FEBRUARY 1, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

FINAL DECISION

BOD/AV/2024/02-07 - STRATEGIC PARAMETERS FOR A SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT TO MADAGASCAR

The Board of Directors:

1 Notes the assessment of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation in Madagascar, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 3 of document BOD/AV/2024/01 DOC 07.

2 Notes the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 2, of the strategic parameters of the Madagascar Partnership Compact in Annex 4.

3 Invites Madagascar to submit an application and approves an extension to do so by no later than August 31, 2024, of up to a total of US$71,552,000 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, with the option to include an additional US$17,888,000, the release of which is conditioned on a GPE Board decision that top-up triggers have been achieved.

4 Approves Madagascar's proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) for accessing part of the allocation.

Table 1 Summary of Strategic Parameters and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations (all amounts in US$)

a.	System Transformation Grant (STG) Indicative Allocation	89,440,000
b.	STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers - 20 percent of total STG	17,888,000
c.	**High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation*** ▪ Volume, Equity, and Efficiency of Domestic Public Expenditure on Education o Trigger 1: The 2025 finance act reflects the needs for more subsidized posts of community teachers as identified in the staffing plan developed by the ministry of education and spelled out in a note endorsed by the local education group and adopted by the Council of Ministers (US$8,944,000) o Trigger 2: The results of the audit confirm that the community teachers' selection process to benefit from a subsidy at Circonscription Scolaire (CISCO)	

	level meet the criteria agreed in the guidance note (to be developed alongside with the three-year staffing plan) for the year 2025/26 (US$8,944,000)
d.	**Focus Area for GPE Funding:** ▪ The three focus areas aim to impact the provision of educational services at the local level so that all girls and boys acquire fundamental skills by ensuring: o The availability of well-trained, motivated, and qualified teachers o The effectiveness and quality of learning time o Learning conditions that are conducive to the development and fulfillment of learners

* Summarized from the partnership compact. See Annex 4 for full details.