POLICY ON EDUCATION SECTOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

For Decision

1. STRATEGIC PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to recommend the Board of Directors correct an unintended change to the Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants and categorize grant extensions of 12 months or less a non-material revision.

2. REQUESTED DECISION

2.1 The CGPC recommends the following decision to the Board:

BOD/2015/12-XX – Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants: The Board of Directors approves a revision to the Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants to categorize grant extensions of 12 months or less a non-material revision.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 In April of this year, the Secretariat presented revisions to the then Policy on Timeframes and Revisions to the CGPC for recommendation to the Board. The Secretariat pointed out the key changes in a cover note to the Committee.

3.2 One change in the policy included that extensions of 12 months were now categorized as material, requiring CGPC approval, whereas the old policy categorized 12-month revisions as non-material, delegating to the Secretariat the approval of extensions of 12 months (and less). This particular change was unintended on the Secretariat's part and therefore not pointed out in the cover note, nor discussed by the Committee. The Committee approved the revised policy, renamed Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants, as did the Board at its May 2015 meeting.

3.2 With the bulk of extension requests 12 months in length, the change both increases the work load of the Committee and delays the process of approving extension requests. Therefore, the Committee recommends to reverse the change and have extensions of 12 month (and less) approved by the Secretariat as a non-material change. Any extensions of more than 12 months will be passed to the Committee for consideration.

4. PLEASE CONTACT: Matthew Smith (mdsmith@globalpartnership.org) for further information.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5.1 The Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants is posted on the GPE website.