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Meeting of the Board of Directors
Brussels, Belgium
June 27-28, 2014

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/2014/06-02—Approval of Meeting Report: The Board of Directors approves the Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington D.C. on February 26, 2014 (BOD/2014/06 DOC 05).

BOD/2014/06-03 – Financial Support to Strengthen Communication and Coordination among GPE's DCP Constituencies: The Board of Directors**:**

a. requests the GPE Secretariat to organize two face-to-face pre-Board constituency meetings for the six DCP constituencies, in advance of the next two face-to-face Board meetings, to allow each DCP constituency to: (i) prepare and consult on the Board decisions to establish a consensual constituency position; (ii) develop and finalize costed communication and action plans for each individual constituency; and (iii) share experiences with regard to implementation of the new funding model in order to inform the Board of progress being made;
b. agrees to allocate no more than US$ 700,000 to the GPE Secretariat from the GPE Fund to include all event planning, meeting logistics and travel arrangements for meeting participants, in order to organize said meetings, while making every effort to lower costs; and
c. requests the Secretariat to submit an evaluation and progress report and options for minimizing future costs to the Board following completion of the pre-Board constituency meetings in order to review the success of this mechanism in comparison to the other options.

BOD/2014/06-04 — Innovative Financing to Leverage Other External Funding:

In recognition that the pilot with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will take 18 months to 2 years to produce outcomes, and further noting the wide range of potential instruments and partners that can help leverage additional funding for educational outcomes using GPE grants, the Board of Directors approves the following:

a. the IDB pilot will be open to all GPE eligible countries that are also IDB eligible countries. The Secretariat and the GERF, in close coordination with the Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC), will develop an operational framework for the IDB pilot which at a minimum should outline:
   i. the application process;
   ii. how much external financing GPE funds should leverage;
   iii. the link to the new funding model requirements and incentives; and
   iv. the maximum amount of GPE funds that would be available for each eligible country.

b. the Secretariat and the GERF, in close coordination with the SPC, will present an analysis with options to the Board of other innovative finance mechanisms of interest to partner countries.

BOD/2014/06-05 –**Approval of Allocations for Program Implementation Grants**: The Board of Directors:

a. approves the allocation from GPE trust funds for the program implementation grants as described in the applications submitted in the first round of 2014 and that are listed in Table 1 of BOD/2014/06 DOC 11, subject to:
   i. availability of funds; and
   ii. Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for Program Implementation Grants in annual installments.
b. requests the Secretariat to:
   i. include in its notification to each of the relevant Governments of the approval of the allocations, the conditions, requests for report back, and observations on the program set out in Table 2 in BOD/2014/06 DOC 11; and
   ii. provide to the CGPC an update at its next face-to-face meeting on the issues listed as "conditions" and "report back" in Table 2 of BOD/2014/06 DOC 11.

BOD/2014/06-06 – in reference to decision BOD/2013/11-07, **Indicative Allocations List 2014:** The Board of Directors:

a. extends the expiration date of December 31, 2014 for all countries with an existing indicative allocation that have commenced Phase 1 of the Quality Assurance Review but are not approved for a program implementation grant by December 31, 2014;
b. decides that the extended allocation will represent that country's maximum country allocation for the 2015-2018 period, subject to the provisions of Point 4;
c. decides that the application for any extended allocation should be guided by the principles of the new funding model but may be submitted under the existing requirements in effect, provided the application is submitted in the first round of 2015. Any application submitted in a subsequent round will be subject to the requirements of the new funding model; and
d. decides that, in the event that the country would have been entitled to a higher allocation under the new funding model, the country may apply for the higher amount only if it formally submits an application subject to the requirements of the new funding model.

BOD/2014/06-07—Proposed Revision to Afghanistan Program Implementation Grant: In accordance with the provisions of the Policy on Time Frames for Grant Agreement Signing and Implementation and Procedures for Proposed Revisions to Implementation Grant Programs (Timeframes Policy), the Board of Directors:

a. requests the Secretariat to more clearly present the conditions listed in Annex 1 to BOD/2014/06 DOC 13 and to communicate these conditions to the Local Education Group;
b. requests the information be provided to the CGPC no later than September 30, 2014;and
c. delegates authority to the CGPC to approve a revised Program Budget Revision Notification after considering the response to the conditions as per points 1 and 2.

BOD/2014/06-08— <u>Proposal for creation of a window for funding education sector analyses within the existing Education Plan Development Grant mechanism</u>: The Board of Directors:

a. approves the establishment of a window for financing education sector analyses within the existing Education Plan Development Grant (EPDG) mechanism;
b. authorizes an increase of the EPDG ceiling from US$250,000 to US$500,000 to include the additional funding of US$250,000 which would be earmarked specifically for better data and system analysis;
c. requests that the Secretariat updates the existing Education Plan Development Grant guidelines as well as other GPE guidance documents to reflect this new financing facility, including criteria to ensure value for money, capacity building for sustainability and alignment with the new funding model. The CGPC will approve the guidelines prior to the launching of the new facility and by January 1, 2015; and
d. authorizes an increase of the Secretariat's authority to approve EPDG applications from up to US$250,000 to up to US$500,000.

BOD/2014/06 - 09 — <u>Maximum Country Allocations for Program Implementation Grants:</u> The Board of Directors:

a. approves the list of Maximum Country Allocations for the first round of 2015 as set out in Annex 1 of the addendum to BOD/2014/06/DOC 08. The allocation for these countries will remain valid for the 2015-2018 period unless otherwise adjusted by the Board, and will be subject to the requirements of the new funding model; and
b. requests the GERF to conduct a review of the forecast of available resources at its next face-to-face meeting in October 2014 and to make recommendations for decision by the Board on the level of available resources for approval of the Maximum Country Allocations of Round 2 2015, and if possible, the Maximum Country Allocations for 2016.

BOD/2014/06-10- <u>Secretariat Budget Update</u>: The Board of Directors:

a. approves a supplemental amount of US$425,000 to cover current CY2014 budget needs as outlined in 3.1.;
b. approves a supplemental amount of US$175,000 for a Special Advisor to the Board Chair;
c. approves a supplemental amount of $100,000 for innovative financing;
d. concurs with the GERF's recommendation to approve that the Secretariat budget revert to a July 1–June 30 fiscal year (GERF/2014/05 DOC 07), to align with the Hosting Agency's (World Bank) fiscal year accounting and reporting requirements, policies, procedures and systems, effective July 1, 2015;
e. requests the Secretariat to prepare a six-month budget for consideration at the December 2014 Board meeting to cover the period January–June 2015 and thereafter prepare a fiscal year budget (July–June) starting in May/June 2015; and
f. approves a supplemental amount of US$350,000 (50 percent of US$700,000) to provide financial support to strengthening communications and coordination among GPE developing country partner constituencies for a six-month period July–December 2014 as per **BOD/2014/06-07.**