Global Partnership for Education

Grant Agreement

(Expanding Opportunities for Learning Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

(acting as administrator of the Global Partnership for Education Trust Fund)
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION
GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between the REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI ("Recipient") and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Bank"), acting as administrator of Global Partnership for Education Trust Fund ("GPE").

WHEREAS, under a financing agreement entered into between the Recipient and the Bank on the date hereof, the Bank intends to provide the Recipient with a grant and a credit in the total amount equivalent to SDR 11,000,000 to assist in the co-financing of the Project.

The Recipient and the Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. The Standard Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) apply to and form part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in the Appendix this Agreement.

Article II
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training ("MENFOP") in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III
The Grant

3.01. The Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed nine million two hundred fifty thousand United States Dollars ($9,250,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing the Project.

3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV
Additional Remedies

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02(k) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following, namely that the Recipient no longer has an adequate refugee protection framework.

Article V
Effectiveness; Termination

5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until:

(a) The Financing Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.

(b) The Bank is satisfied that the Recipient has an adequate refugee protection framework.

(c) The Recipient has adopted the Project Operational Manual in accordance with Section 1.8 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5.02. Except as the Recipient and the Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

Article VI
Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

6.01. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister responsible for economy and finance.
6.02. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions:

(a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Economy and Finance in charge of Industry
BP 13
Djibouti City
Republic of Djibouti; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile: (253) 21358135

6.03. For purposes of Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions:

(a) the Bank's address is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America; and

(b) the Bank's Electronic Address is:

Telex:  Facsimile:
248423 (MCI) or 1-202-477-6391
64145 (MCI)
AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI

By

[Signature]
Authorized Representative

Name: HE- ILYAS HOSSA DAHALEH
Title: MINISTER OF ECONOMY IN CHARGE OF FINANCE
Date: OCTOBER 18, 2019

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
(acting as administrator of Global Partnership for Education Trust Fund)

By:

[Signature]
Authorized Representative

Name: PERO SELHAT
Title: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
Date: OCTOBER 18, 2019
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to increase equitable access to basic education, improve teaching practices, and strengthen MENFOP’s management capacity.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Establishing Foundations for Quality Preschool Education

1. Improving the quality of and access to preschool education, including, *inter alia*:

   (a) provision of technical assistance for: (i) establishing a policy framework and quality standards for preschool education; (ii) revising the preschool curriculum and strengthening preschool teacher capacity to implement such reforms; (iii) developing new teaching and learning materials and training and professional development programs for teachers and other preschool staff; and (iv) adopting a preschool classroom teacher observation tool;

   (b) carrying out a feasibility study to explore the possibilities of private-public partnership for the preschool education sector; and

   (c) construction of new classrooms and rehabilitation of existing classrooms and provision of relevant equipment and furniture to such classrooms.

2. Financing of an Eligible Expenditure Program ("EEP") in support of improving the quality of preschool education, through, *inter alia*, carrying out assessments of preschools against the approved quality standards and of preschool teacher classroom performance.

Part 2. Expanding Access to and Improving Retention in Primary and Lower Secondary Education

1. Expanding access to primary and lower secondary education and improving retention of vulnerable and underserved groups, including refugees, girls, rural students and special needs students, including, *inter alia*:

   (a) provision of technical assistance for: (i) developing a medium-term school expansion plan; (ii) supporting the inclusion of refugees in the national education system, including MENFOP’s operation of schools in refugee camps formerly run by NGOs or UNHCR; (iii) establishing a strategy for including children with special needs and an awareness campaign to promote a more inclusive education; and (iv) developing sub-regional plans to promote enrollment and reduce drop-outs; and
(b) rehabilitation of existing schools.

2. Financing of an Eligible Expenditure Program ("EEP") in support of a program of activities aimed at expanding access to primary and lower secondary schooling to out of school children ("OOSC", as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement), in particular, vulnerable and underserved groups such as refugees, girls, rural students and special needs students, increasing retention of students and reducing repetition rates.

**Part 3. Building Capacity to Support Teaching and Learning**

1. (a) Improving and increasing the use of learning assessments and establishing learning standards; (b) strengthening the competence of MENFOP’s staff and school-level staff and the overall system for such staff’s professional development; and (c) improving pedagogical resources, including teaching and learning materials, all through, *inter alia*, the provision of technical assistance, consultants’ services for competence building activities and designing a tool for online access to training and reference materials.

