GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Board of Directors
Decision via Affirmative Vote
November 28, 2019

Final Decision

BOD/2019/11-01–Allocation for the Costed Restructuring of the Education Sector Program Implementation Grant (ESPIG) to Somaliland (Additional Financing): The Board of Directors, in reference to BOD/2018/05-07-Allocation for an ESPIG to Somaliland, and with respect to the application for a costed restructuring submitted in the second round of 2019:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the additional maximum country allocation (MCA), as described in the application and assessed in Annex B to BOD/2019/11 DOC 01 in accordance with Board decision BOD/2018/06-08 on the quality assurance process for applications seeking to access additional MCAs.
2. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for the costed restructuring of the ESPIG, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in decision BOD/2019/11-01 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, including (all amounts in US$):

Table 1 - Somaliland		
a.	Additional Maximum Country Allocation	15,020,000
b.	Allocation Requested (100%)	12,016,000[1]
c.	Fixed Part Requested	12,016,000
d.	Variable Part Requested	N/A
e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	**12,016,000**
f.	Grant Agent	Save the Children - US
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	7% - 841,120
h.	Period	Three years
i.	Expected Start Date	January 1, 2020
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Ante
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

[1] The additional MCA approved in June 2018 is US$15,020,000, of which US$3,004,000 was applied for in a separate accelerated funding request in October 2019. The allocation requested for the costed restructuring includes US$2,818,630 for the cost of the grant agent to perform its roles and responsibilities.

4. Requests the Secretariat to:
    a. Include in its notification of grant approval to Somaliland the observations and requests for report-back on the program as recommended by the Grants and Performance Committee and set out in Annex A to BOD/2019/11 DOC 01.
    b. Include an update on the issues listed as “report-back” in the annual Grant Performance Report in accordance with the specified timeline.