

FTI Catalytic Fund Committee Meeting

Key Decisions

May 6-7, 2010



The CF Committee agrees the following:

CFC/2010/05-01 – Guinea: US\$ 24 million will be transferred to UNICEF as Supervising Entity from the previously agreed allocation of US\$ 117.8 million. US\$ 40 million is maintained from the previously agreed allocation to be available with World Bank as Supervising Entity, pending the June 2010 elections and the resumption of World Bank assistance to Guinea. These amounts shall be made available for implementation of a two-year program. The remaining amount of US\$ 53.8 million will be cancelled; adjustments to activities based on the downsizing of the program shall be made by the Supervising Entities in consultation with Government and Local Education Group members. Guinea is invited to seek additional funding upon successful completion of this program.

CFC/2010/05-02 – Ethiopia: US\$ 98 million is allocated to Ethiopia, conditional upon availability of funds. This amount is in addition to the US\$ 70 million approved in December 2007. The grant will be implemented over the period 2010-2012. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank.

CFC/2010/05-03 – Lao PDR: US\$ 30 million is allocated to Lao PDR, conditional upon availability of funds. The grant will be implemented over the period 2010-2013. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank. The CF Committee encourages strong coherence between the implementation of the sector program and budget support, as well as inclusive dialogue regarding program monitoring and implementation.

CFC/2010/05-04 – Malawi: US\$ 90 million is allocated to Malawi, conditional upon availability of funds. The grant will be implemented over the period 2010-13. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank.

CFC/2010/05-05 – Togo: US\$ 45 million is allocated to Togo, conditional upon availability of funds, and subject to an implementation timeframe to be agreed with the Supervising Entity with agreed conditions for release of funds based on performance. The grant agreement between the World Bank as Supervising Entity and Togo will include a clause allowing for cancellation of part of the grant if funds do not disburse on schedule. The grant will be implemented over the period 2010-13.

CFC/2010/05-06 – Liberia: US\$ 40 million is allocated to Liberia, conditional upon availability of funds. The grant will be implemented over the period 2010-12. The Supervising Entity is the World Bank. The World Bank is asked to have a public financial management specialist work with the Local Education Group to help construct a road map of reforms/capacity building including further assessment of the pooled funding mechanism, to improve the Ministry of Education's budget management and move towards a more aligned modality for channeling support to the education sector.

CFC/2010/05-07 – Djibouti: Djibouti's request for a one-year bridge funding of US\$ 4 million, will be handled on-line through a non-objection process by May 14, 2010. The Secretariat is asked to develop draft criteria for future virtual decision-making processes.

CFC/2010/05-08 – Allocation Process: The Secretariat is asked to work with the World Bank to incorporate safeguards for future allocations, so that grants not signed or funds not used within a specified period can be cancelled.

CFC/2010/05-09 – External Quality Review: The Secretariat is asked to complete the review of the External Quality Review (EQR) process as proposed. The Committee emphasized the need for EQR processes to be engaged earlier in the cycle.

CFC/2010/05-10 – Prioritization: Prioritization issues will be acted upon at the next CF Committee meeting. Consultation based on the work of the task team will begin in the interim between CF Committee meetings.