System Capacity Grant Annual Progress Report Template

Status: Accepted

Country	Grant ID	Grant Agent	Grant Effectiveness/Start Date
Comoros	GPE0000806	SCG	12/31/2022

Grant Amount	Timeframe Examined in this Report		Date of Report Submission
700,000 (USD)	From Date	To Date	07/12/2024
	12/30/2022	12/30/2023	

Area(s) and activity group(s) covered by grant

Window 1: Strengthen gender-responsive planning and policy development for system-wide impact

- System diagnostics, compact development and education sector analyses
- Gender-responsive sector planning, including operational planning and budgeting
- Supporting policies and plans to identify and address multiple forms of exclusion (planning for children with disabilities, system resilience and inclusion of displaced children)
- Strengthening evidence-based diagnosis of critical implementation bottlenecks and identifying potentially scalable, transformative solutions

Window 2: Mobilize coordinated action and financing to enable transformative change

- Strengthening sector coordination, including local education groups, joint sector reviews and monitoring the effectiveness of the country-level partnership

Implementation Progress

Overall Project Progress this Reporting Period

Overall progress this reporting period [1]	Previous Rating
Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	NA

Detailed Description including factors that lead to an upgrade/downgrade in the rating

Note: This report was generated using the Offline version of the progress report sent by the Grant Agent, whose link is below.

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The funding is intended to support the achievement of three deliverables: the sector analysis, the Education Strategic Plan for 2030 and the development of the Partnership Compact. Activities to contribute to the achievement of these results have been identified and planned for implementation during the period from January to December 2023.

i) During this period, only activities related to the preparation of the Partnership Compact could be carried out. These include: (a) an extended technical team workshop that took place from May 3 to 6, 2023 at the Golden Hotel. The objective of this workshop was to prepare and validate reliable statistical data for sector planning. (b) A workshop on 9 May 2023 at Retaj to present the first draft of the Partnership

Compact to partners and collect observations and comments from partners. (c) A retreat organized in Mitsamihouli from May 16 to 22, 2023 which made it possible to rework on the Partnership Compact and the documents that accompany it (diagnosis and priority reform) by integrating the comments and recommendations from the workshop of May 9, 2023. (d) Consultation workshops in the islands (Anjouan, Mohéli and Ngazidja) were organized at the end of May 2023 to share with stakeholders the school map-type diagnosis developed as well as the presentation of the priority education reform essential to the preparation of the partnership compact. Finally , the STP organized a final retreat in Anjouan for the drafting of the final version of the partnership compact document. With this release, an exchange took place with the GPE for the quality assurance of the document. The outcome document was endorsed by the partners at the LEGG meeting on 26 June 2023. It should be noted that at the beginning of the process, before the actual obtaining of the funding, the government had set up the Sectoral Technical Team (ETS) integrating the TFPs, by ministerial order No:22-028/MENSRSFIP/CAB of June 28, 2022. It was this team that led the work on the analysis of the enabling factors involved in the process of drafting the pact.

ii) Delays have been recorded, particularly in the two other outputs, the sectoral analysis and the preparation of the sectoral plan. As noted, activities related to these outputs were planned to be implemented in parallel with the development of the compact. However, there have been delays in the procurement of the firm. As such, a request for an extension for an additional year was submitted to the GPE and the GPE gave its notice of no objection for this extension until December 31, 2024 in its correspondence dated December 13, 2023.

iii) The factors that led to a downgrade in the status score relate only to the issue of procurement procedures as indicated above. The process of identifying the consulting firm for the development of the sector analysis has already been initiated in 2023 and the sector analysis will be implemented in 2024.

iv) In the same vein, in order to anticipate and move forward quickly, if the work carried out by the firm that makes the RESEN is satisfactory, it will be renewed to prepare the sectoral plan. In parallel with the sectoral analysis, the Ministry will therefore have to initiate the preparations for the education policy (education policy letter to be validated by the government, macroeconomic and financial framework note) in connection with the future sectoral plan.

