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Ms. Feyi Boroffice
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Extension of grant effectiveness date

Dear Ms. Boroffice,

On behalf of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Secretariat, I would like to inform you that World Bank's request for the extension of the GPE grants' effectiveness date under the Gambia's RISE program to April 30, 2024, has been approved. This extension is expected to allow sufficient time for grant effectiveness preparation. This date replaces the previous effectiveness date of March 1, 2024, included in the notification sent on December 5, 2023.

The GPE Secretariat would like to emphasize that it is important to adhere to this changed date to avoid further delay in implementation of the planned education activities for The Gambia's children.

The Secretariat requests the World Bank, the Grant Agent, to notify the Secretariat when the grant agreement is signed, and the grant is effective. Please note that any request for an extension of the effectiveness date beyond 12 months after the initial grant approval date will be subject to GPE Board approval.

The Secretariat remains at your disposal to assist in moving forward with this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Plamen Danchev, the Secretariat Country Lead for The Gambia at pdanchev@globalpartnership.org.

We look forward to the continued collaboration to strengthen support to education in Gambia.

Sincerely,



Fazle Rabbani

CC:

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