JUNE 28, 2021

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## DECISION VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

# ALLOCATION FOR AN ESPIG TO NIGERIA

| Reference | Decisions |
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| **BOD/2021/06-11** | **Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Nigeria[1]:** The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in January 2021:<br><br>1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation (MCA) for an education sector program implementation grant, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex B to BOD/2021/06 DOC 04.<br>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/2021/06 DOC 04.<br>3. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an ESPIG, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2021/06-11 3 (c), subject to: |

[1] The grant will benefit Oyo, Adamawa and Katsina states.

a) Availability of funds.
b) Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for ESPIGs in annual installments.
c) Secretariat recommendations for funding, including (all amounts in US$):

**Table 1 - Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations:**

| **Nigeria** | | |
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| a. | ESPIG Maximum Country Allocation | 125,000,000 |
| b. | Fixed Part | 45,800,000 |
| c. | Variable Part | 78,000,000 |
| d. | Allocation Requested (100%) | 125,000,000[2] |
| e. | **Allocation Recommended by Secretariat** | **125,000,000** |
| f. | Grant Agent | World Bank |
| g. | Agency Fee % - Amount | 1.75% - 2,187,500 |
| h. | Period | 4 years |
| i. | Expected Start Date | October 31, 2021 |
| j. | Variable Part Disbursement Modality | Ex-post |
| k. | Funding Source | GPE Fund |

4. Requests the Secretariat to:
   a) Include in its notification of grant approval to Nigeria the observations and requests for report-back set out in Annex A.
   b) Include an update on the requested report backs in the annual Grant Status Report in accordance with the specified timeline.

[2] Includes US$1,200,000 for the cost of the grant agent to perform its roles and responsibilities.

## Annex A – Secretariat Observations and Report-Backs

| Nigeria | |
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| **Observations** | The significant efforts of the Oyo, Adamawa and Katsina (OAK) state teams to produce education sector plans in a short timeframe and under COVID-related travel constraints are well appreciated. The Secretariat encourages to continue strengthening country- and state-wide efforts towards more inclusive sector monitoring and planning through joint sector reviews or other fora.<br><br>The proposed structured pedagogy program for teachers is commended for its ambitious targets, responding to the challenges of low teacher quality and student learning outcomes.<br><br>The Secretariat encourages the federal government to continue to report data to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), noting that nine of 12 indicators are available for the latest available year (2018).<br><br>Finally, the Secretariat notes the impact of the pandemic on education systems and invites the government and the grant agent, in consultation with the local education group, to consider adapting the proposed program to emerging issues, notably impact on children learning as a result of school closures, as needed. Other adaptations to consider could relate to mitigation measures on potential delays or other constraints that the pandemic may have on program implementation including, if necessary, a modification of indicator targets. |
| **Report-Backs** | *For the grant agent*:<br>The Secretariat requests the grant agent in its first regular progress report to clarify how the proposed disbursement mechanism for the variable part of the grant helps the states in terms of additionality in financing and sustainability of the results achieved.<br><br>*For the government*:<br>Given the complexity of primary education financing in Nigeria, the Secretariat requests that Oyo, Adamawa and Katsina state governments report back annually, through the joint sector review report, on the share of recurrent education expenditure allocated to the primary subsector. |