FEBRUARY 1, 2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

FINAL DECISION

BOD/AV/2024/02-02 – STRATEGIC PARAMETERS FOR A SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT TO TONGA

The Board of Directors:

1 In accordance with BOD/2023/07-01, notes the enabling factors for system transformation in Tonga, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 3 of document BOD/AV/2024/01 DOC 02.

2 Notes the Secretariat's assessment set out in Annex 2, of the strategic parameters of the Tonga Partnership Compact in Annex 4.

3 Invites Tonga to submit an application and approves an extension to do so by no later than August 31, 2024 of up to a total of US$2,200,000 for a system transformation grant, in reference to FRC/2021/09-01, and in accordance with the strategic parameters for GPE support as set out in Table 1.

Table 1 Summary of Strategic Parameters and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations (all amounts in US$)

a.	System Transformation Grant (STG) Indicative Allocation	2,200,000*
b.	**High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation**** Data and Evidence; Gender-responsive planning; and Volume, equity and efficiency of domestic public spending on education.	
c.	**Focus Area for GPE Funding:** Improve literacy in early childhood education (ECE) and primary schools and numeracy in secondary schools, with a focus on male students, boys and girls from poorer households and children with disabilities.	

* Tonga accessed US$300,000 as Accelerated Funding approved by the GPE Secretariat.

** Summarized from the partnership compact. See Annex 4 for full details.