Management Performance Rating: Satisfactory
Comments: Procurement measures at the World Bank level have made it necessary to review the procedures for selecting the firm. Although it was a good measure in terms of fiduciary management, the fact remains that it negatively affected the project in terms of the duration of the project's implementation, thus requiring an extension request

Grant Implementation Progress, by Grant Window

Grant Window	Level of Progress this Reporting Period [2]	Previous Rating
Window 1: Strengthen gender-responsive planning and policy development for system-wide impact	Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	NA

Detailed Description:
SCG Progress Report, p. 4 "Pour les activités du guichet 1 , le financement est prévu appuyer la réalisation de trois livrables : l'analyse sectorielle, le Plan stratégique de l'éducation à l'horizon 2030 et l'élaboration du pacte de partenariat. Les activités devant concourir à la réalisation de ces résultats ont été identifiées et planifiées pour être mises en œuvre durant la période de janvier à décembre 2023. Durant cette période seules les activités en relation avec la préparation du pacte de partenariat ont pu être réalisées. Il s'agit donc des réalisations suivantes : (a) un atelier de l'équipe technique élargie qui s'est déroulé du 3 au 6 mai 2023 à l'hôtel golden. Cet atelier avait pour objectif de préparer et valider les données statistiques fiables pour la planification sectorielle. (b) Un atelier du 9 mai 2023 au Retaj pour présenter aux partenaires le premier jet du pacte de partenariat et recueillir les observations et commentaires des partenaires. (c) Une retraite organisée à Mitsamihouli du 16 au 22 mai 2023 qui a permis de retravailler sur le pacte et les documents qui l'accompagnent (diagnostic et réforme prioritaire) en intégrant les commentaires, et les recommandations issues de l'atelier du 9 mai 2023. (d) Des ateliers de consultation dans les îles (Anjouan, Mohéli et Ngazidja) ont été organisés fin mai 2023 pour partager avec les acteurs le diagnostic de type carte scolaire élaboré ainsi que la présentation de la réforme

prioritaire de l'éducation indispensable à la préparation du pacte de partenariat. Enfin (e) le STP a organisé une dernière retraite à Anjouan pour la rédaction de la version définitive du document de pacte de partenariat. Avec cette version, un échange a eu lieu avec le GPE pour l'assurance qualité du document. Le document final a été endossé par les partenaires lors de la réunion du GLPE du 26 juin 2023. Il est à noter qu'au début du processus, avant l'obtention effective du financement, le gouvernement avait notamment mis en place l'Equipe Technique Sectorielle (ETS) intégrant les PTFs, par arrêté ministériel No:22-028/MENSRSFIP/CAB du 28 juin 2022. C'est cette équipe qui menait les travaux portant sur l'analyse des facteurs favorables entrant dans le processus d'élaboration du pacte."

Grant Window	**Level of Progress this Reporting Period** [2]	**Previous Rating**
Window 2: Mobilize coordinated action and financing to enable transformative change	Moderately Satisfactory (MS)	NA

Detailed Description:

SCG Progress Report, pp. 4 & 5 "Concernant les activités relatives au guichet 2 , il a été prévu l'appui à l'organisation de réunions du GLPE, de la cinquième à la dixième réunion. Le financement devait prendre en charge la participation de représentants des gouvernorats des îles dans ces réunions. Ainsi, les réunions se sont tenues suivant le calendrier prévu, favorisant ainsi le dialogue sectoriel. Toutefois, il n'y a pas eu de requête pour cette participation, notamment pour les représentants d'Anjouan et de Mohéli. Dans ce guichet aussi, il y a des achats prévus pour des fournitures et équipements, mais les procédures de passation de marché ont fait qu'il y a eu de retard dans les opérations d'acquisitions. Ainsi, ce guichet n'a pas connu de mouvements au niveau des fonds alloués. ii) Des retards ont été enregistrés notamment au niveau des deux autres produits, l'analyse sectorielle et l'élaboration du plan sectoriel. Comme on l'a noté, les activités relatives à ces produits ont été planifiées se mettre en œuvre parallèlement à l'élaboration du pacte. Toutefois, il y a eu des retards dans la passation des marchés pour le recrutement du cabinet. Il en est de même pour l'achat des fournitures et des équipements du STP. Ainsi, une demande de prolongation pour une année supplémentaire a été soumise au GPE et ce dernier a donné son avis de non-objection pour cette prolongation jusqu'au 31 décembre 2024 dans sa correspondance en date du 13 décembre 2023.

