GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Paris, France
19-20 November 2012

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/2012/11-01 — Approval of Meeting Report: The Board of Directors approves the Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors in Berlin, Germany on 7-8 June 2012 (BOD/2012/07 DOC o1).

BOD/2012/11-02—Finalization of the Strategic Plan Implementation Plan: The Board of Directors:

a. notes the work to date of the Strategic Plan Working Group on developing an implementation plan for the Strategic Plan 2012-2015;

b. requests the Strategic Plan Working Group, working with the Secretariat, to:

   i. continue its consultation of GPE partners to contribute to the development of the implementation plan; and

   ii. finalize the implementation plan, including possible amendments to the Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy and the Secretariat budget, and deliver it to the Board of Directors as soon as possible but no later than 28 February 2013, for consideration by the Board of Directors at an audio-conference to be scheduled;

c. urges all partners to commit to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and indicate support for particular deliverables where possible; and

d. requests the Secretariat to deliver to the Board of Directors, no later than the next face-to-face Board meeting in 2013, a risk management framework for review by the Board of Directors.

BOD/2012/11-03—Pledge Monitoring Report: The Board of Directors:

a. requests the Secretariat to produce a comprehensive report on the status of fulfillment of the pledges made by partners at the GPE Pledging Conference in November 2011 and deliver it to the Board of Directors at its next face-to-face meeting; and

b. calls on all partners to provide the required information to the Secretariat in a timely manner upon request.

BOD/2012/11-04 – <u>Commitment of Trust Funds for Program Implementation Grants</u>: The Board of Directors decides that allocations for program implementation grants to be funded from the Global Partnership for Education Fund after 1 January 2013 shall be committed by the Trustee in annual installments up to the maximum amount approved by the Board of Directors as follows:

a. an initial commitment of the amount of the first year's budget in the approved proposal; and

b. subsequent commitments, pending availability of uncommitted funds, based on the request for commitment of funds submitted by a Supervising or Managing Entity which outlines the current availability of funds for each program implementation grant under their supervision or management and projected funding needs for the subsequent twelve-month period.

The Board of Directors will continue to approve allocations for the full term of proposals received.

BOD/2012/11-05– <u>Revision of the Indicative Allocation List for Program Implementation Grants</u>: The Board of Directors:

a. approves the revised list of indicative allocations for program implementation grants 2012-2014 set out in Annex 9 of the Report of the Financial Advisory Committee (BOD/2012/11 DOC 07), which shall be in effect for the second round of funding in 2013 and the first round of funding in 2014; and

b. replacesthe statement of eligibility for program implementation grants as set out in footnote 1 in the Needs and Performance Framework (BOD/2012/01 DOC 01) to:

"The following countries are eligible: (i) those that are currently classified, or have been classified as IDA Category i or ii in the past two years; and (ii) those that are currently classified as IDA category iii and are Small Island Developing States (as defined by the United Nations) or fragile states (as defined by the World Bank).";

c. requests the Secretariat to post the new approved indicative allocations list on the GPE website and advise the relevant Local Education Groups accordingly; and

d. requests:

i. the Secretariat to develop and provide to the Financial Advisory Committee options on:

-a description of the eligible resources available for allocation from the GPE trust funds; and

-criteria for prioritizing allocations for program implementation grants, should there be a shortfall in eligible resources compared to demand from countries; and

ii. the Financial Advisory Committee to provide its recommendation on the items in d.i. to the Board of Directors at the first face-to-face Board meeting in 2013.

BOD/2012/11-06 –<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 the second round of 2012:

a. **Burundi:**

   i. US$52,900,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the Belgian Development Cooperation serving as Supervising Entity;

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

   iii. US$925,750 for an agency fee.

b. **Chad:**

   i. US$40,140,000 for a three-year implementation period, plus US$2,408,400 for an agency fee to UNICEF serving as Managing Entity; and

   ii. US$7,060,000 for a three-year implementation period, plus US$494,200 for an agency fee to UNESCO serving as Managing Entity.

c. **Democratic Republic of Congo:**

   i. US$100,000,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the World Bank serving as Supervising Entity;

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

   iii. US$1,638,000 for an agency fee[1].

d. **South Sudan:** US$36,100,000 for a three-year implementation period, plus US$2,527,000 for an agency fee to UNICEF as Managing Entity.

e. **Sudan:** US$25,800,000 for Component 2 (provision of textbooks), plus US$451,500 as an agency fee for the World Bank serving as Supervising Entity[2].

2. requests the Secretariat to include in its notification to each of the relevant Local Education Groups of the approval of the allocations, the Financial Advisory Committee's comments on the program set out in BOD/2012/11 DOC 07.

3. requests the Secretariat to provide to the Local Education Group in Tajikistan the reasons that the FAC did not recommend an allocation in response to its proposal, as indicated in BOD/2012/11 DOC 07.

[1] US$6.4 million of this allocation is to be sourced from the ACP Catalytic Fund, to which no agency fee for the World Bank applies. The remaining US$93.6 million will come from the Global Partnership for Education Fund, to which a 1.75% agency fee applies.
[2] This allocation is in addition to the allocation to Sudan for a program implementation grant that was approved by the Board of Directors in decision BOD/2012/07-04.

