JUNE 3-5, 2025

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PARIS, FRANCE

FINAL DECISIONS

Reference	Decision
BOD/2025/06-01	**GPE Non-Profit Legal Entity: Foundation to Support GPE** The Board of Directors: 1. Refers to its decision on GPE's non-profit legal entity from December 2024 (BOD/2024/12-01) and welcomes the progress made by the Ad Hoc Working Group under the oversight of the Executive Committee, in advancing the establishment of the non-profit legal entity in Geneva, Switzerland. 2. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the Executive Committee, the Government of Switzerland as well as the contribution and support from other partners including the Jacobs Foundation, UBS Optimus Foundation, Aga Khan Foundation and members of the 'Friends of Education - Switzerland'. Acknowledges the collaboration with external legal advice, the advice provided by the Secretariat and the World Bank (to the extent the entity impacts the roles of the World Bank plays for GPE), and the cooperation of relevant and interested GPE partners. 3. Determines its support for the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Collaboration between the GPE Board and the [Foundation to support GPE] as set out in Annex A of BOD/2025/06 DOC 03 and acknowledges the Statutes as founding document as set out in Annex B which will facilitate the formal establishment of the [Foundation to support GPE] in Geneva, Switzerland, with the sole purpose to support GPE's mission and objectives, particularly around resource mobilization. 4. Requests the GPE Board Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Coordination between the GPE Board and the [Foundation to support GPE] on behalf of the GPE Board as set out in Annex A of BOD/2025/06 DOC 03.

BOD/2025/06-02	**Financial Allocations** The Board of Directors: 1. Notes the sustained demand for GPE grant resources in a context of an expected reduction in a small number of donor contributions for 2025. 2. Recalls its decision (BOD/2022/06-01) to authorize up to US$1.2 billion in unfinanced obligations that may be carried forward into the 2026-2030 financing period. Amends this authorization to a maximum of US$950 million recognizing increased resource mobilization risks and volatility. 3. Approves the revised indicative allocations for remaining system transformation and system capacity grant allocations for the 2021-2025 financing period as set out in Table 4 of Annex B of BOD/2025/06 DOC 04. 4. Requests the Secretariat to prioritize those countries impacted by the revised allocations for access to new allocations in the 2026-2030 financing period subject to satisfactory utilization of existing funds. 5. Stresses the importance for all partners to promote domestic financing for education. 6. Calls on donors to fulfill their outstanding pledges for GPE2025 as soon as possible, and for all partners to maximize their efforts to contribute to a successful replenishment for the 2026-2030 period.
BOD/2025/06-03	**Operating Expenses** The Board of Directors: 1. Approves US$53,913,000 in incremental costs for direct operating expenses for FY26 as set out in BOD/2025/06 DOC 06. 2. Authorizes the Secretariat in addition to carry over into FY26 any unspent FY25 funds for multi-year and special initiatives. 3. Approves an additional 20.48% of direct costs incurred in FY26 for the World Bank towards its indirect costs as administrative host of the Secretariat. 4. Reaffirms the expectation that operating expenses including the World Bank cost recovery remain within 7% of total disbursements from the GPE Fund on a cumulative basis over the FY25-FY27 period.
BOD/2025/06-04	**FY26 Trustee Budget** The Board of Directors approves the estimated administrative expenses of US$1,398,000 for trustee services for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, which includes US$400,000 for ongoing operation of the foreign exchange (FX) management pilot.

BOD/2025/06-05	**Modifications to the Contribution and Safeguards Policy** The Board of Directors: 1. Approves the changes to the Contributions and Safeguards Policy proposed in Annex A and revised Safeguards set out in Annex B of BOD/2025/06 DOC 08. 2. Requests the Secretariat to update the policy reflecting these changes and publish the revised policy.
BOD/2025/06-06	**GPE Priorities for CEO Performance** The Board of Directors: 1. In accordance with the CEO performance assessment process (BOD/NO/2022/10-01), approves the priorities set out in Annex A of BOD/2025/06 DOC 09 for the period from June 2025 to June 2026.
BOD/2025/06-07	**Eligibility and Allocation for GPE 2030** The Board of Directors: **Eligibility** 1. **System Transformation Grant:** Determines that eligibility for GPE System Transformation Grant Funding for the 2026-2030 financing period includes low-income countries, IDA eligible Small Island and Landlocked Developing States (SILDS)[1] that are middle-income countries, and countries that are classified as both least developed and fragile and/or conflict affected. 2. **Program Development Grant, System Capacity Grant and Multiplier:** Determines that eligibility for the Program Development Grant, System Capacity Grant, and Multiplier includes low- and middle-income countries, along with any other country eligible in the 2021-2025 financing period. Further determines that apart from IDA eligible SILDS, Multiplier eligible countries with a GNI per capita above US$3,000 shall not receive an indicative Multiplier allocation but may apply for access the Multiplier on a first-come first-served basis subject to available funds. 3. **Economic classification criteria:** Countries may be classified as eligible based on updated economic classification data as of July 1, 2026, but no country eligible as of July 1, 2025, will be excluded. The Board may consider on a case-by-case basis increasing eligibility for countries that meet the above economic classification criteria based on changes in classification

[1] Does not include the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or landlocked developing States with populations above 1 million.

from July 1, 2027, through July 1, 2030, and have requested to join the partnership.

