Haiti:

Country Update

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1. The January 12, 2010 earthquake destroyed virtually all the Ministry of Education buildings and approximately 80% of school buildings in the immediate Port-au-Prince area. Many pupils, teachers and government officials working in the education sector died, and the Ministry of Education's operational capacity is now severely limited.

2. Since then, Haiti's Local Education Group – *Groupe Sectoriel en Education* (GSE) comprising the Ministry of Education and the donors at the local level – have worked together to revisit and revise the proposal approved by the Catalytic Fund Committee in September 2009 (US$ 22 million). In doing so, they took into consideration emergency funding being made available to Haiti as well as the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) results for the education sector. The final PDNA report and the National Strategic Plan were presented at a Donors Conference on March 31, 2010 in New York. It estimated the total cost of reconstruction of the education system to be US$ 2.6 billion over 3 years, of which US$ 450 million is projected for the next 6 months. The revised CF proposal (summary below), was prepared in collaboration with the PDNA and its interventions are designed to align with activities proposed by the PDNA.

3. The Catalytic Fund Committee (CFC) members approved, through a non-objection process, the proposal made by Haiti's Local Education Group to restructure the US$ 22 million allocation initially approved by the CFC in 2009.

4. As agreed when the allocation was approved originally, the World Bank will be the Supervising Entity for the CF allocation which will be channeled through the Haiti Education for All Trust Fund already established and managed by the World Bank. The disbursement of the CF money will be done in the days to come after the signature of a grant agreement with Haiti's Government.

Summary of Components of Approved Catalytic Fund Proposal and Revised Catalytic Fund Proposal

Proposal Approved by the CF Committee (US$ 22 million total)	Revised Proposal for Non-Objection by the CF Committee (US$ 22 million total)
Component I : Primary Education access and equity improvement (US$ 12.5 million) 135,000 students in non-public primary schools will benefit from school grants (free education) for the period 2010-11. CF funding to complement existing program in which 545 schools are already enrolled.	**Component I: Support to resume education services in earthquake affected areas (US$ 16 million)** ***Component 1.A : Support to non-public schools for teacher compensation (US$ 15 million)*** *Transfer through the EFA technical unit supporting the Administration Direction (Direction des Affaires Administratives)* Compensation to be paid to private school teachers (recruited and or relocated) in temporary schools in the 3 cycles. [90% of Haiti's primary schools are private. The support to teachers in non-public schools is considered by the Ministry of Education to be among its top post-earthquake priorities and is aimed at guaranteeing completion of the school year in most schools in the country. If teachers are not paid, there is a risk that they would leave their jobs and work in other sectors. The targeted zones are inside the three affected departments: Ouest, Sud-Est, and Nippes.] ***Component I.B : Introduce services for early child development/pre-school (US$ 1 million)*** Includes interventions in nutrition and health.
Component II: Primary Education Quality Improvement (US$ 7.58 million) *Component II.A School health and nutrition Program (US$ 6 million)* Provision of 1,000 Kcal daily meals managed by the Programme National des Cantines Scolaire (PNCS). *Component II. B. School Kits for public schools (US$ 1.58 million)*	**Component II : School feeding (US$ 5 million)** *Component II.A. School health and nutrition Program (US$ 4 million)* *Execution Agency: Programme National de Cantines Scolaires, with management by the EFA Project Technical Unit.* *Component II. B. Support to development of pedagogic tools adapted to teaching in post-disaster situations, US$ 1 million* *Execution agency : UNESCO* In-service training for teachers with a program adapted to the

	post-disaster situation.
<u>Component III: Capacity Development for sector governance improvement (US$ 1.4 million)</u> *<u>Component III.A Direction du Génie Scolaire (US$ 0.2million)</u>* *<u>Component III.B Information and Statistical system improvement (US$ 0.2 million)</u>* *<u>Component III.C Partnership National Office in Haiti (US$ 0.75 million)</u>*	**<u>Component III : Reconstruction of Ministry of Education capacities, including central and decentralized MoE structures (US$ 1 million)</u>** *Execution Agency: EFA Project Technical Unit* Purchase of emergency equipment (*inter alia* vehicles, furniture, generators) and technical assistance. Reinforce the technical structure of EFA (EPT), which supports the MoE in execution of the project.

5. The Haitian Ministry of Education launched the compensation program on April 27th. The support to private schools, mainly financed by the Fast Track Initiative, will permit thousands of children to resume the school. The Ministry of Education, together with the partners in Haiti, has developed a "*Guide d'opérations pour le paiement de la contribution à la reprise du fonctionnement des écoles non publiques des départements de l'Ouest, des Nippes et du Sud-Est.*"

6. Additionally, the Ministry of Education is currently initiating consultations to revamp the education sector and reform its institutional governance model and will present a roadmap document in June 2010. A multilateral donor mission will soon be set up to facilitate the paper's policy recommendations and help with external financing and a second request to the Fast Track Initiative.