



Resolution n°24-2021-e

Costed Extension of the Self-Testing AfRica (STAR) Initiative

Recalling Executive Board Resolution R3-2014-e, in which the Board approved the commitment of up to US\$ 23,660,935 for Phase 1 of the project entitled, *“Stimulating and shaping the market for HIV self-testing in Africa: two-tier demonstration and evaluation of accuracy and linkage in 4 countries”* (later referred to as the Self-Testing AfRica (STAR) Initiative) (the **“Project”**) to be implemented by Population Services International (PSI) for a period of two years;

Recalling Resolution R8-2017-e in which the Board approved Phase 2 of the Project, to be implemented through two separate but related grants, each for a three-year period, as follows:

1. Grant to PSI for an amount of up to US\$ 29,475,975; and
2. Grant to Society for Family Health for an amount of up to US\$ 19,163,958;

Recalling Resolution R3-2020-e, in which the Board approved the commitment of an additional amount of up to US\$ 15,000,000 for an 18-month extension of the grant to PSI for Phase 2 of the Project;

Recalling Resolution R17-2020-e, in which the Board approved the commitment of an additional amount of up to US\$ 5,200,000, within the existing grant duration, for investment in scale-up of Blood Based HIV Self Tests under the grant to PSI for Phase 2 of the Project;

Recalling Resolution R16-2021-e in which the Board approved the commitment of up to US\$ 10,000,000 to PSI for the *‘Africa, Asia, Americas COVID-19 Preparedness’* (3ACP) project;

Taking into account the assessment by the PRC and the Secretariat’s recommendations, the Board hereby authorizes, subject to the availability of funds, the Executive Director to commit an additional amount of up to US\$ 5,939,203 for the Project, and to extend the duration of funding for the Project by an additional 7 months, for the purpose of investing in HCV Self-testing as part of Phase 2 of the Project.

Funding is conditional upon signature of an amendment to the legal agreement between Unitaid and PSI.

Lead Organization: Population Services International

Project Countries: Cameroon, Eswatini, India, Indonesia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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