Mr. Robert Prouty,

Head
The Global Partnership for Education,
1818 H Street, NW, P 6-600,
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USA

31 August 2012

Dear Mr. Prouty,

Re. Endorsement of South Sudan’s General Education Strategic Plan and admission to the Global Partnership for Education

Members of the National Education Forum (NEF), comprising donors and partners who are active in the education sector, endorse the General Education Strategic Plan (GESP) as a credible education sector plan. Development partners support South Sudan’s admission to the Global Partnership for Education.

The GESP has been through a thorough process of consultative development, commencing in May 2010. Partners have participated in the drafting process of the GESP from the plan’s conception until August 2012. The process of jointly appraising the GESP within the framework of the GPE application, during the months of July and August 2012, provided further insight into challenges and opportunities of the plan. The appraisal process has resulted in development partners endorsing the GESP’s overall emphasis on improving access, quality, management and monitoring and evaluation of the education system. Whilst it is acknowledged that the timeframes of implementation of the plan need to be revised, partners agree that the ambitious targets present a proportional response to the educational needs and challenges in South Sudan. Caveats to partners’ endorsement and recommendations for further strengthening of the plan are articulated in the appraisal report attached. Development partners within the NEF have been working closely with the Ministry of General Education and Instruction to address these and there is commitment from all actors to continue strengthening the GESP.

The list of NEF partners, including signatures to formalize their endorsement is included below.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signatures]

William Brands
Mission Director
USAID/South Sudan
NEF co-Chair

Salah A. Khaled
Head of Office, a.i.
UNESCO Juba
NEF deputy co-Chair and
GPE Coordinating Agency
South Sudan

GESP Endorsement

Education Development Partners endorsing the General Education Strategic Plan (GESP)

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