Uzbekistan Development Partner Group

Letter of Endorsement

August 2013

We write to you on behalf of the Uzbekistan Development Partners regarding the Education Sector Plan (ESP) for 2013-2017.

An appraisal of the ESP was conducted in January 2013. The LEG responded to recommendations of the Appraisal and revised the ESP accordingly. The Recommendations Matrix prepared by the LEG reflects all changes made based on these recommendations. In particular improvements were made in the following areas:

- An ESP Monitoring and Evaluation system completed with baselines and targets.
- The ESP Action Plan elaborated.
- An ESP risk assessment included.
- An ESP communication and dissemination plan prepared.
- Data on Gender parity and vulnerable groups incorporated
- An ESP financial plan included.

The plan is well structured, prioritised and clear in its objectives. This is the first ESP developed by all ministries responsible for the different sub-sectors, thereby ensuring
consistency and continuity. The Plan has addressed improving the quality of education for remote areas, increasing the coverage of Early Childhood Education, improving teachers training, and monitoring and evaluation.

The government has played a strong leadership role in the development of the ESP. Donor organizations and NGOs were directly involved in development of the ESP. There is a strong willingness, support and interest on behalf of the government to ensure the successful implementation of the Action Plan. The Local Education Group will also be disseminating the ESP to stakeholders throughout the country and collecting input in order to improve the ESP in its next revision.

We have assessed the revised Education Sector Plan for 2013-2017 as credible and we would like to endorse it for consideration for membership in the Global Partnership for Education.

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