OUTSTANDING BOARD DECISIONS

Board of Directors Meeting

December 5-7, 2017 | Paris, France
BOD/2017/12-XX—Financing Options:

The Board of Directors:

1. Approves the principles for prioritization of resources in the 2018-2020 period as set out in Annex 3.

2. Authorizes the Finance and Risk Committee to approve the announcement of new maximum country allocations for ESPIG eligible countries expected to have an application approved before the end of 2019 based on a financial forecast to be prepared by the Secretariat immediately following the GPE financing conference.
3. In relation to maximum country allocations for ESPIGs, determines to:

- Maintain the cap of US$100 million if the amount of funds used to calculate maximum country allocations is less than US$2.25 billion
- Increase the cap to US$125 million if the amount of funds used to calculate maximum country allocations is more than US$2.25 billion but less than US$2.75 billion
- Increase the cap to US$150 million if the amount of funds used to calculate maximum country allocations is more than US$2.75 billion
4. In relation to the minimum allocation size for ESPIGs for countries subject to a floor of US$1.3 million and US$5 million respectively, determines to:

- Maintain the minimum allocation size for ESPIGs if the amount of funds used to calculate maximum country allocations is less than US$2.25 billion.
- Increase the minimum allocation size for ESPIGs from US$1.3 million to US$2 million, and from US$5 million to US$7.5m respectively, if the amount of funds used to calculate maximum country allocations is more than US$2.25 billion but less than US$2.75 billion.
- Increase the minimum allocation size for ESPIGs from US$1.3 million to US$2.5 million, and from US$5 million to US$10 million respectively if the amount of funds used to calculate maximum country allocations is more than US$2.75 billion.
5. Endorses the approach used to treat potential donor contributions that are subject to uncertainty for the purpose of forecasting available resources for allocation as outlined in Annex 5.
BOD/2017/12 XX—Knowledge and Innovation Exchange: The Board of Directors:

1. Approves the design features for the GPE Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) aimed at accelerating progress towards GPE2020, and longer term realization of 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. KIX will enhance the production, exchange and utilization of knowledge, innovation and good practices across the Global Partnership, with the Goal, Objectives, Components and Theory of Change (including operational components) as stated in this document [BOD/2017/12-xx].
2. Agrees that the KIX funding program of work will start with four initial themes: Learning Assessment Systems, Early Childhood Care and Education, Gender Equality, and Data Systems for launch before the end of CY2018 and requests the Strategy and Impact Committee to guide the selection of additional thematic focus areas with a final decision by the Board by December 2018.
3. Approves the launch of two additional themes for KIX funding: equity and inclusion, and teaching and learning in CY2019.

4. The Learning Exchange will support knowledge and innovation exchange across the Global Partnership and support all partners to learn from one another’s experience on issues relevant to the GPE Strategic Plan. DCPs are encouraged to contribute to the learning exchange.
5. Recognizing that the Board has agreed to the two main components of the KIX and the core design principles captured in BOD/2017/12-xx, requests the Strategy and Impact Committee to oversee the development of a detailed design blueprint for the learning exchange and innovation funds, ensuring that there are robust opportunities for all constituencies to substantively engage in the design process.
6. Delegates authority to the Strategy and Impact Committee to oversee the launch of KIX up to the end of December 2018, which would include:

a. Approving the criteria and procedures for selection of the grant agent(s);

b. Approving the work plan the design blueprint and grant allocations operating budget for Year 1 of KIX’s work (FY2019); for the approved themes;
c. Agreeing to selection criteria and procedures for soliciting and reviewing competitive calls for funding under each thematic area;
d. Approving the approach to reporting, results monitoring, evaluation, risk management, and grant extension or restructuring
7. Approves a budget request of $1.5 million as an initial allocation from the KIX envelope to cover initial administrative and operating costs and to support further technical design work needed to launch KIX over a 12-18-month period.
The Board of Directors with respect to the application submitted in the third round of 2017:

1. Notes compliance with the requirements for accessing the fixed part of the maximum country allocation, as described in the application and summarized and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2017/12 DOC 13.

2. Notes compliance with the incentives for accessing the variable part of the maximum country allocation and approves the indicators on Equity, Efficiency, and Learning and their means of verification, as described in the application and assessed in Annex 2 to BOD/2017/12 DOC 13.
3. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant (ESPIG), as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1 in BOD/2017/12-XX 3 (c), subject to:

- Availability of funds.
- Board decision BOD/2012/11-04 on commitment of trust funds for ESPIGs in annual installments.
- GPC recommendations for funding include (all amounts in US$):
4. Requests the Secretariat to:
   a. Include in its notification to Burkina Faso, the relevant grant agent and coordinating agency, for distribution to the local education group (LEG) of the approval of the allocation and the expected timeframe for signing of the Grant Agreement and grant effectiveness, as applicable, the conditions, requests for report-back, and observations on the program as recommended by the GPC and adjusted by the Board and set out in Annex 1 to BOD/2017/12 DOC 13.
   b. Include an update on the issues listed as “conditions” and “report back” in the annual Portfolio Review in accordance with the specified timeline.
Included in Annex 1, Observations:

‘Furthermore, the need for critical attention to gender issues, in particular girls’ enrolment in secondary schools, links between education sector development and humanitarian education assistance in the country is emphasized, as well as the importance of including teacher unions in education sector dialogue.’
BOD/2017/12-XX – Approval of Allocation for an Education Sector Program Implementation Grant to Liberia – The Board of Directors in reference to BOD/2017/09-01 and the Board decision to delay the notification of grant approval until after the election:

1. Recognizes that the prolonged process around the election risks delaying implementation of key education reforms if grant notification is further delayed.

2. Requests the Secretariat to formally notify the country of the allocation.
Indicator 10

BOD/2017/12-XX- Review of Indicator 10 –
The Board of Directors:
Requests the Strategy and Impact Committee to review the formula underlying indicator 10 and come back to the Board in 2018 with the results of their review.
Affirmative Vote Decision

BOD/2017/06-08—Decision Framework: The Board of Directors:

1. Endorses the proposed Decision Framework presented in BOD/2017/06 DOC 11 Annex 2.

2. Approves the Affirmative Vote procedure as set out in BOD/2017/06 DOC 11 as the preferred decision procedure to be applied to all education sector program implementation grant (ESPIG) recommendations from the Grants and Performance Committee to the Board. An affirmative vote decision is considered approved if a majority of constituencies including at least three out of the four constituency groupings provide their express approval, and provided that any objection received is dealt with prior to the end of the voting period.
4. Limits the use of the existing non-objection procedure by the Board to administrative and procedural issues that are not material. Committees may continue to use the non-objection procedure to make decisions.

5. Requests the Governance and Ethics Committee to annually report on the use of delegated decision-making, and review the adequacy of the Decision Framework and report back to the Board as needed, including with recommended adjustments where necessary.

6. Requests the Secretariat, the Coordinating Committee, and the Governance and Ethics Committee to develop measures to strengthen the coordination and communication between the four Committees, the Coordinating Committee and the Board.
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