"Implementation of the National Strategy for Development of Statistics Project" Grant No. TF 017862

Special Purpose Project Financial Statements for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016

and independent auditors' report

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STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND FOR THE YEAR

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the independent auditors' responsibilities stated in the independent auditors' report set out on pages 3-5, is made with a view to distinguish the respective responsibilities of management and those of the independent auditors in relation to the special purpose project financial statements of the "Implementation of national strategy for development of statistics project", Grant No. TF 017862 (the "Project").

Management is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose project financial statements that present fairly, in all material respects, cash proceeds and disbursements and uses of funds by project components of the Project for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standard "Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting" (the "IPSAS") issued by the International Public Accounting Standards Board of the International Federation of Accountants and the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank Financed Activities" (the "WB

In preparing the special purpose project financial statements, management is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them consistently;
- making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stating whether IPSAS and WB Guidelines have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the special purpose project financial statements; and
- preparing the special purpose project financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Project will continue its activity for the foreseeable future.

Management is also responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining effective and sound system of internal control and for revealing risks in system of internal control;
- maintaining proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Project, and which enable them to ensure that the special purpose project financial statements of the Project comply with IPSAS and WB Guidelines;
- compliance with laws and regulations of the Kyrgyz Republic, accounting system of the Project and the requirements of the World Bank;
- taking such steps as are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Project; and
- detecting and preventing fraud and other irregularities.

The special purpose project financial statements for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 were approved and authorized for issue on March 24, 2017 by the management of the Project.

On behalf of the Management:

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Shtybaeva G. Acting Head of MAFS NSC KR March 24, 2017 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Management of the "Implementation of national strategy for development of statistics project" under the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying special purpose project financial statements of "Implementation of national strategy for development of statistics project" (the "Project") which comprise the statement of cash proceeds and disbursements and the statement of uses of funds by project components for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (the "special purpose project financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose project financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, cash proceeds and disbursements and uses of funds by project components of the Project for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standard "Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting" (the "IPSAS") issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standard s Board of the International Federation of Accountants, and the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank Financed Activities" (the "WB Guidelines").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special purpose project financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Project in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Kyrgyz Republic, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter

Without further qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the special purpose project financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. These special purpose project financial statements were prepared for complying with the appropriate World Bank Guidelines and Grant agreement requirements, and therefore are not intended to be a complete presentation of the "Implementation of national strategy for development of statistics project" (the "Project") operations.

Other matter

The special purpose project financial statements are prepared to assist the Project to comply with the requirements of the World Bank. As a result, the special purpose project financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these special purpose project financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standard "Financial Reporting Under the Cash Basis of Accounting" (the "IPSAS") issued by the International Public Accounting Standards Board of the International Federation of Accountants, and the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank Financed Activities" (the "WB Guidelines"), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Project Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether these special purpose project financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose project financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose project financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Project's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Project's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose project financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Project to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose project financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the special purpose project financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

March 24, 2017 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

BAKER TILL BISHKEK Kubat Alymkulov

Certified accountant, FCCA

Certificate of auditor of the Kyrgyz Republic # A 0069 Audit Director, Baker Tilly Bishkek LLC

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STATEMENT OF CASH PROCEEDS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

(in US Dollars)

	Notes	For the year ended December 31, 2016	Cumulative	For the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015	Cumulative
Opening balance	4 -	257,484	<u> </u>		
Funding sources Grant No. TF 017862	5 _	822,886	1,122,886	300,000	300,000
Total financing	-	822,886	1,122,886	300,000	300,000
Other income	6 _	4,792	7,223	2,431	2,431
Total receipts	=	827,678	1,130,109	302,431	302,431
Project expenses Goods Non-consulting services Consultants' services Training Incremental operating costs	7	710,774 62,317 33,000 13,387	731,789 - 84,562 33,000 14,742	21,015 - 22,245 - 1,355	21,015 22,245 1,355
Total project expenses	-	819,478	864,093	44,615	44,61
Other expenses	-	592	924	332	332
Closing balance	4	265,092	265,092	257,484	257,484