2. Financing of an Eligible Expenditure Program ("EEP") in support of improving quality and increased use of learning assessments, professional development of school staff and instructional materials through a program of activities carried out by MENFOP relating to administration of assessments, dissemination of results and training of MENFOP’s staff and school-level staff on such topics.

**Part 4. Strengthening MENFOP’s Management Capacity and Data Systems**

1. Provision of: (a) technical assistance to support the modernizing of MENFOP’s education information management systems to improve MENFOP’s management capacity, such systems to include human resource management, professional development data at individual level and a tracking system at student-level and (b) training of MENFOP’s staff and school-level staff on such enhanced systems.

2. Supporting MENFOP in the areas of Project management and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, verification of the achievement of the DLI/DLRs by the Independent Verification Agent, communication, and procurement, all through the provision of technical assistance, goods and services for the required purposes.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section 1. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. MENFOP

   (a) The Recipient shall ensure that MENFOP, prior to commencing any Project activities, establishes and maintains, throughout the implementation of the Project, a Project implementation structure, with mandate, staffing and other resources satisfactory to the Association, and as further described in the POM, and with the Secretary General as the Project leader, to be responsible for the implementation of the Project, including: (i) day to day coordination of the Project activities; (ii) carrying out Project financial management and procurement activities; (iii) preparing Annual Work Plans and Budgets; (iv) monitoring and evaluating Project activities and preparing Project reports; (v) monitoring the achievements of the DLI/DLRs and reviewing the verification reports from the IVAs; and (vi) coordinating with other stakeholders on Project implementation.

   (b) The Recipient shall:

      (i) not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, install, and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, an accounting software for the Project acceptable to the Association; and

      (ii) not later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, recruit, and thereafter maintain throughout Project implementation, an independent external auditor with qualifications, experience and terms of reference acceptable to the Association.

2. Project Steering Committee

   (a) The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, establish, and thereafter maintain at all times during Project implementation, a Project Steering Committee ("PSC"), with composition, mandate and resources satisfactory to the Association, to provide policy guidance and oversight for the Project.

   (b) Without limitation to paragraph 2.1 above, the PSC shall: (i) be chaired by the Secretary General of MENFOP and include as members
representatives of all relevant departments or directorates within MENFOP; and (ii) be responsible for: (A) providing overall oversight and strategic guidance to Project implementation; (B) approving the Project's Annual Work Plan and Budget; and (C) coordinating implementation progress and review progress reports, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and of the POM.

B. Project Operational Manual

1. The Recipient, through MENFOP, shall prepare a project operational manual in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, containing detailed arrangements and procedures for implementation of the Project, including, inter alia: (a) disbursement and flow of funds arrangements; (b) institutional arrangements; (c) fiduciary arrangements, including financial management, procurement, and anti-corruption; (d) ESF-related management systems, including the Project grievance mechanism; (e) monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communication; (f) detailed arrangements for verification of achievement of DLI/DLRs (including the DLR Verification Protocol); and (g) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project.

2. The Recipient, through MENFOP, shall: (a) furnish to and exchange views with the Association on such manual promptly upon its preparation; and (b) thereafter adopt such manual as shall have been approved by the Association (“Project Operational Manual”).

3. The Recipient, through MENFOP, shall carry out the Project in accordance with the arrangements and procedures set out in the POM, provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the arrangements and procedures set out in the POM and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

4. The Recipient shall not, and shall cause MENFOP not to, amend, abrogate or waive, or permit to be amended, abrogated or waived, the POM or any of its provisions without the prior approval in writing by the Association.

C. Annual Work Plans and Budgets

1. Each year the Recipient shall prepare a draft Annual Work Plan and Budget for the Project for each subsequent year of Project implementation, of such scope and detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested.

2. The Recipient shall furnish to the Association, as soon as available, but in any case not later than November 30 of each year, the annual work plan and budget for the following year and the evidences referred to in paragraph 1 above, for the
Association's review and approval; except for the annual work plan and budget for the Project for the first year of Project implementation, which shall be furnished no later than one (1) month after the Effective Date. Only the activities included in an annual work plan and budget expressly approved by the Association (each an "Annual Work Plan and Budget") are eligible for financing from the proceeds of the Financing.

3. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Annual Work Plans and Budgets.

