GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP for EDUCATION

Board of Directors
Decision via Affirmative Vote
January 8, 2020

Final Decision

BOD/2020/01-01–Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Eritrea: The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the second round of 2019:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements on data, and the education sector plan for accessing the maximum country allocation for an education sector program implementation grant (ESPIG), as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex B to BOD/2019/12 DOC 15. With regard to the requirement on domestic financing for education, notes that the requirement has been assessed as partially met because of shortage of verifiable data on government financing, as a percentage of total education expenditure, to primary education. However, considering that Eritrea has fulfilled the condition from the Grants and Performance Committee for a credible, costed action plan for improving the availability and quality of data on domestic financing to education, as well as for preparing sound projections of the costs and financing of the education sector, the Board agrees with the recommendation of the Grants and Performance Committee to approve the grant application. Given the action plan is an important measure leading to more credible data, Eritrea is requested to demonstrate substantial progress on the domestic financing requirement in the annual joint sector review report.
2. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an ESPIG, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2020/01-01 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:

Table 1:

Eritrea		
a.	ESPIG Maximum Country Allocation	17,200,000
b.	Fixed Part	17,200,00
c.	Variable Part	N/A
d.	Allocation Requested (100%)	17,200,000[1]

[1] Includes US$860,010 for the cost of the grant agent to perform its roles and responsibilities.

e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	**17,200,000**
f.	Grant Agent	UNICEF
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	7% - 1, 204,000
h.	Period	4 Years
i.	Expected Start Date	January 1, 2020
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Ante
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

3. Requests the Secretariat to:
   a. Include in its notification of grant approval to Eritrea the observations and requests for report-back as recommended by the Grants and Performance Committee and set out in Annex A to BOD/2020/01-01.
   b. Include an update on the issues listed as "report back" in the annual Grant Performance Report in accordance with the specified timeline.