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Ms. Alice Albright
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Dear Ms. Albright,

Government of Timor-Leste Request to use a Portion of its IDA18 allocation for Education Sector and seek GPE Multiplier Fund Resources

We are pleased to inform you that we have received an official request from the Government of Timor-Leste to prepare an IDA Credit for US\$15 million from the country's IDA 18 financing envelope (equivalent to US\$89 million). This financing will support the implementation of a US\$24.1 million project that the education team of the World Bank is designing in coordination with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and other donors in Timor-Leste. In addition to the US\$15 million IDA credit, the project design includes financing from the GPE ESPIG grant (US\$4.1 million) and the GPE multiplier (US\$5 million).

It is important to highlight that this is the first time that the Government of Timor-Leste is allocating IDA resources for an education project. A central element in the conversations between the World Bank and the Government of Timor-Leste on the best strategy to use the IDA resources across alternative allocations was the potential availability of the GPE multiplier funding. The combined approach of an IDA credit and the GPE multiplier maximizes the amount of concessional resources that the country will receive. In that regard, the amount allocated to the IDA credit is consistent with the maximum allocation of the GPE multiplier for Timor-Leste.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with GPE to support the Government's investments in the education sector.

Yours sincerely,

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cc:

- H.E. Dulce de Jesus Soares, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport;
- H.E. João Zacarias Freitas Soares, Vice Minister of Education, Youth and Sport;
- Mr. Antoninho Pires, Director General of Policy, Planning and Partnership;
- Mr. Alfredo Araujo, National Director of Partnership; and
- Mr. Justino Marlin, Principal Advisor to the Minister of Education, Youth and Sport.