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GRANT NUMBER 0385-SOL

GRANT AGREEMENT  
(Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund)  
(Solomon Islands Flood Disaster Response Project)

between

SOLOMON ISLANDS

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 22 APRIL 2014

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**GRANT AGREEMENT  
(Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund)**

GRANT AGREEMENT dated 22 April 2014 between SOLOMON ISLANDS (the "Recipient") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

WHEREAS

(A) the Recipient has applied to ADB for a grant for the purposes of the Project described in Schedule 1 to this Grant Agreement; and

(B) ADB has agreed to provide a grant to the Recipient from ADB's Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund resources upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Grant Regulations; Definitions**

Section 1.01. All provisions of the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund Grant Regulations of ADB, dated 1 April 2009 (the "Grant Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Grant Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02. The definitions set forth in the Grant Regulations are applicable to this Grant Agreement unless the context requires otherwise. In addition, the following term has the following meaning: "Auditors" means the supreme audit institution of the Recipient, or an independent audit firm acceptable to ADB.

**ARTICLE II**

**The Grant**

Section 2.01. ADB agrees to make available to the Recipient from ADB's Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund resources on terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement an amount of two hundred thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Use of Proceeds of the Grant**

Section 3.01. The Recipient shall cause the proceeds of the Grant to be applied to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement.

Section 3.02. The Grant shall be withdrawn from the Grant Account in a single payment to be made in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Grant Agreement.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, all goods, works and consulting services to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Recipient relating to procurement.

Section 3.04. The Grant Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Grant Regulations shall be the date which is 6 months after the date of this Grant Agreement or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Recipient and ADB. The Recipient shall not use the proceeds of the Grant, or allow the proceeds of the Grant to be used, for any expenditures incurred after the Grant Closing Date.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Particular Covenants**

Section 4.01. (a) The Recipient shall (i) maintain, or cause to be maintained, separate accounts for the Project; (ii) have such accounts and related financial statements audited by the Auditors; (iii) furnish to ADB, as soon as available but in any event not later than 6 months after receipt by ADB of the statement of expenditures referred to in Schedule 2 to this Grant Agreement, certified copies of such audited accounts and financial statements and the report of the Auditors relating thereto (including the Auditors' opinion on the use of the Grant proceeds as well as on the use of the procedures for imprest account and statement of expenditures), all in the English language; and (iv) furnish to ADB such other information concerning such accounts and financial statements and the audit thereof as ADB shall reasonably request.

(b) The Recipient shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the Recipient's financial statements for the Project with the Auditors, and shall authorize and require any representative of such Auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB, provided that any such discussion shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Recipient unless the Recipient shall otherwise agree.

Section 4.02. The Recipient shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the goods financed out of the proceeds of the Grant, and any relevant records and documents.

Section 4.03. The Recipient shall include in bidding documents and contracts financed in whole or in part out of the Grant a provision requiring bidders, suppliers, contractors, and consultants to permit ADB or its representative to inspect their accounts and records and other documents relating to the bid submission and contract performance and to have them audited by auditors appointed by ADB.

Section 4.04. The Recipient shall include in contracts financed in whole or in part out of the Grant an undertaking by the suppliers, contractors and the consultants that no fees, gratuities, rebates, gifts, commissions, or other payments, except those shown in the bid or the proposal, have been given or received in connection with the procurement process, the consultant selection process or in contract execution.

Section 4.05. ADB reserves the right to reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder or the consultant, as the case may be, recommended for award has directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for the contract in question.

Section 4.06. ADB reserves the right to sanction a party or its successor, including declaring ineligible, either indefinitely or for a stated period of time, such party or successor from participating in ADB-financed activities if it at any time determines that the party has, directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive or other prohibited practices in competing for, or in executing, an ADB-financed contract.

Section 4.07. For the purposes of Section 4.05 and Section 4.06, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "coercive practice" means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any party or the property of the party to influence improperly the actions of a party;

(b) "collusive practice" means an arrangement between two or more parties designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing improperly the actions of another party;

(c) "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another party; and

(d) "fraudulent practice" means any act or omission, including a misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, a party to obtain a financial or other benefit or to avoid an obligation.

**ARTICLE V**

**Miscellaneous**

Section 5.01. The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of the Recipient is designated as representative of the Recipient for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Grant Regulations.

Section 5.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Grant Regulations:

For the Recipient

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Finance and Treasury  
P.O. Box 26  
Honiara, Solomon Islands

Facsimile Number:

(677) 27855.

For ADB

Asian Development Bank  
6 ADB Avenue  
Mandaluyong City  
1550 Metro Manila  
Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 636-2444

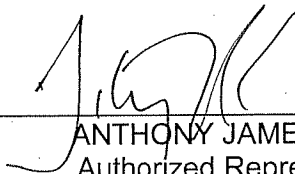
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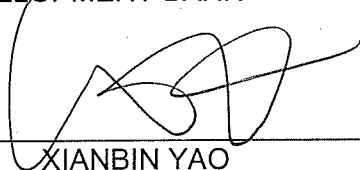
Asian Development Bank  
Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office  
45 Clarence Street  
Sydney 2000, Australia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Grant Agreement to be signed in their respective names and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB, as of the day and year first above written.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
ANTHONY JAMES BAKER  
Authorized Representative

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
XIANBIN YAO  
Director General  
Pacific Department

**SCHEDULE 1**

**Description of the Project**

1. The Project consists of activities relating to the provision of life preserving services for communities affected by the following natural disaster: Solomon Islands flooding of April 2014.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

