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# International Finance Facility for Immunisation issues first Sukuk, raising US\$ 500 million

# $\sim$ Funding to support immunisation of children in the poorest countries through Gavi $\sim$

**Dubai, UAE, 4 December 2014** – The International Finance Facility for Immunisation Company (IFFIm) today issued its inaugural Sukuk, raising US\$ 500 million for children's immunisation in the world's poorest countries through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. This landmark transaction is the first socially responsible Sukuk with funds to be utilised for this purpose. This successful transaction marks the largest Sukuk al-Murabaha issuance in the public markets and is also the largest inaugural Sukuk offering from a Supranational.

The 3-year Sukuk – a financial certificate that complies with Islamic law – provides institutional investors with a socially responsible investment that will help protect tens of millions of children against preventable diseases.

The Sukuk was coordinated by Standard Chartered Bank, working with joint lead managers Barwa Bank, CIMB, National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) and NCB Capital Company (NCB Capital). The issue, maturing on 4 December 2017 has an issue price of 100% and carries a quarterly coupon of +15 basis points over 3-month USD LIBOR.

The Sukuk was oversubscribed, even with its unique structure for Sukuk market participants. IFFIm achieved strong diversification in its investor base with 85% of the order book coming from new and primarily Islamic investors. The regional distribution of investors was 21% based in Asia, 11% in Europe and 68% in the Middle East and Africa. Banks took 74%, and central banks / official institutions took 26%.

"IFFIm is dedicated to issuing socially responsible instruments for investors everywhere to make a real difference in saving children's lives," said **IFFIm Chair René Karsenti**. "The funds will be used to protect children near and far – in countries like Yemen and Mali to Afghanistan and Indonesia – from deadly diseases."

IFFIm raises funds in the international capital markets to accelerate the availability of funds for immunisation programmes and health system strengthening by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. IFFIm's financial base consists of legally binding grant payments (approximately US\$ 6.3 billion) from its nine sovereign donors. The World Bank is IFFIm's Treasury Manager.













"We are delighted to bring this landmark Sukuk to the growing Islamic Finance market. The use of proceeds – to help finance the delivery of life-saving vaccines and related health system strengthening support to many of the world's poorest nations – is well aligned with the core principles of Islamic finance. We are grateful for the strong support from investors who value the diversification benefit of IFFIm as a new highly rated name in the Islamic capital markets and appreciate its purpose," said **Madelyn Antoncic**, **Vice President and Treasurer of the World Bank,** IFFIm's Treasury Manager.

From its inception in 2006 up until today's announcement, IFFIm had raised about US\$ 5 billion equivalent in the capital markets to support Gavi, whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries.

# Joint Lead Manager Quotes:

"This issuance is testament to the growing interest among international issuers to tap the Islamic investment pool and the rising demand by both Islamic and conventional investors to subscribe to high-quality Sukuk. We are honoured to be associated with this transaction as part of our continuous efforts to drive the development of the global Islamic Finance industry and to support the noble cause of the International Finance Facility for Immunisation Company and GAVI in saving children's lives in the world's poorest countries," said **Afaq Khan, CEO Islamic Banking, at Standard Chartered Bank.** 

"In a year of landmark Sukuk issuances, the IFFIm debut Sukuk stands out in terms of the opportunity it gives Sukuk investors to be directly part of an initiative that improves the wellbeing of those in need. Barwa Bank was honoured to be part of the transaction," said **Khalid Al-Subeai**, Acting CEO at Barwa Bank.

"CIMB strongly believes in Gavi's mission, and IFFIm will continue to have our full support. We are honoured to be appointed as Joint Lead Manager and Joint Bookrunner for this prestigious transaction, which demonstrates our distribution capability and competitive edge in the Asian market. We hope that the success of the IFFIm Sukuk will pave the way for more socially-responsible type Sukuk to be issued in the near term," said **Tengku Dato' Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Acting Group CEO at CIMB Group Holdings Berhad**.

"NBAD is honored to be Bookrunner on this innovative offering on behalf of IFFIm. It is noteworthy not only as the first-ever socially responsible Vaccine Sukuk but also in evidencing the significant buy-side appetite from Middle Eastern investors for high-grade international credits," said **Andy Cairns, Global Head of Debt Origination and Distribution at NBAD**.

"We are honored to have jointly led this important benchmark financing in support of IFFIm and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. The strong appetite from investors is a reflection of both the increasing role of Sukuk in providing financing solutions globally, and the support for the vital contributions that Gavi makes to improve the lives of children where the need is greatest," said **Sarah Al-Suhaimi, CEO of NCB Capital**.