D. Independent Verification

1. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, recruit one or more organizations with experience, independence, and capacity and under terms of reference acceptable to the Association ("Independent Verification Agent(s)" or "IVA") to verify the data and other evidence supporting the achievement of one or more DLL/DLR as set forth in the DLR Verification Protocol and recommend corresponding payments to be made.

2. The Recipient shall: (a) ensure that the Independent Verification Agent(s) carries/carry out verification process(es) in accordance with the DLR Verification Protocol; and (b) submit to the Association the corresponding verification reports in a timely manner and in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.

E. Environmental and Social Standards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Association.

2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan ("ESCP"), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:

   (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, and as further specified in the ESCP;

   (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;

   (c) policies, procedures and qualified staff are maintained to enable it to implement the ESCP, as further specified in the ESCP; and

   (d) the ESCP or any provision thereof, is not amended, revised or waived, except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing and the Recipient has, thereafter, disclosed the revised ESCP.
In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

3. The Recipient shall:

(a) take all measures necessary on its part to collect, compile, and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP, and the management tools and instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting out, inter alia: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and

(b) promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.

4. The Recipient shall maintain and publicize the availability of a grievance mechanism, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, to hear and determine fairly and in good faith all complaints raised in relation to the Project, and take all measures necessary to implement the determinations made by such mechanism in a manner satisfactory to the Association.

5. The Recipient shall ensure that the Financing proceeds are not used to finance any activities included in the Negative List.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Documents; Records

In addition, and without limitation to the obligations set forth in Section 2.05 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall ensure that:

(a) all records evidencing expenditures under the Project are retained for seven years and six months after the Closing Date, such records to include: (i) this Agreement, all addenda thereof, and any amendments thereto; (ii) the Recipient’s financial and narrative progress reports submitted to the Bank; (iii) the Recipient’s financial information related to the Grant, including audit reports, invoices and payroll records; (iv) the Recipient’s implementation documentation (including sub-agreements, procurement
files, contracts, purchase orders); and (v) the corresponding supporting evidence referred to in Section 3.04 of the Standard Conditions; and

(b) the representatives of the Bank are: (i) able to examine all records referred to above in paragraph (a); (ii) provided all such information concerning such records as they may from time to time reasonably request; and (iii) able to disclose such records and information to the Donor(s).

B. Project Reports

The Recipient shall ensure that each Project Report is furnished to the Bank not later than one month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

Section III. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; and (b) this Section; to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consulting services for Part 1.1, 2.1, 3.1 and 4 of the Project</td>
<td>6,250,000</td>
<td>100 %</td>
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<td>(2) Eligible Expenditures Program under Part 2.2 and 3.2 of the Project</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>Up to 100% of the Amount of Financing allocated to DLRs 4.2, 4.3, 5.4 and 5.5(b), as set forth in the table in the Annex to this Schedule 2.</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>9,250,000</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made:

   (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date; and

   (b) under Category (2), unless and until the Recipient has furnished evidence, including verification reports from the Independent Verification Agent, certifying the achievement of the DLI/DLRs in accordance with the DLR Verification Protocol, satisfactory to the Association that: (i) payments for the Eligible Expenditures Program have been made in accordance, and in compliance with the procedures set forth in the POM; and (ii) the DLI/DLRs, set forth in the Annex to this Schedule 2, for which payment is requested have been met and verified in accordance with the DLR Verification Protocol.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Part B, if the Association shall determine, based on the evidence provided by the Recipient under paragraph 1 of this Part B, that any DLI/DR(s) have not been achieved or have been partially achieved by the end of the year during which such DLI/DR(s) were scheduled to be met in accordance with the Annex to this Schedule 2, the Association may in its sole discretion, by notice to the Recipient:

   (a) withhold in whole or in part the amount of the Financing allocated to such DLI/DR(s);

   (b) disburse in whole or in part the amount of the Financing allocated to such DLI/DR(s) at any later time when such DLI/DR(s) are met; and/or

   (c) reallocate in whole or in part any amount of the Financing allocated to such DLI/DR(s) to any other DLI/DR(s) of DLR 4.2, 4.3, 5.4 and 5.5(b).

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Association determines, at any time, that any portion of the amounts disbursed by the Recipient under Category (2) was made for reimbursement of expenditures that are not eligible under the Eligible Expenditures Program, the Recipient shall promptly refund any such amount to the Association as the Association shall specify by notice to the Association.