BOD/2012/11-07 – <u>Standards for Supervising and Managing Entities</u>: In order to support the approval of the Board of Directors of:

-the appointment of agencies currently eligible to be a Supervising Entity or Managing Entity for a grant funded by GPE trust fund resources (including program implementation grants, education plan development grants, program development grants and Global and Regional Activities grants); and

-the expansion of eligible entities to serve as Managing Entities, as currently anticipated in the Strategic Plan 2012-2015,

the Board of Directors:

a. endorses the approach to be taken to the review and assessment of the relevant policies and procedures of potential supervising and managing entities as set out in Annex 4 of BOD/2012/11 DOC 07; and

b. requests the Secretariat to develop guidelines for the review and assessment consistent with the approach as set out in paragraph a., for consideration by the Financial Advisory Committee and recommendation to the Board of Directors, no later than the first face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors in 2013.

BOD/2012/11-08 — <u>Civil Society Education Fund</u>: The Board of Directors:

a. agrees that there should be continuity of the Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF) with no break in the funding;

b. requests the Secretariat to conduct an expedited quality review of the CSEF funding proposal under the Global and Regional Activities process, including an assessment of the role and appropriate costs of the Supervising Entity; and

c. requests the Global Campaign for Education to present a revised proposal, taking into account the results of the quality review, no later than 11 December 2012, to be considered by the Board of Directors at an audio-conference to be held on 18 December 2012.

BOD/2012/11-09 – <u>Launch of a Results-Based Financing Pilot</u>: The Board of Directors:

a. approves:

i. the launching for the second round of funding in 2013 of a results-based financing pilot, focused on learning outcomes and based on the principles set out in Annex 5 of BOD/2012/11 DOC 07 (the "Pilot"); and

ii. an increase to the Secretariat budget of 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2013 of US$125,000 to cover the costs of a half a full time equivalent position to support the Pilot; and

b. delegates to the Financial Advisory Committee the authority to approve the operational guidelines for the Pilot, which shall be released by 30 April 2013 to allow countries to make an informed decision about whether they wish to participate in the Pilot in Round 2 of 2013.

BOD/2012/11-10 – <u>Supervision Allocations and Agency Fees</u>:

1. The Board of Directors:

a. confirms that a standard supervision allocation of up to US$100,000 per year is available for Supervising Entities supervising program implementation grants;

b. approves an exception to the standard supervision allocation in fragile and conflict-affected states (as defined by the World Bank) for Supervising Entities supervising program implementation grants of an amount up to US$200,000 per year provided that:

i. the grant was approved after 1 January 2012; and

ii. the Supervising Entity provides a written justification and costed supervision plan

-as part of its application package; or

-for those grants approved in 2012, as a separate request for approval by the Financial Advisory Committee.

2. The Board of Directors requests:

a. the Secretariat to conduct an analysis of the costs associated with supervision and management of program implementation grants, in both fragile and non-fragile contexts, and provide:

i. an update to the Board of Directors at its next face-to face meeting on the progress of the analysis; and

ii. a recommendation to the FAC, no later than 30 June 2013, on:

-a possible change to the standard supervision allocation amount; and

-guidance on agency fees and other direct management costs.

b. the FAC to provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors on this issue at the second face-to-face Board meeting in 2013.

BOD/2012/11-11 — <u>Governance Review</u>:

1. The Board of Directors requests the Chair to establish a Governance Working Group, which includes membership of at least one member from each of the constituency categories.

2. The Board of Directors requests the Governance Working Group to review the Global Partnership governance structures and provide recommendations regarding possible changes. The review shall consider, but not be limited to the following:

i. the issues raised in the paper proposing amendments to the Charter (BOD/2012/10 DOC 03);

ii. the representation of African partner countries, new and emerging donors, United Nations agencies, and the private sector and private foundations on the Board of Directors;

iii. clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the Chair, the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors and its committees in decision-making;

iv. procedures for making decisions outside of face-to-face meetings;

v. increasing the voice of developing country partners in the governance structures; and

vi. issues arising from the Evans Working Group.

3. The Governance Working Group shall provide recommendations on representation of constituencies on the Board of Directors no later than the next face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors.

BOD/2012/11-12 — Guidelines for Accelerated Support in Emergency and Early Recovery Situations: The Board of Directors approves the Guidelines for Accelerated Support in Emergency and Early Recovery Situations as set out in Annex 10 of BOD/2012/11 DOC 07.

BOD/2012/11-13 –Chair Budget: The Board of Directors approves the Chair's budget of up to US$558,220 for the period of 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013, based on the work plan presented in BOD/2012/11 DOC 08, Annex 1, which may be modified at a later date depending on the recommendations of the Governance Working Group.

BOD/2012/11-14 – Eligibility Review:

1. The Board of Directors:

a. recognizes that the current eligibility criteria for program implementation grants requires a review;

b. requests the Secretariat to present its recommendations on possible changes to such eligibility criteria, including the financial implications, to the Financial Advisory Committee; and

c. requests the Financial Advisory Committee to present a recommendation on this issue to the Board of Directors at its next face-to face meeting.

2. The Board of Directors decides, in the interim, to extend beyond Round 1 of 2013 the eligibility of Djibouti, Nigeria and Uzbekistan to apply for a program implementation

grant, and requests the Secretariat to amend the revised indicative allocations list approved in Decision BOD/2012/11-05 to reflect this decision.