On behalf of the Management:



Shtybaeva G. Acting Head of MAFS NSC KR

March 24, 2017 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

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March 24, 2017 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS BY PROJECT COMPONENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (in US Dollars)

	For the year ended, December 31, 2016	Cumulative	For the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015	Cumulative ,
Component 1: Improving				
organization of statistics	-	-	-	-
Component 2: Strengthening				
technological capacity, information				
communication technologies,				
upgrading and extending statistical	710 774	710 774		
infrastructure	710,774	710,774		-
Component 3: Modernizing				
production and dissemination of	22,306	22,306	-	-
Component 4: Strengthening				
statistical intellectual and human	7,496	7,496	-	-
Component 5: Project management _	78,902	123,517	44,615	44,615
	819,478	864,093	44,615	44,615

On behalf of the Management:

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NOTES TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (in US Dollars)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

According to the Grant Agreement between the Kyrgyz Republic and International Development Association (the "IDA") signed on February 4, 2015, the IDA provided a Grant No. TF 017862 in the amount of 2,500,000 US Dollars (the "USD") to the Kyrgyz Republic. The International Development Association (World Bank) acting as administrator of the Program to Support Statistical capacity Building in Eastern Europe and the Countries of Commonwealth of Independent States Multi-Donor Trust Fund.

The Grant was provided for the "Implementation of national strategy for development of statistics project" (the "Project").

Effective date of the Project is June 23, 2015. Project completion date is June 30, 2018.

Project purpose

The objective of the "Implementation of national strategy for development of statistics project" (the "Project") is to improve the capacity of the Kyrgyz Republic's statistical system ("Recipient") to produce and disseminate reliable and timely statistics that are in line with international standards and responsive to user needs.

The Project comprises the following parts:

Component 1: Improving organization of statistics;

Component 2: Strengthening technological capacity, information communication technologies, upgrading and expanding statistical infrastructure;

Component 3: Modernizing production and dissemination of statistical data;

Component 4: Strengthening statistical intellectual and human capacity;

Component 5: Project management.

Component 1: Improving organization of statistics

Improving the Recipient's organization of statistics through: i) the strengthening of the legal and regulatory foundation governing the Kyrgyz Republic statistical system to define the role and responsibilities of the NSC and the country's ministries and agencies (MAs); ii) the strengthening of the roles and responsibilities of the NSC on methodological coordination, development and coordination of use of metadata common for statistical system; and administrative information systems to ensure efficient and effective operation of the national statistical system; and iii) public awareness on available statistical information including, *inter alia*, the carrying out of a general user requirements analysis, the development of data presentation standards for various groups of users and the improvement of producer-user dialogue.

Component 2: Strengthening technological capacity, information communication technologies, upgrading and expanding statistical infrastructure

Providing modern information communication technologies (ICTs) to all staff at the central and regional levels to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the statistical system through the carrying out of program of activities, including: i) the introduction of an advanced data processing systems in regional offices and local units; ii) the upgrading of data storage and setting up of the system for information

security; and iii) the modernization of printing facilities and other equipment essential to produce publications prepared by the NSC.

Component 3: Modernizing production and dissemination of statistical data

Carrying out a program of activities aimed at modernizing production and dissemination of statistical data through: i) the implementation of the SNA-2008; ii) the improvement of the methodology, organizational arrangement and tool; ii) for the collection, analysis and usage of different types of selected statistics, including those critical to the poverty estimates and system of national accounts, gender statistics, consumer price index or a specific sector and ecological statics; iii) the transition to electronic data collection system in all statistical domains; iv) the strengthening of the organizational capacity of the NSS; v) the improvement of the unified system of classification and coding; vi) the strengthening of statistical registers; vii) the provision of methodological support to statistical data and data dissemination and the alignment of the production of statistical indicators with the Recipient's needs of the national strategy for the development of statistics; and ix) the enhancement of the use of administrative data for statistical purposes.

