



Resolution n° 10-2024-e

“East Africa Program on Oxygen Access (EAPOA)”

Recognizing the need for Unitaid to continue its critical work to improve access to medical oxygen in low- and middle-income countries, for the treatment of both COVID-19 and other acute respiratory conditions;

Noting the competitive selection by the Secretariat of three oxygen manufacturers pursuant to a Request for Proposals (“the RfP”) launched as a part of its ACT-A work plan, seeking proposals for projects entitled, “Invitation to local manufacturers of liquid oxygen to submit a proposal for financial and technical support to improve access and affordability of liquid and medical oxygen in Sub-Saharan African countries”;

Recalling Executive Board Resolution EB35/2020/R4, in which the Board authorized the Executive Director to commit ACT-A funding to existing Unitaid grantees for activities aimed at supporting the global response to COVID-19, in accordance with the processes set out in document UNITAID/EB35/2020/6; and acknowledging the selection of the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) in accordance with those processes, to lead the implementation of a proposed project entitled, “East Africa Program on Oxygen Access (EAPOA)” (“the Project”), involving support to the three oxygen manufacturers identified through the RfP; and

Taking into account the recommendations of the Secretariat and Proposal Review Committee (PRC), together with the availability of funds specified for this purpose, the Executive Board authorizes the Secretariat to go ahead with the development of a full grant agreement package for the Project, and subject to the satisfactory review of the package by the PRC, together with the availability of funds specified for these purposes, authorizes the Executive Director to commit up to US\$ 22,000,000 for the Project.

Funding is conditional upon signature by the Executive Director of a legal agreement between Unitaid and CHAI.

The Executive Board also recalls that, in accordance with Resolution EB22/2015/R3, the Secretariat may now use the Project Preparation Facility to support the effective development of the grant agreement package for the Project. The PPF support shall be charged to the Project Budget and funded through the specified funding.

Lead Organization: Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)

Project Duration: 3 years

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Chair of the Unitaid Executive Board

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