**ADDENDUM TO BUSINESS CASE**

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| **SUMMARY INFORMATION** |  |
| Project Name | High Quality Statistics that Improve Lives Globally |
| Country or region targeted | N/A - global reach |
| Type of cost extension (if applicable) | Cost and time extension  |
| Original project budget | £12m |
| Original project’s start and end dates | 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2025 |
| Cost extension value (if applicable) | £5m |
| New project end date (if applicable) | 31/03/2026 |

| **INFORMATION** |
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| **What is the project’s purpose?** |
| The project aims to strengthen statistics for the public good in low- and middle-income countries, through the delivery of peer-to-peer technical assistance and wider statistical organisational strengthening. In 2025/26, the project will build on the results delivered in the previous phases (2017-2022 and 2022-2025), consolidating progress in existing partner countries.  |
| **What is the objective of the cost extension or other changes?** |
| The extension phase will commence immediately after the end of the current project and will be in place for 12 months, until 31 March 2026. |
| **What is the additional and total support the UK will provide?**  |
| The additional support will be provided by the project continuation for a further 12 months. See next section for expected additional results.The total support will be evidenced in the Project Completion Review (PCR) 2022 - 2026 that will be published on 30 Sept 2026. It is expected this will be the cumulative sum of the provision of support evidenced in the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 Annual Reviews and the PCR that will cover 2025/26 (as well as the 2022 - 2025 period).  |
| **What are the expected results?** |
| The long-term outcomes are:1. Improved **institutional performance** through more effective and efficient production of data and statistics
2. Increased **institutional stability** from institutionalising statistical good practice
3. Raised **profile and legitimacy** of partner NSOs within national and international context.

The medium-term outcomes are:* + - 1. Improved **quality** of statistics and data
			2. Improved **value** of statistics and data
			3. Improved **trustworthiness** of statistics and data, and NSOs / partner organisations

Outcomes are achieved by delivering across seven output areas: 1. Improved statistical tools
2. Enabling increased use of relevant digital technologies
3. Strengthened data science capability
4. Improved ways of working
5. Strengthened national statistical systems through establishing legislation, frameworks and data ethics principles
6. More sustainable and inclusive leadership
7. Improved communications and dissemination

13 output-level indicators are used to assess output-level performance on a yearly basis. These include indicators such as the number of people trained and of organisations reached; the number of cases of where ONS has provided advice on strategic policy documents; the number of partner organisations using new software; the number of data science mentoring and training interventions; the number of ODA eligible countries with Inclusive Data Charter action plans progressed with the ONS support; number of partners' statistical products developed in direct consultation with users. The full list of indicators can be found in the Project’s Results Framework.Targets are set yearly against these indicators. Targets and output-level results for the period cover by this addendum (April 2025 – March 2026) are available on the project’s IATI page. |
| **What is the approach to implementation?** |
| The project deploys a wide range of technical experts from within the UK Office for National Statistics to meet the needs identified by the statistical organisations it partners with. Support is provided in several ways including, but not limited to, training, hands on technical expertise, train-the-trainer events, peer-to-peer support and mentoring. Support focuses on making long term and sustainable change; ensuring that the organisations can maintain, repeat and develop processes without the ONS, and roll out across both their other outputs and by training other staff. |
| **Describe any key changes to the original business case including the theory of change or new evidence from ongoing monitoring, evaluation or learning work** |
| The original business case (2022 -2025) can be found here:[ONS\_International-Development\_Business-Case\_2022-2025](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fiatipublisher-prod.s3.amazonaws.com%2Fdocument-link%2F379%2FONS_International-Development_Business-Case_2022-2025-20230222090225-%25282%2529-202303310903291750697813.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)The only changes are in the ‘Management Case’ (pages 17 – 21):Section 7.1 (pages 17-91)* Governance arrangements: the International Development Working Group has been replaced by the International Development Programme Board. This board has a more focussed remit on decision making, project performance review against targets and spend, and risk and issue management
* Change of project’s Senior Responsible Officer (SRO). This role is assigned to the Deputy Director for the newly created ONS International Division. In 2022 -25, the SRO was the ONS Chief of staff / director of the Central Policy Secretariat
* The project team no longer has a business development team. The operations and policy team has expanded into a Delivery Unit that comprises logistics, policy and finance.

Section 7.2 (page 20)* Risk management: governance of risk (owning risk matrix, managing risks rated as 12 or above) is now in the remit of the International Development Programme Board, not the International Development Working Group, as per the governance change described above.

The theory of change (Section 3.3 pages 5-7) remains unchanged for 2025/26. |