NOVEMBER 23, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

FINAL DECISION

BOD/AV/2022/11-01 - INITIAL ALLOCATION AND STRATEGIC PARAMETERS FOR SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT TO SIERRA LEONE

The Board of Directors:

1. Notes the assessment of the provisional Independent Technical Advisory Panel (provisional ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation in Sierra Leone, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 3.
2. Notes the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 2 of the strategic parameters of the Sierra Leone Partnership Compact in Annex 4.
3. Invites Sierra Leone to submit an application of up to US$17,976,000 for a system transformation grant in reference to FRC/2021/09-01, and in accordance with the strategic parameters for GPE support as set out in Table 1.
4. Approves Sierra Leone's proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) for accessing the additional allocation.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations (all amounts in US$)

a.	**System Transformation Grant MCA**	**22,470,000**
b.	Initial Minimum Allocation (80% of Total MCA)	17,976,000
c.	Additional Allocation (20% of Total MCA)	4,494,000
d.	**High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation** ▪ Data and Evidence ▪ Volume, Efficiency and Equity of Domestic Public Expenditure on Education ○ Result 1 (Efficiency): Increase the budget execution rate by the MBSSE (US$ 2,247,000) ○ Result 2 (Equity): Incorporate learning outcomes and learner disadvantages in teacher allocation mechanisms (US$ 2,247,000)	

e.	**Focus Area and Strategic Parameters for GPE Funding:** ▪ **Improving children's school readiness and foundational learning** (through primary grade 4), including closing learning disparities for girls and boys and for vulnerable groups