OCTOBER 30, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/AV/2025/10-01 – **Allocation for a system transformation grant to Afghanistan:**

The Board of Directors;

1. In accordance with the 2025 Operating Model and the operational framework for effective support in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, acknowledges the Afghanistan Education Sector Support Plan in Annex 2 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 01, supported by the local education group, as the basis of the proposed program;
2. Agrees, on an exceptional basis, and in recognition of the particularly complex operating environment in Afghanistan, to waive funding model requirements for grant funding.
3. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grants in Annex 5 and Annex 6 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 01, the grant program application in Annex 7 and Annex 8;
4. Notes that commitment of funds beyond year 1 will be contingent on the inclusion in an annual implementation report to be discussed with the development partners of specific sections on compliance with international sanctions, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) and grievances, as well as possible impact on the program of the evolving risk environment, notably with regards to curriculum changes affecting also non-formal education. The implementation report should be endorsed by the Education Sector Technical Working Group (ED-STWG) members and must be submitted to GPE Secretariat before funds are released.
5. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the Afghanistan 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.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$

a.	System transformation grant allocation[1]	50,050,000
b.	Allocation requested	50,050,000
c.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**	**50,050,000**
d.	Results based financing	n/a
e.	Grant Agent	Aga Khan Foundation USA: 25,025,000 Save the Children UK: 25,025,000
f.	Agency Fee % - Amount	AKF USA: $1,751,750 – 7% SC UK: 1,751,750 – 7%
g.	Period	AKF USA: 2 years 5 months SC UK: 2 years 9 months
h.	Expected Start Date	AKF USA: 1/11/2025 SC UK: 1/11/2025
i.	Closing Date	AKF USA: 31/3/2028 SC UK: 31/7/2028
j.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

BOD/AV/2025/10-02 – **Allocation for a system transformation grant to Myanmar:**

The Board of Directors;

1. In accordance with the 2025 Operating Model and the operational framework for effective support in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, acknowledges the Myanmar Joint Response Framework 2022-2025 in Annex 2 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 02, supported by the local education group, as the basis of the proposed program;
2. Agrees, on an exceptional basis, and in recognition of the particularly complex operating environment in Myanmar to waive funding model requirements for grant funding.
3. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 02, the grant program application in Annex 3;
4. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the GPE System Transformation Grant Program, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1, subject to:
    a. Availability of funds.

[1] Revised allocation approved by Board in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). Original allocation was USD 102,020,000.

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 US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation[1]	18,110,000
b.	Allocation requested	18,110,000
c.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**	18,110,000
d.	Results based financing	No
e.	Grant Agent	Save the Children UK: 5,471,299 UNICEF: 5,471,299 World Bank: 1,696,103[2] World Food Program: 2,523,485 UNESCO: 2,947,814
f.	Agency Fee % - Amount	Save the Children UK: 382,990.93 (7%) UNICEF: 382,990.93 (7%) World Bank: 29,681.80 (1.75%) World Food Program: 164,026.53 (6.5%) UNESCO: 206,346.98 (7%)
g.	Period	2 years
h.	Expected Start Date	November 1, 2025
i.	Closing Date	October 31, 2027
j.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

BOD/AV/2025/10-03 – **Allocation for a system transformation grant to Sudan:**

The Board of Directors;

1. In accordance with the 2025 Operating Model and the Operational Framework effective support in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, acknowledges the transitional education plan 2025-27 in Annex 2 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 03, supported by the local education group, as the basis of the proposed program;

[1] Revised allocation approved by Board in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). Original allocation was US$29.8M.

[2] This amount includes US$306,103 for grant agent implementation support costs.

2. Agrees, on an exceptional basis, and in recognition of the particularly complex operating environment in Sudan, to waive funding model requirements for grant funding.
3. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 03, the grant program application in Annex 5;
4. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the Building Resilience to Improve Development and Growth in Education in Sudan - BRIDGES 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.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	System transformation grant allocation	38,250,000
b.	Allocation requested	38,250,000 (Save the Children Norway: 20,750,000, UNICEF: 17,500,000)
c.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**	38,250,000
d.	Results based financing	No
e.	Grant Agent	Save the Children Norway UNICEF
f.	Agency Fee % - Amount	Save the Children Norway - 7% – 1,452,500.00 UNICEF -7% - 1,225,000.00
g.	Period	3 years
h.	Expected Start Date	January 1, 2026
i.	Closing Date	December 31, 2028
j.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

BOD/AV/2025/10-04 – Top-up triggers for strategic parameters and allocation for system transformation grant to Yemen

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/2025/10 DOC 04;

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/2024/07-05).
3. Noting the Secretariat's assessment of the system transformation grant in Annex 4 of BOD/AV/2025/10 DOC 04, 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 20% of the allocation;
5. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant, in support of the Sustaining Education and Learning (SEAL) 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$ 4,158,000.

Table 1 Application Summary and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations

All amounts in US$		
a.	Total System transformation grant allocation[1]	30,790,000
b	STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers-– 20% of Total STG	6,158,000
c.	Allocation requested (68%)	20,790,000
d.	**Allocation Recommended by Secretariat**[2]	20,790,000
e.	Requested STG Allocation conditioned on achievement of triggers – 20%	4,158,000
f.	Results based financing	No
g.	Grant Agent	World Bank
h.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 363,825
i.	Period	3 years
j.	Expected Start Date	January 30, 2026
k.	Closing Date	January 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:	

[1]Revised allocation approved by Board in June 2025 (BOD/2025/06-02). The revised indicative allocation for the system transformation grant is US$30.79 million, of which US$10 million is earmarked by the Government of Yemen for potential Multiplier funding. Hence, the requested STG amounts to US$20.79 million, inclusive of 20% linked to the top-up triggers.
[2] This amount includes US$600,000 for grant agent implementation support costs.

	○ Trigger 1 (IRG controlled areas): Regular payment of teacher salaries for 61,717 active government teachers in the year 2026, with at least six months of full salary payment and no later than two months delay in providing monthly payment (70% of the top-up allocation) ○ Trigger 2 (IRG controlled areas): transition 560 rural female teachers onto government payroll by December 2027. (30% of the top-up allocation)