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Global and Regional Activities (GRA) Program

Meeting of the Board of the Directors
Brussels, Belgium, 21-22 May 2013

For Information and Decision

- Outline decision proposed for 2nd batch of GRA concept notes
- Update on first round of GRA concept notes
- Brief outline of next steps in 2013

Decision differs from background paper

- So: explain
- Approx $30 mill committed in batch 1 (including CSEF) and not yet running
- Notes for 2nd batch: another $40 mill
- So: pause and moderate
- Initial reactions: even 5 notes too much in 2nd batch
- So, decision proposed is…
  - 2 notes
  - with options: 1) the 5 in the paper, or 2) none
- In all cases propose GRA→innovation fund/facility

Proposed decision: (BOD/2013/05) on 2nd batch of GRA Concept Notes

a. approves an allocation of up to US$ 10,489,925 from the Global Partnership for Education Fund to fund the Global and Regional Activities ("GRA") concept notes three and four, as designated in the "Summary and Decision Matrix of GRA Concept Notes", Annex 1 of the Secretariat's Recommendations for GRA (BOD/2013/05 DOC 10);

b. requests the Secretariat to prepare a proposal for an Innovation Fund or facility, to replace the GRA, and to be decided upon in November 2013.

What is GRA?

- Fill knowledge gaps in meeting GPE Strategic goals and objectives

- Knowledge sharing and knowledge development
  - by Partners
  - at regional and global levels

- Funded through the GPE fund

Summary Previous GRA Board Decisions

BOD/2012/10-02

- Approval of GRA Operational Manual
- Open call for GRA concept notes
- Approved proceeding with 1st batch of GRA concept notes

BOD/2013/02-02

- Approval of Funding 1st batch of GRA Concept Notes
- Approved proceeding with 2nd batch of GRA concept notes for submission at Board meeting in May

Status GRA Concept Notes 1st Batch

February:	March:	April:	May:	June:
Eight concept notes approved by the Board for US$ 13,515,285	Detailed proposals submitted to Secretariat	External and internal quality reviews on detailed proposals coordinated by Secretariat	Final comments shared with agencies and results agreements finalized	Transfer of funds by Trustee and implementation starts

Actions taken for 2nd batch based on Board Recommendations

- Emphasize all GPE Strategic Goals and Objectives
- Emphasize outreach and capacity building
- Coordinate amongst partners
- Ensure dissemination plan for knowledge products
- Value for money

Details on Proposed Board Decision

- Board paper recommended top 5 out of 18
- But if Board wishes to be more selective, proposals 3 and 4 are quite distinctive and also important:
  - Proposal 3 (Pacific): promise of using GRA for small island states, as a group, otherwise without normal grants; important SO (learning)
  - Proposal 4 (Teachers): only one directly and in a focused manner dealing with teacher SO
- GRA→innovation fund/facility

Overview of recommended Concept Notes

No.	Idea/ Knowledge Product	Agency	Function	Grant US$
3	Pacific Early Age Readiness and Learning Program PEARL Quality/Learning Outcomes	World Bank	Managing Entity	8,505,075
4	Delivering on Teachers	UNESCO	Managing Entity	1,984,850
Total				10,489,925

Sketch of innovation fund/facility - 1

- Purpose: stimulate game-changing innovation beyond business as usual
- Components: “Real” ($ in, $ out) and “virtual” (stimulate and “vet” non-cash collaborations)
- Give non-cash collabs same status as cash ones
- Stimulate philanthropic/private sectors, CSOs, to get more involved

Sketch of innovation fund/facility - 2

- Source innovations from countries
  - Create community of ideas amongst countries
- Technological and process innovation
  - Not just a “gadgets” fund
- Management/policy and teaching/learning
- Quantify and measure outputs generated by having good classification and scoring scheme
- Examples?

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