

October 28, 2009

Hon. Dr. George Thapatula Chaponda, MP  
Minister for Education, Science and Technology  
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REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

Your Excellency,

**Education For All—Fast Track Initiative**

On behalf of the FTI donor partners, I am pleased to inform you that the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative welcomes the Republic of Malawi to the FTI Partnership following the successful appraisal and endorsement of your country's National Education Sector Plan (NESP) and Education Sector Implementation Plan by the local donor group. The Republic of Malawi joins an expanding group of countries able to access support for their efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goal of completion of a quality basic education for all children, girls and boys alike.

The documents received from the Coordinating Agency representative (German Development Cooperation) on behalf of your country's development partners were circulated to the FTI donor partners. The endorsement of the local donor group was seconded by that of the FTI Partnership. This signals to the donor community at large that your country is making serious efforts to achieve quality basic education for all children.

We recommend that your team visit our website ([www.educationfasttrack.org](http://www.educationfasttrack.org)) for updated information about the FTI Partnership. Furthermore, the FTI Secretariat is available to facilitate and answer any factual or technical questions that you or the local donor group may have. The contact person in the FTI Secretariat for your country is Koli Banik who can be joined by phone at: (202) 473-5625; by fax at: (202) 522-3233; and via e-mail at: [kbanik@education-fast-track.org](mailto:kbanik@education-fast-track.org).

We wish you success in the implementation of the NESP.

Sincerely,



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