SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/AV/2025/09-01 – Top-Up triggers for strategic parameters, and allocation for system transformation and Girls' Education Accelerator grants to Niger:

The Board of Directors;

1. Noting the assessment of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 6 of document BOD/AV/2025/09 DOC 01;
2. Noting the Secretariat assessment set out in Annex 8 of the top-up triggers set out in Annex 7;
3. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation and Girls' Education Accelerator grants in Annex 4 of BOD/AV/2025/09 DOC 01, the grant program application in Annex 5;
4. Approves the proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets, as well as the associated amounts) for accessing part of the allocation.
5. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for system transformation and Girls' Education Accelerator grants, in support of the Program for the Transformation of the Education System in Niger, 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 being achieved for the release of US$ 11,760,000.
6. Requests the Trustee to withhold the annual transfer of funds until the Secretariat has assessed that the conditions related to the performance of the sector pooled fund, as set out in Annex 1 of this document, have been substantially met.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation[1]	58,800,000
b.	Girls' Education Accelerator	25,000,000
c.	Allocation requested (100%)	83,800,000
d.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**	**83,800,000**
e.	STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers – 20% of Total STG[2]	11,760,000
f.	Results based financing	No
g.	Grant Agent	UNICEF
h.	Agency Fee % - Amount	7%, or 5,866,000
i.	Period	4 years
j.	Expected Start Date	January 2, 2026
k.	Closing Date	December 31, 2029
l.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

	High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation
	• Volume, equity, and efficiency of domestic public expenditure on education
	  ○ Trigger 1: By December 2027, 90 percent of contract teachers from the Ministry of National Education (MEN) in rural areas are paid via mobile banking. (US$5.88 million)
	  ○ Trigger 2: By December 2027, all contract positions that have become vacant due to abandonment are systematically replaced by a budget position attached to the commune. (US$5.88 million)	

[1] Revised allocation approved by the Board in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). Original allocation was US$117,590,000.
[2] The amount of the top-up triggers has been reduced on a pro-rata basis consistent with the revision to the allocation decided by the Board in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). The previous amount was US$23,518,000 or US$11,760,000 per trigger.

BOD/AV/2025/09-02–Top-up triggers for strategic parameters and allocation for system transformation grant to Nigeria:

The Board of Directors:

1. Noting the assessment of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 8 of document BOD/AV/2025/09 DOC 02;
2. Noting the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 7 of the top-up triggers set out in Annex 6, in line with the Board decision BOD/AV/2024/09-01;
3. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/AV/2025/09 DOC 02, the grant program application in Annex 5;
4. Approves the proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) for accessing part of the allocation;
5. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the HOPE-EDU (Human Capital Opportunities for Prosperity and Equality – For Quality Basic Education for All) 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 being achieved for the release of US$ 16,148,000 million.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation[1]	53,800,000
b.	Allocation requested (100%)	53,800,000
c.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**[2]	53,800,000
d.	STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers[3] – 30% of Total STG	16,148,000
e.	Results based financing	Yes
f.	Grant Agent	World Bank
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 941,500.00
h.	Period	4 years 3 months

[1] Revised allocation approved by Board in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). The initial indicative allocation for the system transformation grant was US$117,590,000, from which US$10,000,000 was deducted for two Accelerated Funding applications of US$5,000,000 each, approved by the CEO in February and March 2024.

[2] This amount includes US$ 1,615,000 for grant agent implementation support costs.

[3] 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 in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). The previous amount was US$ 32,277,000.

i.	Expected Start Date	December 01, 2025
j.	Closing Date	February 28, 2030
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

	High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation
	• Data and evidence:
	  ○ Trigger 1 (federal level): A national digital annual school census system is accessible by December 2026 (US$ 1,000,000);
	  ○ Trigger 2 (state level): 80 percent of schools included in current-year (2026/27) state annual school census report by December 2027 (US$ 4,676,000).
	• Volume, equity, and efficiency of domestic public expenditure on education:
	  ○ Trigger 3 (state level): 80 percent of public primary schools have sufficient teaching and learning materials for literacy and numeracy for grades 1-3 by December 2027 (US$ 7,419,000);
	  ○ Trigger 4 (state level): 70 percent of public primary schools use their annual school grant by December 2027 (US$ 3,053,000).	