GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Board of Directors
Decision via Affirmative Vote
February 22, 2018

Final Decisions

BOD/2018/02-02–Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Cambodia: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the fourth round of 2017:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2018/01 DOC 01.
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/2018/02-02 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$:

Cambodia		
a.	Maximum Country Allocation	20,600,000
b.	Allocation Requested (70%)	14,400,000[1]
c.	Fixed Part	14,400,000
d.	Variable Part	n/a
e.	**Allocation Recommended by**	14,400,000
f.	Grant Agent	UNESCO
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	7% - 1,008,000
h.	Period	3 years
i.	Expected Start Date	April 1, 2018
j.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

[1] Includes US$1,439,991 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 Secretariat to:

   a. Include in its notification to Cambodia, 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/2018/01 DOC 01.
   b. Include an update on the issues listed as "conditions" and "report back" in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timelines.

4. Requests the Trustee to withhold the transfer of funds until the Grants and Performance Committee has received and is satisfied with the country's response to the condition set out in Annex 1 to BOD/2018/01 DOC 01. Any reallocation within the grant as a result of any proposed reduction of the grant agent allocation is regulated via the Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants.

BOD/2018/02-03–**Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Côte d'Ivoire**: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the fourth round of 2017:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2018/01 DOC 02.
2. Notes compliance with the incentives for accessing the variable part of the maximum country allocation and approves the indicators on Equity, Efficiency, and Learning and their means of verification, as described in the application and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2018/01 DOC 02.
3. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant (ESPIG), as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2018/02-03 3 (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	**Côte d'Ivoire**
a.	Maximum Country Allocation	24,100,000
b.	Allocation Requested (100%)	24,100,000[1]
c.	Fixed Part	16,870,000
d.	Variable Part	7,230,000
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	24,100,000
f.	Grant Agent	World Bank
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 421,750
h.	Period	4 years and 1.75 months[2]
i.	Expected Start Date	March 6, 2018
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Post
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

4. Requests the Secretariat to:

   a. Include in its notification to Côte d'Ivoire, 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/2018/01 DOC 02.

   b. Include an update on the issues listed as "conditions" and "report back" in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timeline.

BOD/2018/02-04–**Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to The Gambia**: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the fourth 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/2018/01 DOC 03.

[1] Includes US$750,000 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.

[2] Estimated starting date March 6, 2018; estimated closing date April 29, 2022.

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/2018/02-04 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	**The Gambia**
a.	Maximum Country Allocation	5,300,000
b.	Allocation Requested (100%)	5,300,000[1]
c.	Fixed Part	5,300,000
d.	Variable Part	n/a
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	5,300,000
f.	Grant Agent	World Bank
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 92,750
h.	Period	4 years
i.	Expected Start Date	July 28, 2018
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Ante
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

3. Requests the Secretariat to:

a. Include in its notification to The Gambia, 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/2018/01 DOC 03.
b. Include an update on the issues listed as "conditions" and "report back" in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timeline.

[1] Includes US$300,000 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

BOD/2018/02–05–<u>Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Guinea Bissau</u>: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the fourth 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/2018/01 DOC 04.
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/2018/02-05 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	**Guinea Bissau**
a.	Maximum Country Allocation	4,700,000
b.	Allocation Requested (100%)	4,700,000[1]
c.	Fixed Part	4,700,000
d.	Variable Part	n/a
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	4,700,000
f.	Grant Agent	World Bank
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 82,250
h.	Period	5 years
i.	Expected Start Date	June 1, 2018
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Ante
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

3. Requests the Secretariat to:

   a. Include in its notification to Guinea Bissau, 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/2018/01 DOC 03.

[1] Includes US$400,000 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

b. Include an update on the issues listed as "conditions" and "report back" in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timeline.

BOD/2018/02-06–**Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Madagascar**: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the fourth round of 2017:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2018/01 DOC 05.
2. Notes compliance with the incentives for accessing the variable part of the maximum country allocation and approves the indicators on Equity, Efficiency, and Learning and their means of verification, as described in the application and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2018/01 DOC 05.
3. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant (ESPIG), as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2018/02-06 3 (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	**Madagascar**
a.	Maximum Country Allocation	46,800,000
b.	Allocation Requested (100%)	46,800,000[1]
c.	Fixed Part	32.700.000
d.	Variable Part	14,100,000
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	46,800,000
f.	Grant Agent	World Bank
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 819,000
h.	Period	4.5 years
i.	Expected Start Date	July 1, 2018
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Post
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

[1] Includes US$1,100,000 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.

4. Requests the Secretariat to:

    a. Include in its notification to Madagascar, 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/2018/01 DOC 05.
    b. Include an update on the issues listed as “conditions” and “report back” in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timeline.