Component 4: Strengthening statistical intellectual and human capacity

Strengthening the Recipient's statistical intellectual capacity through: i) the carrying out of a human resource needs assessment; and ii) the setting of a system of staff rotation, the implementation of continuous education and retraining of staff (especially staff in regions), effective collaboration with institutions of higher education.

Component 5: Project Management:

Carrying out Project Management, including financing Project Incremental Operating Costs.

Project management

The Management is implemented by the Project Management Group (the "PMG") within the scope of the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of preparation

These special purpose project financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standard (the "IPSAS") "Financial Reporting under the Cash Basis of Accounting" issued by the Public Sector Committee of the International Federation of Accountants, and incorporate the following principal accounting policies, which have been consistently followed in all material respects and comply with the World Bank's Financial Management Sector Board's "Guidelines: Annual Financial Reporting and Auditing for World Bank Financed Activities" (the "WB Guidelines").

Under the cash basis approach income (or expenditure) is recognized when cash is received (or paid) irrespective of when goods or services are received.

The Project's approved budget disclosed by categories of expenses is not publicly available and as such comparison of budget and actual amounts is not presented.

These special purpose project financial statements consist of:

- Statement of financial position;
- Statement of cash proceeds and disbursements;

• Notes to the special purpose project financial statements, including short description of main statements of accounting policy and other descriptive notes.

The reporting currency of these special purpose project financial statements is US Dollars (the "USD").

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash basis of accounting

Special purpose project financial statements are prepared on a cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting recognizes transactions and events only when cash (including cash equivalents) is received or paid by the entity. Special purpose project financial statements prepared under the cash basis provide readers with information about the sources of cash raised during the period, the purposes for which cash was used and the cash balances at the reporting date. The measurement focus in the special purpose project financial statements is balances of cash and changes therein.

Foreign currency

Operations in foreign currency initially are counted in functional currency by the currency exchange rate settled by commercial bank on a date of operation.

All payments made in national currency are translated into USD at the currency exchange rate defined by commercial bank at the date of transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currency are converted to functional currency at currency exchange rate on a date settled by commercial bank.

Non-monetary items are valued according to their historic cost in foreign currency, which are recalculated on rates of the initial operation date.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and due from banks, which can be converted to the corresponding amount of cash in the short term.

Taxes

Calculation and payment of personal income tax and social security contributions from income of staff and consultants is made in accordance with the requirements and rates of the Tax Code of the Kyrgyz Republic and relevant legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Project expenses

The expenses are recorded in the period when they were actually paid.

Sources of funds

The funds were provided by the World Bank to the Project by replenishment of designated account or through direct payment to the end supplier of goods and/or services.

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 comprise:

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Designated account in foreign currency (US Dollar)	258,793	255,385
Interest account in national currency (Kyrgyz Som)	5,444	2,099
Tender account in foreign currency (US Dollar)	405	
Tender account in national currency (Kyrgyz Som)	450	-
	265,092	257,484

5. GRANTS RECEIVED

The financing was presented by the following methods:

Financing method / sources of financing:	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015	Total
Grant No. TF 017862			
Advance/Initial deposit		300,000	300,000
Replenishment of designated account ("DA") / Statement of expenditures ("SOE")	207 740		
	307,748	-	307,748
Direct payments	515,138	<u> </u>	515,138
Total grants received	822,886	300,000	1,122,886

6. OTHER INCOME

Other income represents interest income accrued by the serving bank on the outstanding balances of cash on designated account and sale of tender documents.

