SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

## FINAL DECISION

## BOD/AV/2023/09-06 – ALLOCATION AND STRATEGIC PARAMETERS FOR A SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT TO BURKINA FASO

The Board of Directors:

1. Notes the assessment of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation in Burkina Faso, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 3 of document BOD/AV/2023/09-DOC 06.
2. Notes the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 2 of the strategic parameters of the Burkina Faso Partnership Compact in Annex 4.
3. Approves Burkina Faso's proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) for accessing the additional allocation.
4. Invites Burkina Faso to submit an application and approves an extension to do so by no later than April 30, 2024, of up to a total of US$ 53,912,000, in reference to FRC/2021/09-01, and in accordance with the strategic parameters for GPE support as set out in Table 1, with the option to include an additional US$ 13,478,000, which is conditioned on GPE Board decision that top-up triggers have been achieved.

| **Table 1 Summary of Strategic Parameters and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations (all amounts in US$)** | | |
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| a. | System Transformation Grant Indicative Allocation | 67,390,000 |
| | Of which STG additional allocation (top-up funding) conditioned on achievement of triggers - 20% of total STG | 13,478,000 |
| b. | **High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation*** <br>▪ Gender-responsive Sector Planning, Policy and Monitoring <br>▪ Sector Coordination (Coordinated Financing and Funding) <br>▪ Volume, Equity, and Efficiency of Domestic Public Expenditure on Education <br>○ Trigger 1: 60 percent of education expenditure excluding salaries and externally financed projects are executed at the deconcentrated level for the budget year 2025 ($6,739,000) <br>○ Trigger 2: Administrative and budgetary measures in place by 2025 to strengthen de-concentration of expenditures related to education in emergency situations ($6,739,000) | |

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| c. | **Focus Area for GPE Funding:**<br>Ensuring access to education for all in a context of security and humanitarian crisis:<br>1. development of education service provision through infrastructure building, development of alternative education and distance learning;<br>2. support to learners affected by crises, girls, and vulnerable children through a holistic education in emergencies approach; and<br>3. teacher recruitment, allocation and professional development adapted to different learning contexts. |