GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Board of Directors
Decision via Affirmative Vote
May 19, 2020

Final Decision

BOD/2020/05-03–Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Niger: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the first round of 2020:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation (MCA) as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex B to BOD/2020/04 DOC 02.
2. Notes compliance with meeting the requirements for accessing the variable part of the MCA and approves the indicators on Equity, Efficiency, and Learning and their means of verification as described in the application and assessed in Annex B to BOD/2020/04 DOC 02.
3. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an ESPIG, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2020/05-03 3 (c), subject to:
   a. Availability of funds.
   b. Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for ESPIGs in annual installments.
   c. GPC recommendations for funding, including (**all amounts in EURO**):

Table 1: Niger (all amounts in EURO)		
a.	ESPIG Maximum Country Allocation	77,300,000
b.	Fixed Part	54,110,000
c.	Variable Part	23,190,000
d.	Allocation Requested (100%)	77,300,000[1]
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	**77,300,000**
f.	Grant Agent	Agence française de développement (AFD)
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	4% - 3,092,000
h.	Period	4 years and 6 months
i.	Expected Start Date	July 1, 2020
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Post
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

[1] Includes €564,525 for the cost of the grant agent to perform its roles and responsibilities.

4. Requests the Secretariat to:
    a. Include in its notification of grant approval to Niger the observations and requests for report-back as recommended by the Grants and Performance Committee and set out in Annex A to BOD/2020/04 DOC 02.
    b. Include an update on the issues listed as "report back" in the annual Grant Performance Report in accordance with the specified timeline.