

FINAL DECISIONS

BOD/2020/06-01—December 11-12, 2019 Board Meeting Report: The Board of Directors approves the Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors in Nairobi, Kenya from December 11-12, 2019 as set out in BOD/2020/06 DOC 02 Annex 1.

BOD/2020/06-02—March 31, 2020 Board Meeting Report: The Board of Directors approves the Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors held via videoconference on March 31, 2020 as set out in BOD/2020/06 DOC 02 Annex 2.

BOD/2020/06 03— Operating Expenses Budget and Work Program: July 2020 – June 2021: The Board of Directors:

- Approves an incremental amount of US\$40,972,000 to fund the FY21 Operating Expenses Budget as set out in BOD/2020/06 DOC 02 Annex 3 for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 including US\$800,000 for the fifth-year budget of the Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy.
- Authorizes the GPE Secretariat to carry over any unspent FY20 funds related to multi-year initiatives and Secretariat administered program activities.

BOD/2020/06 04 — Trustee Budget : The Board of Directors approves of the estimated administrative expenses of US\$761,000 for trustee services for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and a supplementary budget of US\$199,400 for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to cover higher investment management costs resulting from a larger than anticipated average fund balance and a higher level of Trustee activities as set out in BOD/2020/06 DOC 02 Annex 3.

BOD/2020/06 05 — Independent Summative Evaluation of the Global Partnership for Education: The Board of Directors:

1. Formally received the Independent Summative Evaluation Report at its meeting;
2. Welcomes the findings and recommendations of the Independent Summative Evaluation Report and expresses appreciation for the work completed by the Independent Evaluators and the Independent Evaluation Committee as set out in BOD/2020/06 DOC 02 Annex 4;

BOD/2020/06 06—Rallying Cry: The Board of Directors:

Rallying cry

- Affirms the usefulness of a GPE Partnership Rallying Cry and notes that this should be developed to be included in the Case for Investment and as part of the forthcoming replenishment campaign, while aligned with the strategy.

Next steps- Rallying Cry

- Requests the Secretariat to develop options that are measurable, aligned with SDG4 indicators, gender disaggregated and inspiring. The Secretariat should bring options to the Board for decision in September.

BOD/2020/06-07— Strategic Plan: The Board of Directors:

Recognizes that GPE is developing a new strategy in a time of unprecedented global change, and there are significant risks that, as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, the education progress achieved over the last decade will be lost, and education inequities will widen. Business as usual will not suffice. GPE 2025 will have to respond to new education challenges – and opportunities - that will unfold over the period of the new strategy. GPE 2025 must be able to support partner countries as they seek to strengthen the resilience of their education systems, and grasp opportunities for system wide education transformation, that will leave no one behind.

- Approves GPE’s revised ***Vision*** statement as: “A quality education for every child”.
- Approves GPE’s revised ***Mission*** statement as: “To mobilize partnerships and investments that transform education systems in developing countries, leaving no one behind”.
- Approves GPE 2025’s revised ***Goal*** as: “To accelerate access, learning outcomes and gender equality through equitable, inclusive and resilient education systems fit for the 21st century.”
- Re-affirms the following ***priority areas*** as critical to the achievement of GPE 2025’s Goal and requests the Secretariat to (a) develop a measurement strategy either through indicators or a set of evaluations to align with these (or other) priorities; (b) ensure that GPE’s revised operating model is designed to support progress in these (or other) priority areas, whilst recognizing that the detailed use of GPE resources will be determined by country level data, evidence, inclusive dialogue and country context. The proposed priority areas are:
 - ✓ learning/early learning
 - ✓ access (12 years plus at least 1 year of pre-primary education)
 - ✓ gender equality and inclusion

- ✓ quality teaching
- ✓ strong organizational capacity
- ✓ equity, efficiency and volume of domestic financing
- Approves GPE 2025's **Country level objectives** as:
 - ✓ Strengthen gender- responsive planning, policy development for system-wide impact,
 - ✓ Mobilize coordinated action and financing to enable transformative change,
 - ✓ Strengthen capacity, adapt and learn, to implement and drive results at scale”.
- Approves an additional **enabling objective** as: “Mobilize global and national partners and resources for sustainable results”.

Next Steps – Vision, Mission, Goal, and Objectives

- Requests the Secretariat to prepare a high-level strategy paper for the September Board meeting.

BOD/2020/06-08- Extension of the GPE Board Chair Term: The Board of Directors:

1. Notes the importance of continuity of leadership and support as the Board prepares for the next replenishment, in view of exceptional circumstances posed by the COVID pandemic, and in recognition of provision 4.3.3 of the GPE Charter on terms limitations and the June 2018 Board decision on renewal of the Chair’s term;
2. Approves an exceptional 8-month extension of the current term of the Board Chair, Julia Gillard, from March 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021.
3. The Board of Directors further recognizes that this exceptional extension of the Chair’s current term is critical for ensuring wide and global support for GPE’s replenishment efforts and ambition.

BOD/2020/06-09- Term of GPE Board Vice-Chair:

Noting his exceptional service, the Board of Directors approves a renewal of the term of the Vice-Chair, H.E Serigne Mbaye Thiam, from June 10, 2020 to October 31, 2021. The Board conveys its gratitude to H.E. Thiam for his role in fostering ministerial engagement from developing country partners and welcomes his continued support to replenishment efforts.