JULY 4, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA NON-OBJECTION

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/NO/2025/07-01 REV.1– Allocation for system transformation grant and Multiplier grant to Malawi

The Board of Directors:

1. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/NO/2025/06 DOC 01, the grant program application in Annex 5;
2. Noting the Secretariat's approval of the system capacity grant in Annex 7;
3. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation and Multiplier grant, in support of the Malawi Foundational Learning Program for Results (MFLP) 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.
    c. Top-up triggers, as approved by Board decision BOD/AV/2024/05-05, being achieved for the release of the US$ 10,324,000, noting that commitment of these funds is contingent to the application of the GPE top-up triggers guidelines, including its revision process.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation	51,620,000[1]
b.	Multiplier grant allocation	16,280,010[2]
c	Allocation requested (100%)	67,900,010

[1] Revised allocation approved by Board on June 5, 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). Original allocation was US$68,820,000.

[2] An expression of interest from Malawi to access the GPE Multiplier allocation in the amount of US$31,500,000 was approved by the GPE Secretariat in March 2024. Within this allocation, an application of US$15,219,990 for a program named Building Education Foundations through Innovation and Technology (BEFIT) was approved by the Board in May 2024. In this application, Malawi is requesting US$16,280,010, the remaining total amount from the approved Multiplier.

d.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat[3]**	**67,900,010**
e.	STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers – 20% of Total STG	10,324,000[4] Trigger 1: 2,040,198 Trigger 2: 3,121,802 Trigger 3: 2,040,198 Trigger 4: 3,121,802
f.	Results based financing	Yes
g.	Grant Agent	World Bank
h.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% (1,188,250.18)
i.	Period	4 years 3 months
j.	Expected Start Date	September 15, 2025
k.	Closing Date	December 31,2029
l.	Funding Source	GPE Fund
m.	Sources of co-financing	Press Trust - 4,000,000 Roger Federer Foundation - 8,000,000 Yamba Malawi - 3,500,000 Think Equal - 315,000 World Vision International - 3,800,000 Save the Children - 1,067,030 Moravian Humanitarian and Development Services - 360,000 Total - 21,042,030 Grants

[3] This amount includes US$ 680,010 for grant agent implementation support costs. A previous version of the decision included an outdated figure (US$ 550,000) which has now been corrected.

[4] The amount of the top-up has been reduced on a pro rata basis consistent with the revision to the allocation decided by the Board at the June 2025 Board meeting (BOD/2025/06-02). The previous amount was US$13,764,000.