



Resolution n°16-2023-e

Cost Extension for the Project “Rapid, comprehensive targeted gene sequencing solution for drug-resistant TB diagnosis in LMICs”

Recalling Unitaid Board Resolution R8-2019-e in which the Board authorized the Executive Director to commit up to US\$ 14,457,862 for the project entitled “Rapid, comprehensive targeted gene sequencing solution for drug-resistant TB diagnosis in LMICs” (the “Project”) to be implemented by FIND during a three-year period ending on 30 September 2022;

Noting that in 2022, the Secretariat approved a twelve-month no-cost extension to the duration of funding for the Project, ending on 30 September 2023;

Recalling Resolution R13-2023-e in which the Board extended the period of funding for the Project by an additional 12 months, ending on 30 September 2024;

Recalling that in June 2023, the Board endorsed an Area for Intervention (AFI) to *Accelerate and promote responsible introduction of new drug-resistant Tuberculosis (DR-TB) drugs and regimens*;

Acknowledging the opportunity to achieve rapid impact within this AFI, through the expansion of the Project to support country planning for the rollout of new DR-TB regimens, as well as the inclusion of Targeted Next-Generation Sequencing TB diagnostics in National Strategic Plans; and

Taking into account the assessment by the PRC and the Secretariat’s recommendations with respect to the Project extension proposal submitted by FIND, the Board authorizes, subject to the availability of funds, the Executive Director to commit additional funding of up to US\$ 3,650,465 for the Project and to extend the duration of funding for the Project up to 30 September 2025, subject to the signature of a formal amendment to the legal agreement for the Project.

The additional funding and extension to the Project shall not apply to the COVID-19 related Output and are conditional upon signature of a formal amendment to the grant agreement for the Project.

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Chair of the Unitaid Executive Board

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