## Transaction summary:

lssuer:	IFFIm Sukuk Company Limited
Obligor:	International Finance Facility for Immunisation Company (IFFIm)
Obligor Ratings:	AA+ / Aa1 / AA (Fitch / Moody's / S&P)
Issue Rating:	Aa1 by Moody's
Amount:	US\$ 500 million
Status:	Senior, Unsecured Trust Certificates
Sukuk Structure:	Murabaha
Format:	Regulation S
Pricing Date:	November 27, 2014
Settlement Date:	December 4, 2014
Maturity Date:	December 4, 2017
Profit Rate:	US\$ 3-month LIBOR + 0.15% p.a., payable Quarterly in arrears
Issue Price:	100.00
Listing:	Not listed
Global Coordinator:	Standard Chartered Bank
Joint Lead Managers and Joint Bookrunners:	Barwa Bank, CIMB, NBAD, NCB Capital and Standard Chartered Bank
Co-Lead Managers:	Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam Berhad and Union National Bank PJSC
Delegate:	Citicorp Trustee Company Limited
ISIN:	XS1143356654

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### About IFFIm — <u>www.iffim.org</u>

The International Finance Facility for Immunisation Company (IFFIm) is a multilateral institution created to accelerate the availability of predictable, long-term funds for health and immunisation programmes through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance in more than 70 of the poorest countries around the world. IFFIm's financial base consists of legally binding grants payments from its sovereign donors (Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and the UK), on the basis of which IFFIm is rated AA+ (negative) /Aa1 (stable) /AA (negative) (Fitch/Moody's/S&P). The World Bank is IFFIm's treasury manager. IFFIm is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales with number 5857343 and is registered in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee and as a charity with number 1115413.

#### About Gavi — <u>www.gavi.org</u>

**Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance** is funded by governments (Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States), the European Commission, the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, as well as private and corporate partners (Absolute Return for Kids, Anglo American plc., the A&A Foundation, The Children's Investment Fund Foundation, Comic Relief, the ELMA Vaccines and Immunization Foundation, JP Morgan, "la Caixa" Foundation, LDS Charities, Lions Club International Foundation, and Vodafone). Learn more at <a href="https://www.gavi.org">www.gavi.org</a> and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

#### About the World Bank — <u>www.worldbank.org</u>

**The World Bank** (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD) is an international organization created in 1944 and the original member of the World Bank Group. It operates as a global development cooperative owned by 188 nations. It provides its members with financing, expertise and coordination services so they can achieve equitable and sustainable economic growth in their national economies and find effective solutions to pressing regional and global economic and environmental problems. The World Bank Group has two main goals: to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity. The World Bank (IBRD) seeks to achieve them primarily by providing loans, risk management products, and expertise on development-related disciplines to its borrowing member government clients in middle-income countries and other creditworthy countries, and by coordinating responses to regional and global challenges. The World Bank is also the treasury manager for IFFIm. In that capacity, the World Bank, as IFFIm's agent, manages IFFIm's finances according to prudent policies and standards. This includes IFFIm's funding strategy and its implementation in the capital markets, rating agency and investor outreach, hedging transactions and investment management. The World Bank also coordinates with IFFIm's donors and manages their pledges and payments as well as IFFIm's disbursements for immunisation and health programmes through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

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**Barwa Bank** is a Shari'ah-compliant bank in the State of Qatar, established in Doha and licensed and regulated by the Qatar Central Bank. With total equity of QAR 6.4 billion, Barwa Bank provides a full range of Shari'ah-compliant banking services including retail, corporate and commercial banking, private banking, real estate finance, structured finance, investments and asset management.

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**CIMB Group** is a leading ASEAN universal bank, the largest Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) based investment bank and one of the world's largest Islamic banks. We are headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and offer consumer banking, wholesale banking, Islamic banking and asset management products and services. As the fifth largest banking group in ASEAN, we have over 40,000 staff in 18 locations across ASEAN, Asia Pacific and beyond. Our investment bank is the largest in Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) with offices in ASEAN's main markets and in Bahrain, Colombo, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Mumbai, Shanghai, Seoul, Sydney and Taipei. In addition, we have equity sales operations in London and New York. As of 31 October 2014, CIMB Group was Malaysia's second largest financial services provider and the sixth largest company on Bursa Malaysia, with a market capitalisation of RM54.7 billion.

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