



Resolution n° 8-2017-e

Self-Testing AfRica (STAR) Initiative

Recalling Unitaid Board Resolution 3-2014-e, in which the Executive Board approved funding support for Phase 1 of the Self-Testing AfRica (STAR) Initiative, led by Population Services International (PSI), as lead implementer, with a view to stimulating and shaping the market for HIV self-testing in Africa and acknowledging the achievements of Phase 1 of the STAR Initiative;

Noting the alignment of the STAR Initiative with the Area for Intervention: 'Expanding Access to HIV self-testing in LMICs' approved by Board Resolution EB26/2016/R4;

Recalling that in Resolution 3-2014-e, the Board invited the submission of a Phase 2 project proposal, with a view to a further funding decision by the Board; and

Noting that, following direct engagement by Unitaid with the South African National Department of Health regarding its role in ensuring the success of Phase 2 of the STAR Initiative in South Africa, it has been agreed that a South African entity, the Society for Family Health (SFH), is best placed to take on the role of the lead implementer of Phase 2 in South Africa;

The Board authorizes, subject to availability of funds, the Executive Director to commit further funding support for the Initiative, comprising two separate grants for two independent but related Projects, each with a duration of three years, as follows:

1. Conditional upon signature of the draft grant agreement between Unitaid and PSI, the commitment of a Project budget ceiling of up to US\$ 29,475,975 for the implementation of the STAR Phase 2 Initiative in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Lesotho and Swaziland; and
2. Conditional upon signature of the draft grant agreement between Unitaid and SFH, the commitment of a Project budget ceiling of up to US\$ 19,163,958 for the implementation of the STAR Phase 2 Initiative in the Republic of South Africa.

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Chair of the Unitaid Executive Board

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