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Approval of COVID-19 Accelerated Funding to Support Rwanda's Education Sector

H.E. Dr. Ndagijimana, H.E. Dr. Uwamariya,

On behalf of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), I am pleased to inform you that with the delegated authority from the GPE Board of Directors, I have approved Rwanda's application for a COVID-19 accelerated funding request in the amount of **US\$ 10 million**. I have also approved a **1.75 %** agency fees for the grant agent, World Bank, in the amount of **US\$ 175,000**.

The grant has a start date of May 1, 2020 and an end date of **October 31, 2021**. The full decision language of this approval can be found in the annex to this letter.

Please note that during the implementation period, the GPE Secretariat will require the Grant Agent to fill out a quarterly survey which will request core data on program implementation. At the end of the implementation period, the Grant Agent is expected to submit a completion report to the GPE Secretariat. Detailed information on the reporting requirement is available in the Guidelines for COVID-19 Accelerated Funding on GPE [website](https://www.globalpartnership.org).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Subrata S. Dhar, Country Lead for Rwanda.



We look forward to working with you closely to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the education of Rwanda's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice P. Albright', written in a cursive style.

Alice P. Albright
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cc:

Members of Education Sector Working Group

Ms. Rose Baguma, Director General of Education Policy and Planning, Ministry of Education

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Mr. Subrata S. Dhar, Country Lead and Senior Education Specialist, GPE Secretariat

Annex 1 – DECISION LANGUAGE

In line with the delegated authority granted by the Board of Directors, the GPE CEO approves the COVID-19 accelerated funding request for Rwanda in the amount of **US\$10 million** plus an additional US\$175,000 in agency fees to the World Bank as Grant Agent. The grant has a start date of May 1, 2020, and an end date of October 31, 2021.

The GPE CEO recognized with appreciation the leadership and commitment of the Government of Rwanda in preparing a national response plan and grant proposal that will mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the education sector as well as support the recovery of the education system from the crisis.

Recognizing the GPE Board's intent to proceed with the COVID-19 funding on a timeline which acknowledges the COVID-19 emergency, the Grant Agent is asked to move forward with implementation immediately while addressing the following points together with the Government of Rwanda by May 15, 2020:

1. Monitoring and Evaluation

- (i) Further develop the monitoring and evaluation approach in the program by including a "Learning from evidence approach".
- (ii) Revise the results framework, to meet GPE-issued guidance on M&E of COVID-19 Accelerated Financing grants.

2. Budget

- (i) Revise the proposed budget to ensure it does not exceed the maximum GPE Board approved amount of US\$ 10 million.
- (ii) Reduce supervision fees from US\$ 300,000 to US\$ 280,000 in line with GPE guidance.

3. Implementation readiness

The Grant Agent should provide a detailed timeline for program implementation, showing how fast implementation will occur. Steps should be taken to minimize delays to commencement resulting from contract negotiations.

4. Future revisions

Please note that although this proposal is treated as an additional financing to the QBEP, activities approved here by the GPE CEO are for COVID-19 related response and recovery. Therefore, none of the GPE Funds under component 4 may be reprogrammed into other components in QBEP without prior agreement from the GPE Secretariat. Also, if in an unlikely situation the parent program encounters delays, measures should be in place to ensure that the GPE supported COVID-19 Response Program continues to be implemented to the extent practicable.