UZBEKISTAN MULTIPLIER GRANT ALLOCATION

Final Decision

GPC/2019/01-01–Allocation for Multiplier Grant to Uzbekistan: The Grants and Performance Committee in its delegated authority from the Board of Directors and with respect to the application submitted in the fourth round of 2018:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation for a Multiplier grant, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex 2 to GPC/2019/01 DOC 10.
2. Notes compliance with the incentives for accessing the variable part of the maximum country allocation for a Multiplier grant and approves the indicators on Equity, Efficiency, and Learning and their means of verification, as described in the application and assessed in Annex 2 to GPC/2019/01 DOC 10.
3. Notes compliance with the requirements of co-financing, additionality, and debt sustainability for accessing the maximum country allocation for a Multiplier grant, as described in the application and assessed in Annex 2 to GPC/2019/01 DOC 10.
4. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a Multiplier grant, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in GPC/2019/01-01 4 (c), subject to:
   a. Availability of funds.
   b. Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for ESPIGs in annual installments.
   c. GPC recommendations for funding include (all amounts in US$):

Table 1 Application Summary and GPC Allocation Recommendations for a Multiplier Grant in US$:

Uzbekistan		
a.	Multiplier Maximum Country Allocation	10,000,000
b.	Fixed Part	7,000,000
c.	Variable Part	3,000,000
d.	Allocation Requested	10,000,000 [1]

[1]Includes US$500,000 for the cost of the grant agent to perform its roles and responsibilities (formerly supervision fees).

e.	**Allocation Recommended by GPC**	**10,000,000**
f.	Grant Agent	World Bank
g.	Agency Fee % - Amount	1.75% - 175,000
h.	Period	5 Years
i.	Expected Start Date	September 1, 2019
j.	Variable Part Disbursement Modality	Ex-Post
k.	Funding Source	GPE Fund

5. Requests the Trustee to withhold the transfer of funds until the condition set out in Annex 1 to GPC/2019/01-01 has been met.

6. Requests the Secretariat to:
   a. Include in its notification of grant approval to Uzbekistan the condition, requests for report-back and observations on the program as recommended by the Grants and Performance Committee and set out in Annex 1 to GPC/2019/01-01.
   b. Include an update on the issues listed as condition and report-back in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timeline.

ANNEX 1

GPC OBSERVATIONS, REPORT-BACKS, AND CONDITIONS

Uzbekistan	
Observations	The Committee appreciates the focus of the program on supporting Uzbekistan's on-going reform to expand early childhood development services and to achieve universalization of preschool education for six-year old children. The Committee appreciates the country's support and commitment to GPE's strategic areas of equity, learning, and efficiency. The Committee further welcomes Uzbekistan's efforts towards achieving a more inclusive local education group (LEG) led by the Ministry of Education. The Committee emphasizes the importance of ensuring both broad-based and in-depth engagement of civil society organizations (CSOs) in sector planning, monitoring and policy dialogue.
Report-Backs	*For the Local Education Group* The Committee requests the coordinating agency on behalf of the LEG and via the joint sector review report to report back annually on: ▪ The organization and results of joint sector reviews with the participation of LEG members, especially teacher organizations and civil society. ▪ The institutionalization of the participation of teacher organizations and independent local CSOs in the sector reviews, as well as in the sector policy dialogue, planning and monitoring.
Condition	Prior to the transfer of grant funds linked to the Variable Part, the Committee requests the grant agent to revise the learning outcomes indicator and target in the final project appraisal document (PAD), so that they are clearly defined and measurable. The Secretariat will review the revised PAD and determine if it is satisfactory in order to release the Variable Part grant funds.