4. **Domestic Resource Mobilization:** Countries demonstrate a strong commitment to transforming education, ensuring adequate domestic financing is allocated to support and sustain reforms.
    a. Requests the Secretariat to develop options on how domestic finance commitments can be further incentivized and monitored through the financing campaign and GPE operations.
    b. Requests the Secretariat to consider options for how countries graduating into a different income level classification can be incentivized to maintain or increase domestic finance commitments.

Allocation

5. **Allocation formula:** Retains the existing needs-based allocation formula (BOD/2020/11/12-04) that shall be used to determine the country share of GPE available resources for indicative System Transformation and Multiplier allocations.
6. **System Transformation and Multiplier allocations:** Agrees that the overall share of System Transformation and Multiplier allocations shall be a minimum of 71 percent of newly available grant funds and subject to the following adjustments:
    a. **Maximum allocation:** The indicative country allocation for any one country shall not exceed 5 percent of the overall available resources for System Transformation Grants and Multiplier Grants combined.
    b. **Minimum allocation:** For any eligible country where the allocation formula produces an indicative allocation below the current minimum allocation floor, they shall be eligible to apply for the corresponding floor. If the overall available funds for allocation are less than $2 billion, the allocation floor will be reduced by half subject to a minimum country allocation of $2.5 million.
    c. **Multiplier minimum share:** For countries eligible for both System Transformation Grant and Multiplier funding, they shall have a minimum share of 30 percent of the overall country allocation reserved for the Multiplier. The government with endorsement by the local education group may determine to increase this share if available and prior to the selection of a system transformation grant agent. The Secretariat will monitor whether countries, especially low-income countries, SILDS, and fragile and conflict affected states, can raise adequate co-financing to successfully unlock the Multiplier and will periodically update the Board.
    d. Based on the Secretariat's assessment of availability of co-financing and taking into account efforts made to mobilize additional resources, the Board may consider requests to convert unutilized Multiplier indicative

allocations into system transformation grants. The Secretariat will develop guidance to operationalize this decision.

e. **Minimum use of previous grants:** Approval of new System Transformation or Multiplier grants may be made when there is evidence that the utilization of funds on existing grants from prior funding cycles has or is shortly expected to reach 75 percent. The Secretariat will develop operational guidance including grounds for any exceptions to this.

f. **Simplification:** To reduce transaction costs and to simplify the application process, allow countries to apply for all allocations as one grant application process. Explore opportunities to harmonize grant agent accreditation processes with other multilateral funds and leverage respective accreditation frameworks.

7. **Innovative Finance:**

   a. At least 10 percent of new grant funds will be allocated to GPE eligible countries without an indicative allocation to encourage additional co-financing.

   b. Allocations per country will follow either the country allocation formula or the minimum allocation floor, depending on which is higher, provided that Multiplier requirements are met.

   c. Additionally, it is noted that eligible countries that have utilized their indicative Multiplier allocation may request access to an additional 20 percent from this reserve for highly innovative financing opportunities, subject to the availability of funds.

   d. Eligible contributions from the GPE Match for GPE reinforcing mechanisms and the Girls' Education Accelerator can be financed up to $50 million from this reserve.

8. **System Capacity Grants:** Agrees to make available the lower of 8.5 percent or $300 million of newly available grant funds for System Capacity Grants on the basis that the current allocation approach that applies a 70 percent weighting to school aged populations and a 30 percent weighting based on the Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) is retained. Further agrees to maintain the existing Finance and Risk Committee (FRC) approved approach of providing additional System Capacity Grant allocations for Federal States and a regional allocation for eligible Caribbean and Pacific countries. If available funds are below $250 million, the current floor of $1m and ceiling of $5m will be reduced to $750k and $3.75m respectively. If available funds are less than $150 million, they will be further reduced to $500k and $2.5 million respectively.

9. **Education Out Loud (EOL) and Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX):** Agrees to make available the lower of 3 percent or $100 million of newly available grant funds for EOL and the lower of $80 million or 2 percent of

