



## Agreement to Reimburse the World Bank for Advisory Services in the area of Social Safety Net

## **Advisory Assignment**

Pursuant to the Framework Agreement for Advisory Services between the Kingdom of Bahrain ("the Recipient") and the INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ("the Bank") dated April 24, 2010 (the Framework Agreement), the Recipient has requested the Bank to provide to the Recipient's Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) the advisory services and technical support described below (the Advisory Services). The Bank is willing to provide the Advisory Services upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Framework Agreement and in this Advisory Assignment. Terms not otherwise defined in this Advisory Assignment are used herein as defined in the Framework Agreement. On the basis of the foregoing, the Recipient and the Bank hereby agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Objective.</u> The objective of the Advisory Assignment is to provide technical assistance to the government Cash Transfer Program (CTP) focusing on an impact evaluation in order to assess the net impact of the program on some selected indicators of well-being.
- 2. <u>Advisory Services.</u> Except as the Recipient and the Bank may otherwise agree, the Bank shall perform the following Advisory Services:
- Assistance to the MoSD to design a new survey to be conducted in January/February 2010. The questionnaire will be designed that will enable assessment of targeting and impact evaluation. The survey will have a sample of 500 households, which includes 250 households from the population of households who are currently in the program and another 250 households who are not beneficiary households. The output will be the analysis of the new survey and draft report.
- Evaluation of the targeting efficiency of the Cash Transfer Program.
- Household income and expenditure survey (HIES) conducted in 2005-06 will be utilized to perform many simulations on targeting.
- The HIES 2005-06 will be utilized to provide alternative scenarios of amounts of cash transfers given to beneficiary households of different size and composition. The main motive will be to ensure that beneficiary households receive transfers that are proportional to their needs determined by their household size and composition.
- The study will combine the HIES 2005-06 with the recently completed census to obtain results that are more relevant in 2010.
- The study will provide input on improving the targeting efficiency of Bahrain cash transfer program which will feed into the Bahrain benchmarking study.
- 3. <u>Scope, timing and duration of Advisory Services.</u> Except as the Recipient and the Bank may otherwise agree the assignment will start in November 2010 with the final report delivered in May 2011.
- 4. <u>Counterparts and Facilities:</u> the Ministry of Social Development and other relevant agencies/centers.
- 5. <u>Payment.</u> The Recipient shall pay the Bank an amount not exceeding two hundred eighty five thousand nine hundred twelve US Dollars (US\$285,912) on the basis of quarterly invoices that will include actual expenses only.





IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Advisory Assignment to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year indicated below. This Advisory Assignment shall come into force on the date on which it is duly signed by both parties.

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