MAY 25, 26 AND 28, 2021

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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FINAL DECISIONS

Reference	Decisions
BOD/2021/05-01	**GPE Evaluation Policy** The Board of Directors in reference to decision BOD/2020/11/12-08: 1. Reaffirms the importance of supporting evidence-based learning and decision-making across GPE; 2. Approves the GPE Evaluation Policy as set out in BOD/2021/05 DOC 04; 3. Requests the Secretariat to conduct a periodic review of the Policy and its implementation to ensure alignment with the overall GPE strategy.
BOD/2021/05-02	**GPE 2025 Results Framework** The Board of Directors in reference to decision BOD/2020/11/12-08: 1. Approves the GPE 2025 Results Framework as set out in Annex B to BOD/2021/05 DOC 05, and requests the Secretariat to develop indicator methodologies, baselines, milestones, and disaggregated targets for the Results Framework, as relevant. 2. Further requests the Secretariat to develop a Grant and Compact monitoring approach that provides requisite data on the performance and achievements of GPE grants and processes in GPE 2025 priority and requirement areas, and to report this data through annual results reports.
BOD/2021/05-03	**Knowledge and Innovation Exchange** The Board of Directors: 1. Recalls its previous decisions to approve an initial allocation of USD$58.5 million (BOD/2018/06 - 11) and an additional USD$12 million (BOD/2019/12-07) for KIX.

	2. Subject to confirmation of the additional funding from targeted sources, approves an increase of USD$3 million (inclusive of agency fees of USD$196,262) to the International Development Research Centre as the Grant Agent for the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) mechanism to fund a call for proposals in Africa as set out in BOD/2021/05/DOC 07 Annex A. The original closing date of the grant of March 31, 2024 remains unchanged.
BOD/2021/05-04	**Education Out Loud** The Board of Directors: 1. Building on BOD/2019/03-02, notes that Education Out Loud support for national education coalitions will finish in December 2021. 2. Invites the Grant Agent, Oxfam IBIS to develop a costed extension proposal for OC1 – support to National Education Coalitions – in order to bring this component in line with the other Education Out Loud components. 3. Delegates authority to the Finance and Risk Committee to review and approve up to US$17.5 million plus applicable agency fees based on the Secretariat's assessment of the proposal, informed by the rapid review of progress and impact to date.
BOD/2021/05-05	**Prioritization of GPE Funds** The Board of Directors: 1. Refers to its decisions BOD/2020/11/12-04 and BOD/2020/11/12-05 on eligibility and allocation for GPE funding mechanisms, and its request to the Secretariat to develop prioritization criteria, along with BOD/2020/09-02 to approve up to 20% of grant funds for the Multiplier. 2. Approves the process to indicatively allocate grant resources for the 2021-2025 financing period as set out in BOD/2021/05/DOC 09 Annex A.
BOD/2021/05-06	**Trustee Budget** The Board of Directors approves the estimated administrative expenses of US$843,000 for trustee services for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and a supplementary budget of US$15,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 to cover higher investment management costs resulting from a larger than anticipated average fund balance as set out in BOD/2021/05 DOC 10.

BOD/2021/05-07	**FY22 Operating Expenses** The Board of Directors: 1. Approves US$46,159,000 in incremental costs for direct operating expenses for FY22 as set out in BOD/2021/05/DOC 11, and notes the indicative total envelope estimated by the Secretariat for the FY22-FY24 period should account for no more than five to seven percent of total disbursements from the GPE Fund over the same period. 2. Authorizes the Secretariat in addition, to carry over into FY22 any unspent FY21 funds for multi-year and special initiatives. 3. Refers to its decision BOD/2018/12-01 Institutional Arrangements, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Hosting MoU, approves an additional 17% of direct costs incurred in FY22 for the World Bank towards its indirect costs. 4. Noting the Secretariat's regular staff ceiling has not increased since the Board's previous decisions in 2016 BOD/2016/12-06 and 07, authorizes an increase in the ceiling for FY22 as set out in BOD/2021/05/DOC 11 Annex C contingent on operating expenses costs remaining within 5-7% of disbursements. 5. Approves the five-year Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning budget of US$8,049,450 for the FY22-FY26 period as set out in BOD/2021/05 DOC 11 Annex D, noting the costs for FY22 are included in the overall direct operating expenses budget. Further authorizes the CEO to administer such funds as either Secretariat administered expenses or as grants directly from the Trust Fund to facilitate the efficient implementation of the strategy.
BOD/2021/05-08	**GPE Priorities for CEO Performance Feedback** The Board of Directors: 1. Endorses the proposed GPE Priorities set out in BOD/2021/05 DOC 13 Annex A as the basis for the CEO feedback process for the period from June 2021 to June 2022, in accordance with the regular schedule.

BOD/2021/05-09	**Appointment of the Board Chair** The Board of Directors: 1. Recognizes the leadership of the current GPE Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Advisory Group, in overseeing an open and competitive process for the search and selection of a new GPE Board Chair; 2. Expresses its gratitude for the diligence demonstrated in finalizing the selection on behalf of the GPE Board, based on robust criteria and thoughtful consideration of all of the dimensions of GPE's work and profile; 3. Endorses the appointment of H.E. Dr. Jakaya Kikwete as Chair of the Global Partnership for Education Board of Directors for a three-year term effective September 15, 2021. 4. Notes the exemplary leadership and unparalleled commitment of the outgoing Board Chair, Julia Gillard, and wishes to express its deepest appreciation for her years of services at the helm of the Board.
BOD/2021/05-10	**Appointment of the Board Vice- Chair** The Board of Directors: 1. Recognizes the leadership of the current GPE Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Advisory Group, in overseeing an open and competitive process for the search and selection of a new GPE Board Vice-Chair; 2. Expresses its gratitude for the diligence demonstrated in finalizing the selection on behalf of the GPE Board, based on robust criteria and thoughtful consideration of all of the dimensions of GPE's work and profile; 3. Endorses the appointment of Dr. Susan Liautaud as Vice-Chair of the Global Partnership for Education Board of Directors for a three-year term effective September 15, 2021. 4. Expresses its deepest gratitude to H.E. Serigne Mbaye Thiam for his service as GPE Board Vice-Chair, and notes its strong appreciation for his thoughtful and impactful engagement in bringing developing country voices to the fore of Board deliberations and decision-making.