GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Via Audio Conference
31 July 2012

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/2012/07-01 – Final Strategic Plan: The Board of Directors:

a. approves the indicators and actions described in the Global Partnership for Education Strategic Plan as presented in Annex 1 to BOD/2012/07 DOC 03; and

b. requests the Secretariat to:

i. finalize the Strategic Plan, based on the comments made by the Board of Directors at the audio-conference on 31 July 2012, for publication in conjunction with the launching of the United Nations Secretary General's Education Initiative; and

ii. provide to the Board of Directors at its next face-to-face meeting, a revised monitoring and evaluation strategy that is aligned to the Strategic Plan (in addition to the other documents requested in decision BOD/2012/06-02).

BOD/2012/07-02 – Supervision Allocations: The Board of Directors requests:

a. the Secretariat to provide to the Financial Advisory Committee ("FAC") as soon as possible a proposal for the amount for supervision allocations in fragile and conflict-affected states; and

b. the FAC to provide a recommendation on this issue to the Board of Directors.

BOD/2012/07-03 – Agency Fees for December 2011 Allocations: The Board of Directors approves the payment of the applicable agency fees for the allocations for program implementation grants approved in December 2011 (decision BOD/2011/12-01).

BOD/2012/07-04-- <u>Approval of Allocations for Program Implementation Grants</u>:

The Board of Directors:

1. approves the following allocations from GPE trust funds to be used for program implementation grants as described in the applications submitted for funding in June 2012:

a. **<u>Ghana</u>:**

i. US$75,500,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the World Bank serving as Supervising Entity;

ii. US$400,000 for a supervision allocation; and,

iii. US$1,321,000 for an agency fee.

b. **<u>Nicaragua</u>:**

i. US$16,700,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the World Bank serving as Supervising Entity; and

ii. US$400,000 for a supervision allocation.

c. **<u>Sudan</u>:**

i. US$50,700,000 for a four-year implementation period (as an exception to the three-year limit in the Time Frames for Grant Agreement Signing and Implementation and Procedures for Proposed Revisions to Implementation Grant Programs), with the World Bank serving as Supervising Entity,

iii. US$500,000 for a supervision allocation; and

iii. US$887,000 for an agency fee.

The program components that are approved for Sudan are Component 1 (increase access) and Component 3 (strengthen systems).

The Board of Directors requests the Local Education Group in Sudan to submit to the Secretariat, by no later than 31 August 2012, an application for Component 2 (provision of textbooks), for a maximum amount of US$26,000,000, which includes:

- a justification for the unit costs; and
- strengthened process for conflict sensitivity and gender analyses.

The Financial Advisory Committee will consider recommending an allocation for this component at its next face-face meeting.

d. **<u>Vietnam:</u>**

i. US$84,600,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the World Bank serving as Supervising Entity;

ii. US$400,000 for a supervision allocation; and

iii. US$1,481,000 for an agency fee.

2. requests the Secretariat to include in its notification to each of the relevant Local Education Groups regarding the approval of the allocations the Financial Advisory Committee's comments on the program set out in BOD/2012/07 DOC 02.