GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Board of Directors
Decision via Affirmative Vote
August 21, 2017

Final Decision

BOD/2017/08-02–Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Puntland: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the second round of 2017:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the maximum country allocation, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2017/08 DOC 02.
2. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an education sector program implementation grant (ESPIG), as described in the application and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2017/08-02 2 (c), subject to:
   a. Availability of funds.
   b. Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for ESPIGs in annual installments.
   c. GPC recommendations for funding include (all amounts in US$):

Table 1 Application Summary and GPC Allocation Recommendations for an ESPIG in US$:

	Country	**Puntland**
a.	Maximum Country Allocation	5,600,000
b.	Allocation Requested (100%)	5,600,000 [1]
c.	Fixed Part	5,600,000
d.	Variable Part	n/a
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	5,600,000
f.	Grant Agent	UNICEF
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	8%-448,000
h.	Period	3 years
i.	Expected Start Date	September 1, 2017
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Ante
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

[1] Includes US$1,149,879 for the cost of the grant agent to perform its roles and responsibilities (formerly supervision fees). Per decision BOD/2015/10-02 supervision fees are funded from the maximum country allocation effective from the second funding round of 2016

3. Requests the Trustee to withhold the transfer of funds related to the subcomponent on text books or US$407,647 until the Grants and Performance Committee has received and is satisfied with either additional information on this subcomponent or an alternative proposal from the country.

4. Requests the Secretariat to:

    a. Include in its notification to Puntland, the relevant grant agent and coordinating agency, for distribution to the local education group (LEG) of the approval of the allocation and the expected timeframe for signing of the Grant Agreement and grant effectiveness, as applicable, the conditions, requests for report-back, and observations on the program as recommended by the GPC and set out in Annex 1 to BOD/2017/08 DOC 02.
    b. Include an update on the issues listed as “conditions” and “report back” in the annual Portfolio Review.