

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VIA AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

### FINAL DECISION

#### BOD/AV/2023/09-07 – REVISED TOP-UP TRIGGERS FOR STRATEGIC PARAMETERS AND ALLOCATION FOR SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION GRANT AND GIRLS’ EDUCATION ACCELERATOR GRANT TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The Board of Directors:

1. Noting the assessment of the Provisional Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP) on enabling factors for system transformation, including those considered high priority, as set out in Annex 8 of document BOD/AV/2023/09 DOC 07;
2. Noting the Secretariat assessment set out in Annex 7 of the revised top-up triggers set out in Annex 6;
3. Noting the Secretariat’s assessment of the system transformation grant in Annexes 4.1 and 4.2, and the grant program application in Annex 5;
4. Approves the proposed top-up triggers (actions and targets as well as the associated amounts) for accessing the additional allocation.
5. Approves an allocation from GPE trust funds for a system transformation grant (US\$112,500,000) and Girls’ Education Accelerator (US\$25,000,000), in support of the Democratic Republic of Congo program, as described in the application submitted and summarized in Table 1, subject to:
  - i. Availability of funds.
  - ii. Board decision [BOD/2012/11-04](#) on commitment of trust funds for grants in annual installments.

**Table 1 Summary of Strategic Parameters and Secretariat Allocation Recommendations (all amounts in US\$)**

a.	System Transformation Grant Allocation	162,500,000
	Allocation requested (69%)	112,500,000
	Girls’ Education Accelerator (GEA) grant allocation	25,000,000
b.	Allocation Recommended by Secretariat	<b>137,500,000<sup>1</sup></b>
c.	Grant Agents	Agence française de développement (AFD)

<sup>1</sup> This amount includes US\$2,000,000 for World Bank grant agent implementation support costs, and US\$ 2,583,840 for AFD grant agent implementation support costs.

		(68,500,000, including 18,000,000 for the GEA) World Bank (69,000,000, including 7,000,000 for the GEA)
d.	Agency Fee % - Amount	AFD - 5% (3,425,000) WB - 1,75% (1,207,500)
e.	Period	Four years and three months
f.	Expected Start Date	March 28, 2024
g.	Funding Source	GPE fund
h.	<p><b>High Priority Enabling Factors and Conditions for Accessing Additional Allocation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data and evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Trigger 1: Government to support at least 50% of the cost of the data collection, publication, and dissemination process of the statistical yearbook on the national budget by 2025 (\$15 million)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Gender responsive sector planning, policy and monitoring</li> <li>○ Sector coordination</li> <li>○ Volume, equity, and efficiency of domestic public expenditure on education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Trigger 2: Establishment of a unique identifier for the Ministry of Education staff on the budget to improve control Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Technical Education’s payroll by 2025 (\$20 million); and</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Trigger 3: Effective retirement of 4,000 overaged teachers by 2025 (\$15 million)</li> </ul>	