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Global Partnership for Education
Washington DC
USA

Subject: Endorsement of the Mozambique Education Sector Strategic Plan (2020-2029)

Education Development partners of Mozambique are pleased to endorse the Education Sector Strategic Plan (2020-2029) approved by the the Council of Ministers of Government of Mozambique in April 2020. The ESP was developed through a participatory and consultative process, with the involvement of public institutions at central and local level, education professionals at various levels, development partners, civil society organization and private sector. The development process benefited from strong analytical work and evidence based documentation (Education Sector Analysis and Sector Evaluation of the 2012 – 2016/19) which guided the development process. During the drafting process national, provincial and district level workshops were held where the challenges, priorities and areas of interest were discussed. Technical meetings were held between the Ministry of Education and Human Development (MINEDH), other key ministries and cooperation partners to define the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the plan. The result matrix provides well-defined impact indicators and means of verification, including Baseline (2019); Mid-Term (2024) and Final (2029) targets.

The Operational Plan (OP) 2020-2022 and monitoring and evaluation framework were developed compiling the same criteria adopted for the development of the ESP. The OP 2020-2022 was prepared in two phases. In the 1st phase, for each of the priority actions of the PEE 2020-2029, the identification of (i) indicator and (ii) main activities was carried out. Technical notes on the indicators for the General Objectives, Strategic Objectives and Priority Actions were also prepared. The 2nd phase comprised the costing task and corresponding determination of the goals and targets to be achieved, in the 2020-2022 period, for each priority action.

We strongly support the emphasis of the three priority areas in the ESP: (i) access, participation, retention and equity; (ii) quality of learning; and (iii) governance. These are also in line with GPE goals and objectives: equity, efficiency and learning. ESP can be seen as a logical successor to the 2012-2016/2019 strategy, with added significant learning about successes and challenges in the implementation of the sector plan. It takes into account natural disasters which affected the implementation of the previous plan. It also includes a stronger gender focus across all priorities.

The Independent Appraisal of the ESP was successfully conducted virtually between March and May 2020. It provided positive indication regarding endorsing the ESP.

"The ESP is comprehensive, challenging and optimistic. It should engage all parties fully for the next ten years in generating a modern, fit for purpose, education system consistent with Mozambican ambitions".
LEG members provided consolidated comments on the appraisal report. Their recommendations were subsequently addressed to the ESP Technical Team and are being considered at the level of the OP. Given the ambition of the ESP, the new Law on the National Education System (Lei N.º 18/2018 of 28 December) and reforms in the teacher education will need to be well addressed including strengthening the school supervision. Overall the OP is now well defined and, if monitored and updated based on the evidence and budget, it will be an efficient programming tool. To ensure the implementation of the priority actions, specific activities will be defined in the sector annual plan of activities (PdA) at central, provincial and district level taking into account the strategic objectives, targets and the context of each province and region.

The ESP presents well-modelled scenarios for the financing of the strategy and it is important that government stays committed to invest in education. The Education Sector Support Fund (FASE) has a proven record to be a strong financing and coordination instrument. A new Memorandum of Understanding in support of the ESP 2020-2029 is under review and expected to be ready in June 2020. Given the current challenge posed by COVID-19 as a response to the pandemic, the FASE mechanism provides several benefits with regard to the financial system control, process, management as well as financial risk management. MINEDH, in collaboration with the development partners, has prepared a detailed action plan for responding to COVID-19 and the GPE emergency funds for implementing the COVID-19 plan were successfully approved on 15 May 2020.

We Education Development partners will continue to work together to support the Government of Mozambique to accelerate efforts to improve learning in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal and make more efficient use of available resources and strengthen the governance, address inequalities in gender, disability and geographical differences. With collective commitments and engaging all the parties fully, we believe that successful implementation of the ESP will show improvements in these areas as well as increase in coordination and evidence-based planning, monitoring and policy implementation in the sector.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Torvinen
Ambassador

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Dear Ingmar,

Thanks for confirming. We will start to circulate the letters and will get back to you soon.

Best Marianne

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From: .MAPU WZ-2 Kreisl, Ingmar <wz-2@mapu.auswaertiges-amt.de>
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Subject: AW: Urgent Draft LEG endorsement letter for your review, Education Sector Strategy Plan for 2020-2029, deadline tonight

Dear Marianne,

I will sign the letter for Germany. I assume this Email suffices.

Best regards
Ingmar

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Ingmar Kreisl

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Dear Mark,

Many thanks for promptly reply, format of the document does not allow us to sign electronical. Copying Lucia if signed copy is needed or the e-mail below should be sufficient as advised earlier.

Best,
Luisa

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From: Luisa Moises Matsinhe <lmatsinhe@worldbank.org>
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Subject: RE: Urgent Draft LEG endorsement letter for your review, Education Sector Strategy Plan for 2020-2029, deadline tonight

Dear Luisa and team,

I fully endorse that which is being set out. So please do see whether this can be signed electronically.

If not, I can print and sign and then see how to scan and send back to you.

Best regards,

Mark

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Dear Kujala,

Hereby express WFP's support for this demarche.

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Subject: Letter of endorsement, Education Sector strategy plan for 2020-2029

Dear James,

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Your technical people has read and cleared the letter, but it will need your agreement to formally agree.

If you are in agreement of this endorsement, an email confirming that you agree would be sufficient.

Kind regards, Marianne

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Subject: Re: Letter of endorsement. Education Sector strategy plan for 2020-2029

Yes, EU is in agreement too.
Thanks
Isabel

On 27 May 2020, at 12:48, Kujala-Garcia Marianne <Marianne.Kujala-Garcia@formin.fi> wrote:

Dear Isabel,

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