	available funds for the KIX noting that the parameters and priorities of the next funding proposals will be presented to the Performance, Impact and Learning Committee (PILC) for recommendation to the Board and will be informed by GPE2030 priorities, lessons learned to date on current implementation, including the evaluations of both programs. 10. **Technical Assistance Initiatives:** Agrees to make available 1.5 percent of newly available grant funds to support Technical Assistance Initiatives. The Secretariat will propose a recommendation to the Performance Impact and Learning Committee (PILC) for Board decision on the prioritization of such initiatives. This shall include consideration of implementation to date, availability of funds, implications on Secretariat capacity, alignment with GPE2030 priorities, and prospects to mobilize additional and/or targeted financing support. 11. **Girls' Education Accelerator:** a. The Board notes the importance of prioritizing gender equality and inclusion across all GPE funded programs. b. The Board determines to make available 4 percent of newly available grant funds for the Girls' Education Accelerator and this amount may be increased by additional targeted donor contributions on an ongoing basis. c. Available funds will first be made available for existing eligible countries that met the requirements for the Girls' Education Accelerator under GPE2025 but did not receive an allocation. d. Allocations will be subject to a cap of $10 million per country. Based on the outcome of the replenishment, if additional resources are forecasted to be available, the Secretariat will propose options for eligibility and allocation of the Girls' Education Accelerator to the Finance and Risk Committee for recommendation to the Board.
BOD/2025/06-08	**Mobilizing Finance for Education** The Board of Directors: 1. Recalls its decision BOD/2024/06-07 that noted the importance of mobilizing additional finance to support system transformation through innovative approaches, and its intent to significantly increase the share of grant resources in the 2026-2030 financing period through mechanisms including the Multiplier. 2. Increases the minimum co-financing requirements to unlock the Multiplier from 3:1 to 4:1 from sources other than Private Foundations and the Business Community to be applied to new allocations under GPE2030. 3. Agrees to maintain the 1:1 Match for contributions from Private Foundations and the Business Community up to a value of US$250 million cumulatively

	under GPE2030. If this ceiling is reached, authority is delegated to the Finance and Risk Committee to increase the ceiling based on an assessment of opportunities and risks to be provided by the Secretariat. 4. Notes the analysis of additional instruments beyond those already in effect under GPE2025 that could potentially mobilize additional resources to support system transformation including through mobilizing climate, and domestic financing. 5. Recognizes the need for a flexible approach to take advantage of emerging and time sensitive opportunities, and to test new instruments and learn from experience. 6. Authorizes the Secretariat to approve Expressions of Interest from available funds based on the Eligibility and Allocation parameters agreed for GPE2030 for innovative financing arrangements provided such financing arrangements are aligned with or complement the priorities set out in the partnership compact and support the objectives of GPE2030.
BOD/2025/06-09	**GPE 2030 Strategy** The Board of Directors: 1. **Revised objectives:** Recognizing the importance of aligning GPE 2030's objectives with GPE's mission, theory of change and results framework, approves the following revised objectives: a. Country owned priority education reforms effectively implemented, fully integrating gender equality, and inclusion of people with disabilities and refugees, and other marginalized groups based on country context. b. Domestic and external financing mobilized to support and sustain the effective implementation of priority reforms. c. Reforms driven and sustained by coordinated, effective, inclusive and accountable partnerships, including core system stakeholders. 2. **Operational measures and responsibilities:** Approves the following operational measures and responsibilities to enable GPE 2030 results monitoring to be managed efficiently and cost-effectively as a partnership-wide effort: a. Governments, with support of the coordinating agent, grant agent, and other partners, report annually on progress related to the implementation of the partnership compact and enabling factors, and relevant top-up indicators. b. Annual monitoring can be financially supported through either the system capacity grant or the system transformation grant, and that the relevant grant agents be accountable for the timely completion of

reporting, including consultation with government and the local education group.

c. Secretariat works in consultation with grant agents co-financiers and partner countries to develop a small set of standardized indicators that apply to all system transformation grants, Multiplier grants, and co-financing, and that grant agents, including of co-financed programs, be accountable for reporting on these indicators annually.

d. Secretariat establishes a partnership platform for results reporting (as part of the digital transformation work) which locks in key accountabilities, and tracks compliance.

3. **Participation and capacity of teachers:** Requests the Secretariat to leverage all relevant existing grant mechanisms to strengthen the participation and capacity of teachers, recognizing approaches will differ according to context, and that all efforts should be made to promote representation and inclusion of women, young teachers, teachers with disabilities, and refugee teachers. This includes:

   a. Meaningful consultation with teachers' organizations on key policy issues, through system capacity and system transformation grants.

   b. Strengthened teacher capacity to engage in policy dialogue at the country level, working through Education Out Loud (EOL).

   c. Strengthened focus on teachers, and inclusion of teachers, in knowledge exchange, through the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) and similar opportunities with partners.

4. **Engagement of students, children, and young people:** Requests the Secretariat to leverage all relevant existing mechanisms to support the engagement of students, children and young people, recognizing approaches will differ according to context, and that all efforts should be made to include diverse voices, including those with disabilities and refugees. This includes:

   a. Strengthened processes of consultation with these groups at the country level supported through system capacity and system transformation grants.

   b. Strengthened capacity of these groups to engage in policy dialogue at the country level, working through EOL.

   c. Invite contributions from these groups in relevant knowledge exchange, through KIX and similar lesson-learning opportunities.

Next Steps

	5. Based on the strategy outline in Annex B of BOD/2025/06 DOC 12, requests the Secretariat to prepare a final draft of the GPE 2030 strategy for Board decision in December 2025. 6. Based on the draft results framework in Annex C of BOD/2025/06 DOC 12, requests the Performance, Impact and Learning Committee (PILC) to work with the Secretariat to agree a streamlined results framework for GPE 2030 at or before its next meeting in October 2025, to support the timely establishment of operational systems for reporting under GPE 2030.