iii) Les facteurs qui ont conduit à une baisse de la note de l'état d'avancement relèvent seulement de la question des procédures de passation de marché comme indiqué ci-dessus. Le processus d'identification du cabinet d'étude pour l'élaboration de l'analyse sectorielle a déjà été initié en 2023 et l'analyse sectorielle va être mis en œuvre courant de l'année 2024.

iv) Dans la même foulée, pour anticiper et avancer rapidement, si les travaux conduits par le cabinet qui fait le RESEN sont satisfaisants, il sera reconduit pour préparer le plan sectoriel. Le ministère devra donc parallèlement à l'analyse sectorielle engager les préparatifs de la politique éducative (lettre de politique éducative à valider par le gouvernement, note de cadrage macroéconomique et financier) en lien avec le futur plan sectoriel"

Lessons, innovative/promising practices

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Impact stories

N/A

Tangible Outputs, Knowledge Products, Results Framework and other Supporting Documentation

#	File Name	Document Type	Description

The documents listed were submitted with the progress report. If you'd like access to them, please contact the grant operations officer for your country.

Financial Reporting & Grant Management

Financial Reporting on GPE Grant

Cumulative Financial Absorption Rate

Approved Budget to Date	Cumulative Expenditure	Cumulative Financial Absorption Rate	Level of Financial Absorption
700,000	188,489	26.93	Off Track

Since the financial absorption is not rated as 'on track', please provide an explanation that identifies the main activities that have been delayed and their corresponding unspent amounts, as well as reasons for the delay and steps taken to ensure that expenditure absorption gets on track in the next reporting period.

These are the two deliverables (sector analysis and sector plan) that have not been completed on time . Moreover, this delay has led to the a request for an extension of the duration of the project until December 31, 2024.

Budget Variance Analysis for the Current Reporting Period

Total Approved Budget for the Current Reporting Period

700,000

Total Expenditure for the Current Reporting Period

188,489

Explanation for underspending or overspending in excess of 10%

Management Performance

Level of management performance

Detailed Description

Revisions to the grant

This period, have there been any revisions to the grant other than those submitted to the Secretariat for their approval?

Yes

Detailed Description

The funding review only concerns the duration of the project but not the project budget.

How likely is that the grant agent will submit a request for revision to the Secretariat in the next 12 months for their approval?

Moderately Unlikely

Annexes

Annex 1: List of Acronyms

Acronym	Description

[1] Highly Unsatisfactory- The grant has major shortcomings or delays that limit or jeopardize the achievement of one or more outputs and a resolution is unlikely. Unsatisfactory - The grant has significant shortcomings or delays that limit or jeopardize the achievement of one or more outputs and a resolution is uncertain. Moderately Unsatisfactory - The grant has moderate shortcomings or delays that limit or jeopardize the achievement of one or more outputs but a resolution is likely. Moderately Satisfactory - The grant is expected to achieve most of its major outputs efficiently with moderate shortcomings or delays. Satisfactory – The grant is expected to achieve almost all of its major outputs efficiently with only minor shortcomings or delays. Highly Satisfactory - The grant is expected to achieve or exceed all of the major outputs efficiently without significant shortcomings or delays.

[2] Highly Unsatisfactory – The window has major shortcomings or delays that limit or jeopardize the achievement of one or more outputs and a resolution is unlikely. Unsatisfactory – The window has significant shortcomings or delays that limit or jeopardize the achievement of one or more outputs and a resolution is uncertain. Moderately Unsatisfactory – The window has moderate shortcomings or delays that limit or jeopardize the achievement of one or more outputs but a resolution is likely. Moderately Satisfactory – The window is expected to achieve most of its major outputs efficiently with moderate shortcomings. Satisfactory – The window is expected to achieve almost all of its major outputs efficiently with only minor shortcomings or delays. Highly Satisfactory – The window is expected to achieve or exceed all of the major outputs efficiently without significant shortcomings or delays.

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