	For the year ended, December 31, 2016	For the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015	Total
Interest income	3,937	2,431	6,368
Sale of tender documents	. 855	<u> </u>	855
	4,792	2,431	7,223

7. PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Project expenditures on major categories are presented in the statement of cash proceeds and disbursements. Project expenditures by components are presented in the statement of funds by project components. Breakdown of project expenses by sub-categories is presented as follows:

GOODS, NON-CONSULTING SERVICES, CONSULTANTS' SERVICES, TRAINING AND INCREMENTAL OPERATING COSTS

	For the year ended December 31, 2016	Cumulative	For the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015	Cumulative
Goods	710,774	731,789	21,015	21,015
Consultants' services: Payroll and related				
taxes	62,317	84,562	22,245	22,245
Training Incremental operating costs:	33,000	33,000	-	-
Translation services	11,565	11,565	-	-
Advertising expenses	603	1,389	786	786
Stationery	425	994	569	569
Other	794	794		-
-	819,478	864,093	44,615	44,615

8. FINANCIAL POSITION

Financial position as at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 comprise:

		December 3 2016	1, December 31, 2015
ASSETS AND EXPENDITURES			
Cash and cash equivalents		265,0	092 257,484
Cumulative project expenditures		864,0	093 44,615
Other expenditures			332
TOTAL ASSETS AND EXPENDITURES		1,130,	109 302,431
FINANCING			
Grants received		1,122,8	300,000
Other income			223 2,431
TOTAL FINANCING	٠	1,130,	109 302,431

9. WITHDRAWAL APPLICATIONS

Withdrawal applications for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 comprise:

				1				
Sources of financing	Applications STATKG #	Date	Advance		Disbursement sub-categories	sub-categories		Total
				Goods	Consultants' services	Training	Incremental operating	
For the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015							costs	
Graut No. TF 017862								
Initial deposit	ľ	August 17, 2015	300,000		r			300,000
For the year ended December 31, 2016			300,000		ı			300,000
Grant No. TF 017862								
Replenishment of DA / SOE Replenishment of DA / SOE Replenishment of DA / SOE Direct payments Replenishment of DA / SOE	0 ~ 4 ~ 0	January 12, 2016 June 6, 2016 September 2, 2016 September 21, 2016 November 2, 2016		21,015 - 68,951 515,138 113,566	22,246 25,252 15,996 10,637	- 10,694 - 12,455	1,354 4,951 631	44,615 40,897 85,578 515,138 136,658
ŗ				718,670	74,131	23,149	6,936	822,886
		×	300,000	718,670	74,131	23,149	6,936	1,122,886

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10. DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Designated account for the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 comprise:

Bank	OJSC "Commercial Bank KYRGYZSTAN"		
Currency	US Dollars		
Bank account	1030120800006219		
Bank's location	54A Togolok Moldo str., Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan		
Description	US Dollars	Total	
Balance as at June 23, 2015	-	-	
Advance received / Initial deposit	300,000	300,000	
Total funds received to a designated account	300,000	300,000	
The amount of eligible expenditures paid	44,615	44,615	
Balance as at December 31, 2015	255,385	255,385	
Replenishment of DA / SOE	307,748	307,748	
Total funds received to a designated account		307,748	
The amount of eligible expenditures paid		304,340	
Balance as at December 31, 2016	258,793	258,793	

11. UNDRAWN FUNDS

As at December 31, 2016 undrawn funds are presented as follows:

	Grant No. TF 017862
Approved grant amount	2,500,000
Disbursed during the period from June 23, 2015 to December 31, 2015	300,000
Disbursed in 2016	822,886
Undrawn amount	1,377,114
	Grant No. TF 017862
Opening disbursed amount	-
Disbursed during the period	1,122,886
Closing disbursed amount	1,122,886

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12. COMMITMENTS

In the normal course of activities, the Project concludes agreements with suppliers of goods and services in accordance with the established budget and procurement plan. Contract value of obligations valid as at December 31, 2016 was as follows:

value	Paid up to December 31, 2016	Remaining amount to be paid
1.00 100,100		KGS 158,160 USD 133,444
		2016 5 KGS 158,160

13. LEGAL CASES

There were no any legal claims related to the Project.

14. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

During 2017 until the date of issue of these special purpose project financial statements the World Bank provided financing to the Project as follows:

Date	Application	Grant No. TF 017862
February 9, 2017 (direct payment) March 3, 2017 (replenishment of DA / SOE)	7 8	120,100 70,304
		190,404

As at the date of issue of the special purpose project financial statements no other significant events or transactions occurred, except for the events or transactions described above.