#### Disbursement Procedures

1. Except as ADB may otherwise agree or as otherwise provided in this Grant Agreement, the Grant proceeds for financing goods, works, consulting services and other items shall be disbursed in accordance with ADB's "Loan Disbursement Handbook" dated 2012 (ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook), as amended from time to time.
2. The Recipient shall establish immediately after the Effective Date an imprest account with the central bank of the Recipient or a commercial bank acceptable to ADB. Except as otherwise provided in this Grant Agreement, the imprest account shall be established, managed, and liquidated in accordance with ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook. The currency of the imprest account shall be the Dollar.
3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook, the Recipient shall submit to ADB, immediately upon signing of this Grant Agreement, a withdrawal application substantially in the form attached as Attachment 1 to this Schedule 2 duly signed by the person who has signed this Grant Agreement on behalf of the Recipient or any person authorized in writing by such representative to sign the withdrawal application on behalf of the Recipient. The Recipient shall not be required to submit a statement of the estimated ADB share of project.
4. Promptly after having received the withdrawal application of the Recipient in form and substance acceptable to ADB, ADB shall remit the full amount of the Grant to the imprest account of the Recipient.
5. Promptly after the Grant Closing Date, the Recipient shall submit to ADB a statement of expenditures, substantially in the form attached as Attachment 2 to this Schedule 2, to liquidate the advance provided into the imprest account. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook, there shall be no ceiling in the amount of a contract for which the statement of expenditures procedure is used. All authenticating documents, including contracts, invoices and receipts, shall be retained by the Recipient and shall be made available for review by ADB or any auditors appointed by ADB.
6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in ADB's Loan Disbursement Handbook, ADB shall not require a comfort letter from the bank in which the Recipient maintains its imprest account.
7. Promptly upon demand by ADB, the Recipient shall refund to ADB any balance of the Grant advance not liquidated. The Recipient shall also, promptly upon demand by ADB, refund to ADB any amount of the proceeds of the Grant that has been used to finance in full or in part a contract for goods or services with respect to the procurement of which ADB has determined that (i) corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient or any beneficiary of the Grant, without the Recipient having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to ADB to remedy the situation; or (ii) the procurement was inconsistent with the procedure set out in this Grant Agreement. For the



purposes of this section the terms “corrupt practice”, “fraudulent practice”, “collusive practice” or “coercive practices” shall have the meanings as specified in Section 4.07 of this Grant Agreement.

#### Counterpart Funding

8. The Recipient may use the proceeds of the Grant to pay up to 100% of eligible expenditures, including applicable taxes.

**WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION FORM FOR IMPREST FUND**

Asian Development Bank **ADB**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To: Asian Development Bank  
6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City  
1550 Metro Manila, Philippines

Attention: Loan Administration Division, Controller's Department (CTLA)

ADB Grant No.	
Application No.	<input type="text"/>
Type of Disbursement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Imprest Advance

Sir/Madam:

1. In connection with the Grant Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ between the Asian Development Bank and the Solomon Islands, please pay from the Grant Account for the purpose of establishing the Imprest Fund.

Currency	Amount of the Grant (in figures and words)
United States Dollar (US\$)	Two Hundred Thousand (US\$200,000)

2. The Recipient certifies and agrees as follows:

- a. the said amount is required for payment of eligible expenditures for the Project as described in the Grant Agreement
- b. promptly within 6 months after receiving the advance in the imprest account, the undersigned will furnish a Statement of Expenditure (SOE) satisfactory to ADB to liquidate and document the advance.
- c. for expenditures to be liquidated on the basis of a SOE, all authenticating documents will be retained by the Recipient and will be made available for review by auditors and ADB representatives upon request.
- d. as of the date of this application, there is no existing default under the Grant Agreement.

**3. Payment Instructions:**

- A. Payee's Name and Address  
Payee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Payee's Address \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Name and Address of Payee's Bank and Account No.  
Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Payee's Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
SWIFT Code \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Correspondent Bank(If Payee's Bank is not located in the Country whose currency is claimed, enter the name and address of their bank's correspondent in the country whose currency is to be paid.)  
Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Account No. of Payee's Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
SWIFT Code \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Special Payment Instructions and Other References  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. This application consists of \_\_\_\_ pages.

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recipient \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Position/Title of Authorized Representative(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for preparing the Withdrawal Application Form for Imprest Fund (ADB Form No. ADB-IFP)**

**General Instructions**

1. Submit original Withdrawal Application Form (WA) to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) (or to its Resident/Regional Mission, if instructed).
2. Number WAs consecutively, not exceeding 5 digits or characters.
3. When the application is completed, verify completeness of supporting documentation and accuracy of details before passing to the Authorized Representative(s) for signature. Mistakes and omissions result in delayed payment.

**Withdrawal References**

1. **Date:** Enter the date WA is signed by Authorized Representative(s), not the date it was prepared.
2. **Grant Number:** Show ADB grant number clearly.
3. **Application Number:** Number WAs consecutively.
4. **Type of Disbursement:** Indicate in the appropriate box the type of WA claim: Imprest Advance.

**Payment Instructions**

1. **Payee's Name and Address:** Indicate full name and address of Payee for identification of payment.
2. **Name and Address of Payee's Bank and Account No.:** Indicate full name and address of the Payee's bank, which may include a banker/branch designation. Account number is important. Give SWIFT code if Payee's bank is a member of SWIFT.
3. **Correspondent Bank:** Where payment is to be made to a bank not located in the country of the currency to be paid, indicate its full name and address. Provide SWIFT code if the bank is a member of SWIFT.
4. **Special Payment Instructions:** Indicate any particulars, special instructions or references to facilitate payment or identification of payment.
5. **Name of Recipient:** Fill in the name as it appears in the Grant Agreement.
6. **Authorized Representative(s):** Pass this application only to Authorized Representative(s) for signature. Verify if the list of Authorized representative(s) has been changed.

