Grants and Performance Committee
Decision via Audio Call
September 17, 2018

Final Decision

GPC/2018/09-03—Central African Republic Accelerated Funding Request:

The Grants and Performance Committee in its delegated authority from the Board of Directors:

1. Approves the Accelerated Funding proposal from the Central African Republic in the amount of US$6,320,000 as described in Annex 3 to GPC/2018/09 DOC 03.
2. Given the ambition of the proposal and based on lessons learned from the previous accelerated funding grant with regard to the implementation period, approves an implementation period of 18 months.
3. Requests the Trustee to withhold the transfer of funds until the Secretariat has received from the Grant Agent and is satisfied with the following:
   a. Information on the contribution from the European Union to pre-service training for primary teachers, as mentioned in the restructuring request for the previous program funded by the Global Partnership for Education.
   b. The methodology (especially criteria) used to target intervention zones and beneficiaries of the activities: school construction, provision of school furniture, school canteens, in-service training, payment of subsidies to parent-teachers, and distribution of e-readers.
   c. Specific timelines for activities required to set up the school canteens.
   d. Information on the status of the refurbishment of school broadcasting premises by the European Union.
3. Requests the Grant Agent to provide a quarterly update to the Secretariat on the implementation of the fiduciary and oversight arrangements of implementation partners.
4. Recommends the government of Central African Republic include strategies and measures in the new education sector plan that will enable the continuation and sustainability of the activities put in place with the accelerated funding. The Secretariat will look closely at the plan in its review of the application for the education sector program implementation grant to verify that the activities that have proven to be efficient will be sustained with sufficient funding.
5. Approves an allocation of US$442,400 in Agency Fees to UNICEF as Grant Agent.