FEBRUARY 26, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

FINAL DECISION

BOD/AV/2024/02-11 – STRATEGIC PARAMETERS FOR SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT AND GIRLS' EDUCATION ACCELERATOR GRANT TO MOZAMBIQUE

The Board of Directors:

1. Notes the assessment of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation in Mozambique, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 3 of document BOD/AV/2024/02 DOC 04.
2. Notes the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 2, of the strategic parameters of the Mozambique Partnership Compact in Annex 4.
3. Invites Mozambique to submit an application of a system transformation grant of up to a total of US$75,313,000, 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$32,277,000, the release of which is conditioned on GPE Board decision that top-up triggers have been achieved.
4. Approves Mozambique's proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) for accessing part of the allocation.
5. Subject to the Secretariat's confirmation of available Girls' Education Accelerator resources, invites Mozambique to apply for Girls' Education Accelerator funding in accordance with the strategic parameters for GPE support.

Table 1 Summary of Strategic Parameters and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations (all amounts in US$)		
a.	System Transformation Grant (STG) Indicative Allocation	107,590,000[1]
b.	STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers - 30% of Total STG	32,277,000
c.	Conditional Girls' Education Accelerator Indicative Allocation (currently unavailable)	25,000,000
d.	**High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation*** ▪ Data and Evidence ▪ Gender-Responsive Planning, Policy and Monitoring	

[1] The initial indicative allocation for the system transformation grant was US$117,590,000, of which US$10,000,000 was approved in June 2023 for an accelerated funding to support the response to the Cyclone Freddy. UNICEF is the grant agent.

	▪ Sector Coordination (Coordinated Financing and Funding) ○ Trigger 1: Approval of the 2026 Annual Plan (known as PdA in Portuguese) by December 2025 (US$10,759,000, 10% of the remaining STG allocation) ○ Trigger 2: 95% of primary education schools receive the first of two tranches of direct school funding support by February 28, 2026, for the year 2026 (US$8,607,200, 8% of the remaining STG allocation) ▪ Volume, Equity, and Efficiency of Domestic Public Expenditure on Education ○ Trigger 3: Approval of a new and more equitable direct school funding allocation methodology by December 31, 2025 (US$7,531,300, 7% of the remaining STG allocation) ○ Trigger 4: Approval of a guidance document on the standards for a more efficient and equitable allocation, distribution, and retention of teachers at the district and school level by December 31, 2025 (US$5,379,500, 5% of the remaining STG allocation)
e.	**Focus Area for GPE Funding:** ▪ Teacher effectiveness (improving teaching skills, teacher attendance and teacher professionalization). ▪ Strengthening gender equity in access, retention, safety, and well-being, including interventions to prevent and address gender-based violence. ▪ Strengthening school management (at central, provincial, district, ZIP and school levels). ▪ Improving the school environment with a particular focus on the 1st cycle of primary education (from 1st to 3rd grade). ▪ Promoting more effective teaching-learning processes with a focus on the first three grades of primary education.

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