Questions and Answers about GPE Fund Allocations to

Developing Country Partners After the Replenishment Conference

1. What do the Replenishment results mean for allocations to Developing Country Partners?

The outcome of the replenishment conference has enabled the Board of Directors to announce indicative Maximum Country Allocations (MCA) for the countries expected to apply in the first round of 2015, including **Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal and Rwanda** as well as the eligible small island and small landlocked developing states. These countries can therefore begin to prepare their applications using the new funding model.

It is too early at this stage to determine whether available resources will be sufficient to finance all eligible countries in the 2015-2018 period, as the level of available resources may be impacted by a number of issues. These include:

- the expected timing of payments and conditions of some donor pledges,
- expectations of additional pledges from donors not in a position to pledge at the replenishment conference,
- the impact of grant approvals to be made in the remainder of 2014.

The Board of Directors has decided to wait until its next meeting in December 2014 to allow time to clarify some of these issues before making a determination as to whether available resources are expected to be sufficient to fund all eligible countries in the 2015-2018 period.

Taking into consideration the forecast of available resources, the Board will make announcements of indicative MCAs for the countries expected to apply in the second round of 2015 and potentially 2016 at its next meeting in December 2014.

2. What is the timeline for the first round of applications of 2015?

The application deadline will be March 2, 2015. This means that the review of the draft program document (QAR Phase II) should occur no later than January 2015. Several of the countries that have been given an indicative Maximum Country Allocation for the first round are beginning or have already begun their preparations. The Secretariat's Country Support Team will be in close communication with these countries to determine specific timelines and milestones that allow for meeting the new requirements. Guidelines and tools are being developed simultaneously with this process, allowing involved country partners to contribute to the roll-out through their expertise and experience of the process.

The initial length of time to ensure that the new funding model will be robustly implemented should be considered as a guarantee that the outcomes will be achieved: more time will be taken on preparation to strengthen the feasibility, seriousness and readiness of the programs.

3. **Will it be possible for some countries to apply earlier or on a rolling basis?**

No. Because a new funding model is being used, it is important to allow sufficient time to ensure a robust process, particularly considering the emphasis on credible sector plans that must be endorsed no later than 3 months before the application submission (i.e. by December 2nd, 2014) and on data or data strategies. Although it is clear that some countries would be ready to absorb funds sooner, the success and added value of GPE in leveraging broader sector changes depends on robust preparation and implementation of the new funding model.

For further questions on the funding model and implications of the replenishment, please send an email to information@globalpartnership.org