GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

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

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/2013/05-02 — Approval of Meeting Report: The Board of Directors approves the Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors in Paris, France on 19-20 November 2012 (BOD/2012/11 DOC 01).

BOD/2013/05-03 — Resource Mobilization and Replenishment: The Board of Directors:

a. endorses the broad strategy and timeline for a replenishment campaign outlined in BOD/2013/05 DOC 04, including convening a pledging conference in or about June 2014; and

b. calls upon all Board members and other partners to provide political leadership and strongly support the replenishment campaign.

BOD/2013/05-04 – Approval of the Implementation Plan for the Strategic Plan 2012-2015: The Board of Directors:

a. approves the implementation plan for the Strategic Plan 2012-2015 contained in Annex 1 of BOD/2013/05 DOC 05 (the "Implementation Plan"), including the indicators to measure progress of the plan;

b. requests the Secretariat to proceed with the further refinement of the work on the impact indicators as outlined in Annex 1 of BOD/2013/05 DOC 05, and report back to the Board at its next face-to-face meeting in November 2013 with concrete recommendations;

c. reiterates its request in decision BOD/2012/11-02 urging all partners to commit to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and indicate support for particular deliverables where possible;

d. requests the Secretariat to report to the Board of Directors on an annual basis, starting with its next face-to-face meeting in November 2013, on progress on the implementation of the Implementation Plan; and

e. decides that the SPWG shall cease to be operational given the completion of the Strategic Plan and the Implementation Plan.

BOD/2013/05-05 – Approval of Allocations for Program Implementation Grants: 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 first round

of 2013, subject to availability of funds and the decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for program implementation grants:

a. Benin:

i. US$ 42,300,000 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$ 320,250 for an agency fee.

b. Burkina Faso:

i. US$ 78,200,000 for a three-year implementation period, with Agence Française de Développement serving as Supervising Entity;

ii. US$ 300,000 for a supervision allocation; and

iii. US$ 1,639,854 for an agency fee.

c. Comoros:

i. US$ 4,600,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the UNICEF serving as Managing Entity; and

ii. US$ 322,000 for an agency fee.

d. Madagascar:

i. US$ 85,400,000 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$ 1,494,500 for an agency fee.

e. Mauritania:

i. US$ 12,400,000 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$ 217,000 for an agency fee.

f. Senegal:

i. US$ 46,900,000 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$ 120,750 for an agency fee.

g. Somalia (Puntland):

i. US$ 2,100,000 for a three-year implementation period, with UNICEF acting as Managing Entity; and

ii. US$ 147,000 as an agency fee.

h. Somaliland:

i. US$ 4,200,00 for a three-year implementation period, with UNICEF acting as Managing Entity; and

ii. US$ 294,000 for an agency fee.

i. Tajikistan:

i. US$ 16,200,000 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$ 283,500 for an agency fee.

j. Yemen:

i. US$ 10,000,000 for an emergency component, with UNICEF serving as Managing Entity, plus US$ 700,000 for an agency fee; and

ii. US$ 72,600,000 for the remaining proposal activities over a four-year implementation period, with UNICEF acting as Supervising Entity, plus US$ 1,000,000 for a supervision allocation and US$ 726,0000 for an agency fee.

k. Zambia:

i. US$ 35,200,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the United Kingdom Department for International Development serving as Supervising Entity; and

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

l. Zanzibar:

i. US$ 5,200,000 for a three-year implementation period, with the Swedish International Development Agency serving as Supervising Entity; and

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

m. Zimbabwe:

i. US$ 23,600,000 for a three-year implementation period, with UNICEF serving as Managing Entity; and

ii. US$ 1,652,000 for an agency fee.

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/2013/05 DOC 07b.

BOD/2013/05-06 – Review and Assessment of Supervising and Managing Entities: The Board of Directors:

a. requests that the Secretariat conduct a review of currently eligible entities acting or interested in acting as supervising or managing entity in the future, in line with the approach outlined in Annex 5 of the Report of the Financial Advisory Committee (BOD/2013/05 DOC 07, the "FAC Report") and deliver a report on the results to the FAC no later than 31 December 2013;

b. requests that the Secretariat deliver to the FAC by its next face-to-face meeting the "ME Eligibility Expansion Plan" described in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.8 of the FAC Report, for recommendation by the FAC and approval by the Board at its next face to face meeting; and

c. endorses the approach used for the guidelines for capacity and grant level assessments as described in paragraphs 3.11 to 3.19 of the FAC Report.

