



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The Intergovernmental Authority on Development

And

Global Partnership for Education Secretariat

On

Cooperation and Partnership for Strengthening
Regional Cooperation for achieving SDG 4**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is made on 02/12/2019, between the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (hereinafter referred to as "IGAD") and the Global Partnership for Education Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as "GPE Secretariat"); IGAD and the GPE Secretariat are henceforth collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

Whereas, IGAD is one of the eight Regional Economic Communities (RECs) regarded as building blocks or pillars of the African Union (AU) and consists of eight-member states, namely: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda. IGAD responds to the political and socio-economic challenges in the region: (a) food security and environmental protection; (b) economic cooperation, regional integration and (c) health and social development; and (d) peace, security and humanitarian affairs. IGAD is currently involved in facilitating access to education, health and other social services for refugees, returnees, host communities and other cross-border mobile populations in the region.

Whereas, GPE is a multi-stakeholder partnership of developing and donor countries, multilateral agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector and private foundations supporting the education sector in developing countries, with a particular focus on the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals and in particular accelerate progress towards Education for All goals. IGAD acknowledges its understanding that GPE is not a legal entity.

Noting that the IGAD region hosts more than 7.5 million refugees and internally displaced persons (IDP), and that almost all IGAD member states host hundreds of thousands of refugees and IDPs,

Realizing that there is a need to ensure access to quality education and basic social services for refugees, IDPs, returnees and host communities in order to countries to achieve SDG 4

Recalling that the Djibouti Declaration tasked IGAD to work with Member States to coordinate and guide the implementation, monitoring and follow up of the established minimum standards for refugees, returnees and host communities,

Now, therefore, in recognition of their interests and objectives, the Parties hereby confirm their mutual understanding on the following

I. Purpose and Objectives of Collaboration

The purpose of this MoU is to serve as a joint framework to define and facilitate cooperation between the Parties in areas of common interest and to set forth the general terms and principles for future arrangements, within the Parties' respective scopes of activities and objectives. The purpose of this MoU is strictly limited to expressing the desire of the Parties for cooperation, and does not, and is not intended to impose any legally enforceable obligation of any nature on either Party.

This collaboration aims in particular to:

1. strengthen and support achievement of SDG 4 in IGAD member States through regional, cross and in-country collaboration;
2. strengthen regional cooperation as well as national strategies in the Education Sector Plan for enhanced access to education for refugees, returnees and internally displaced populations, as agreed in the Djibouti Declaration;

3. strengthen joint efforts to include education in general and refugee education in particular in peace negotiations and conflict resolution mechanisms through IGAD processes;
4. build capacity of IGAD in taking forward the activities under this MoU, and specifically on their participation in policy dialogue during member country education sector plan development and education sector reviews.

II. Scope of Cooperation

The Parties will explore the possibilities of increasing the cooperation at regional and country levels, where potential activities could include the ones listed below. This MoU, however, is not meant to serve as an instrument for financial cooperation or grant to either Party.

1. Convene regional dialogue and consultations, taking advantages of existing IGAD events and forums, where appropriate, on inclusion of refugee education in education sector plans, programs and projects;
2. Facilitate IGAD participation and contributions in GPE regional events, trainings and consultations;
3. Facilitate developing guidelines and good practices briefs on integrating education for refugee and displaced population into education systems;
4. Conduct Advocacy and negotiation with national education partners on the inclusion of refugees, IDPs and their host communities in national and sub-national education policies, sector plans and budgets;
5. Technical advice to national partners in design and implementation of programs to address key challenges in meeting the educational needs of refugees, IDPs and their host communities;
6. Leverage development partners for programming and funds to benefit refugees, IDPs and their host communities in protracted settings and/or where enhancement of national systems is required to absorb refugees, IDPs and their host communities;
7. Share of country level data, country profiles, key challenges and opportunities for education access for refugees, IDPs and their host communities.

III. Review and Amendment

This MoU may be reviewed, and its terms and scope may be amended by mutual decision of the Parties in writing at any time and the Parties may enter into supplementary arrangements through an exchange of letters.

IV. Duration and Termination

The activities described in this MoU will commence on the date first above written and, on the understanding that either Party is at liberty to terminate such activities or this MoU at any time, provided that at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice of termination is given by the terminating Party to the other Party. Should this MoU be terminated by either Party, the Parties anticipate that all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that termination is not prejudicial to any activity or program already commenced and under implementation within the framework hereof.

V. Resolution of Disputes

The Parties will use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute or controversy arising out of this MoU.

VI. Privileges and Immunities

Nothing in or relating to this MoU will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of either Party or its subsidiary organs, neither that of the World Bank which hosts the GPE Secretariat.

Any notices or other communication related to this MoU will be sent to the following representatives for each Party:

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The Undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the Secretariat of IGAD and the GPE Secretariat respectively have, on behalf of the Parties, signed the present Memorandum of Understanding in two originals on the date first above written.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT

Signature

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Position

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