.org](mailto:Ugo.blanco@undp.org)