BOD/2013/05-07 — Comprehensive Funding Guidelines: The Board of Directors approves the Comprehensive Funding Guidelines attached as Annex 6 of BOD/2013/05 DOC 07.

BOD/2013/05-08 — Guidance Note on Dividing Indicative Allocations: The Board of Directors approves the Guidance Note on Dividing Indicative Allocations for Program Implementation Grants in Federal States as outlined in Annex 3 of BOD/2013/05 DOC 07.

BOD/2013/05-09— Review of Indicative Allocation Model:

1. The Board of Directors:

a. welcomes the continued high demand for funding from developing country partners to support implementation of Education Sector Plans;

b. recognizes that ongoing high demand could potentially result in the value of allocations exceeding available funds through the end of 2014 (Annex 7 in BOD/2013/05/DOC 07);

c. notes that the forecasted funding difference has grown by US$ 89 million since the November 2012 Board meeting to US$ 406 million and that this is subject to further change; and

d. recognizes the existing allocation model does not adequately recognize the reality that both supply and demand for funding can fluctuate and this represents a potential reputational risk for GPE.

2. The Board therefore requests that the Secretariat prepare for consideration by the Financial Advisory Committee as part of the annual review of indicative allocations to be delivered to the November 2013 Board meeting:

a. options to revise the existing indicative allocation model to provide flexibility to balance allocations with forecasted available resources; and

b. an analysis of risks associated with maintaining the existing allocation model for 2014 grant applications, based on the next Financial Forecast.

BOD/2013/05-10 — Operational Framework for Effective Support in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: The Board of Directors approves the Operational Framework for Effective Support in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States set out in Annex 1 of BOD/2013/05 DOC 08.

BOD/2013/05-11 — Secretariat Budget: The Board of Directors:

a. notes the full-year effect of the staffing numbers on the 18-month budget for July 2012 to December 2013 approved in decision BOD/2012/09-02;

b. notes the restructuring and reallocation of Secretariat resources towards partnership priorities;

c. approves a supplemental amount of US$ 940,000, representing 12 additional staff positions impacting the 6-month period from 1 July – 31 December 2013;

d. approves the request to permit the World Bank to enter into a lease agreement on the Global Partnership for Education's behalf for additional office space at a cost of US$ 366,000 for three years starting on 1 July 2013 and notes that a portion of this sum (1 July – 31 December 2013) is included in this budget request; and

e. notes one-off costs for the upcoming replenishment campaign of US$ 516,000 as presented in BOD/2013/05 DOC 04 and notes that additional short-term consultancy costs associated with the campaign prior to December 2013 will be absorbed within this budget request.

BOD/2013/05-12 — Revised Board Structure: The Board of Directors:

a. requests the Governance Working Group ("GWG") to return to the Board at its next face-to-face meeting in November 2013 with a range of options for a revised Board structure, including but not limited to the options for revised Standing Committees presented to the Board in BOD/2013/05 DOC 06;

b. in so doing, the GWG takes into account the issues raised at the face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors meeting in May 2013; and

c. in clarifying these options, the GWG provides full draft Terms of Reference (including objectives, functions and proposed membership) for any proposed Standing Committees or other governance structures.

BOD/2013/05-13 — Budget for the Chair of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors:

a. acknowledges that the role of the Chair will become an unremunerated position as of 1 July 2013;

b. requests the Chair and Secretariat to work with UNESCO to terminate the Chair's current employment contract by 30 June 2013 and return to the GPE Fund all amounts unused by the same date from the budget of the Chair approved in decision BOD/2012/11-13;

c. approves a budget of up to US$ 75,000 for the travel and other reasonable expenses of the Chair for the period of 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013; and

d. requests the Secretariat to amend the Charter to delete the references to the employment of the Chair by a partner organization.

BOD/2013/05-14 — Launch of the Search for a New Chair of the Board: The Board of Directors requests the Governance Working Group to act on the Board's behalf as a Search Committee, working with the current Chair, to launch a process for the selection of a new Chair to take on the role as of 1 January 2014 under the terms of reference contained in Annex 7 of BOD/2013/05 DOC 06, and present one or more preferred candidates to the Board of Directors for its approval at its next face-to-face meeting in November 2013.

BOD/2013/05-15 — Global and Regional Activities: The Board of Directors requests the Secretariat to:

a. further analyze the GRA's second batch of concept notes and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors for consideration by 15 July 2013; and

b. prepare options for dealing with innovation, knowledge gaps, regional issues and similar matters, for consideration by the Board of Directors at its next face-to-face meeting in November 2013.