APRIL 7, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA NON-OBJECTION

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/NO/2025/04-01 – Allocation for a Multiplier grant to Cameroon:

The Board of Directors:

1. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the Multiplier grant in Annex 4 of BOD/NO/2025/03 DOC 01, and the grant program application in Annex 5;
2. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a Multiplier grant, in support of the "Cameroon Basic Education Support Project" (CAMBESP), as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1, subject to:
   a) Availability of funds;
   b) Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for grants in annual installments.

Table 1: Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in euros[1]		
a.	Multiplier grant allocation	37,114,400[2]
b.	Allocation requested (37.18%)	13,800,000[3]
c.	**Allocation recommended by Secretariat**	**13,800,000**
d.	Results based financing	Yes
e.	Grant Agent	Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
f.	Agency Fees %– Amount	1.75% - 241,500
g.	Period	4 years
h.	Expected Start Date	June 1, 2025
i.	Closing Date	May 31, 2029
j.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

[1] In line with Board decision BOD/2018/06-10, the applicant decided to receive the grants in euros. The conversion rate is 0.92786 euro per dollar.

[2] Expression of interest approved for by the Secretariat for US $15,000,000 which represents EUR 13,917,900

[3] While Cameroon was eligible for EUR 13,917,900, the amount requested in this application is EUR 13,800,000

k.	Co-financing	72,680,000 (Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa: 27,600,000; Islamic Development Bank: 36,800,000, government of Cameroon: 8,280,000)

BOD/NO/2025/04-02–Allocation for system transformation grant to Burundi:

The Board of Directors;

1. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/NO/2025/03 DOC 02, the grant program application in Annex 5;
2. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the *"Projet pour l'amélioration de la qualité des apprentissages au Burundi"* (PAQABU) program, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1, subject to:
    a. Availability of funds.
    b. Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for grants in annual installments.
3. Notes that commitment of funds related to sub-component 3.1 Improvement of the education management information system (EMIS) with UNESCO as the grant agent for an amount of US$8,896,326 will be contingent on the resubmission of this subcomponent, including a revised results framework, to be reassessed by the Secretariat as meeting GPE quality standards.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation	68,240,000
b.	Allocation requested (100%)	68,240,000
c.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**	**68,240,000** (Agence française de développement (AFD): 20,804,955 UNICEF: 33,700,181 UNESCO: 13,734,864)
d.	Results based financing	No
e.	Grant Agent	AFD, UNICEF, UNESCO
f.	Agency Fee % - Amount	AFD : 7% (1,456,346.85)

		UNICEF: 7% (2,359,012.67)[4] UNESCO: 7% (961,440.48)[5]
g.	Period	4 years
h.	Expected Start Date	1 July 2025
i.	Closing Date	30 June 2029
j.	Funding Source	GPE fund

BOD/NO/2025/04-03–Allocation for system transformation grant to Uganda:

The Board of Directors;

1. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/NO/2025/03 DOC 03, the grant program application in Annex 5;
2. Noting the Secretariat's approval of the system capacity grant (Annex 6);
3. Approves an initial allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the Uganda Learning Acceleration Program (ULEARN), as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1, subject to:
    a. Availability of funds.
    b. Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for grants in annual installments.
    c. Approval of the International Development Association (IDA) credit by the World Bank Board of Directors.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation	162,500,000
b.	Allocation requested (69.23%)	112,500,000[6]
c.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**	**112,500,000**
d.	Results based financing	Yes
e.	Grant Agent	World Bank
f.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 1,968,750
g.	Period	4 years and 4 months
h.	Expected Start Date	October 15, 2025
i.	Closing Date	February 15, 2030

[4] Minor correction regarding a figure (US$ 2,359,012.68) in the previous document.
[5] Minor correction regarding a figure (US$ 961,440.53) in the previous document.
[6] This amount includes US$1.5 million for grant agent implementation support costs. It does not include Uganda's US$50 million top-up allocation, which the country is not yet applying for.

j.	Funding Source	GPE Fund IDA Credit – ($210 million)

BOD/NO/2025/04-04 – <u>Revised membership of the Finance and Risk Committee for the term ending December 2026:</u>

The Board of Directors:

1. Approves the appointment of Mr Shiba Kumar Sapkota, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to serve on the Finance and Risk Committee for the term ending December 2026, representing the Partner country constituency category;
2. Approves the appointment of Ms Tara Painter, Deputy Director, Education at Global Affairs Canada, to serve on the Finance and Risk Committee for the term ending December 2026, representing the Donor constituency category; and
3. Approves the revised membership roster of the Finance and Risk Committee (Annex A).