4. The Closing Date is December 15, 2024.
### Disbursement Linked Indicators

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<th>Disbursement Linked Indicator</th>
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<th>Disbursement Calculation Formula</th>
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<td>(1) DLI #1: Quality assurance mechanism for preschool education established. (Included for reference only)</td>
<td>(Included for reference only) DLR #1.1: Quality standards for preschool approved by MENFOP through a signed Ministerial memo (<em>note de service</em>). DLR #1.2: At least 30% of the public and private preschools meeting the approved quality standards.</td>
<td>DLR #1.1: N/A DLR #1.2: N/A</td>
<td>DLR #1.1: N/A</td>
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<td>(2) DLI #2: Public preschool teachers with improved competencies linked to trainings (as measured by a classroom observation tool as defined in the POM (&quot;COT&quot;). (Included for reference only)</td>
<td>(Included for reference only) At least 40% of public preschool teachers with improved competencies, as observed through COT.</td>
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<td>(3) DLI #3: Expanding access to primary and lower secondary education.</td>
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<td>(Included for reference only)</td>
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<td>DLR #3.1: A medium-term school expansion plan is approved by MENFOP through a signed Ministerial memo (note de service).</td>
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<td>DLR #3.2: 35,000 primary school-level OOSC students enrolled</td>
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<td>DLR #3.1: N/A</td>
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<p>| (4) DLI #4: Strengthen demand and improve retention of students in primary and lower secondary schools. |
| DLR #4.1: (included for reference only) |
| Sub-regional plans to promote enrollment and reduce dropout are approved by MENFOP through a signed Ministerial memo (note de service). |
| DLR #4.2: Decrease in grade 5 repetition rate between Year 1 and Year 5 of project implementation from 24.4% to 14.4%. |
| DLR #4.1: N/A |
| DLR #4.2: USD 500,000 for every five percentage points of reduction in repetition rate in grade 5, up to a maximum payment of USD 1,000,000 with a minimum threshold of USD 500,000. |
| DLR #4.1: N/A |
| DLR #4.2: USD 1,000,000 |</p>
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<th>DLR #4.3: Increase in gender parity index for gross enrollment in lower secondary education.</th>
<th>DLR #4.3: From the baseline of 0.82, USD 250,000 for every 0.02 increase, up to a maximum payment of USD 1,000,000, with a minimum payment threshold of USD 250,000.</th>
<th>DLR #4.3: USD 1,000,000</th>
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<td>(5) DLI #5: Improve learning assessments.</td>
<td>DLR #5.1: (included for reference only) (a) Assessment levels at the first cycle of primary school in math and at least one language are approved by MENFOP through a signed Ministerial memo (note de service). (b) National primary learning assessment administered by Evaluation Department of MENFOP.</td>
<td>DLR #5.1(a) and (b): N/A</td>
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<td>(included for reference only) (a) Revised year 2 OTI assessment is administered by MENFOP.</td>
<td>DLR #5.4: N/A</td>
<td>DLR #5.4: USD 500,000</td>
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<td>(b) Revised year 5 OTI assessment is administered by MENFOP.</td>
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<td>DLR #5.5(a): N/A</td>
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<td>DLR #5.4: Establishment of baseline percentage of year 2 students reaching the minimum acceptable threshold learning level.</td>
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<td>DLR #5.5(a): (included for reference only) Schools receive detailed report on results of learning assessments and guidelines for their use to improve teaching and learning.</td>
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<td>5.5(b): From baseline established under DLR 5.4, increase in percentage of year 2 students reaching the minimum acceptable threshold learning level in the following years.</td>
<td>DLR #5.5(b): USD 100,000 for every percentage point of increase of year 2 students reaching established minimum learning levels, up to a maximum payment of USD 500,000, with a minimum payment threshold of USD 100,000.</td>
<td>DLR #5.5(b): 500,000</td>
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<td>(6) DLI #6: Systematic update of teachers’ professional development program. (Included for reference only)</td>
<td>DLR #6.1: At least 3 competency frameworks approved by MENFOP through a signed Ministerial memo (note de service).</td>
<td>DLR #6.1: N/A</td>
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<td>DLR #6.2: 2,000 teachers trained on the new competencies/training modules.</td>
<td>DLR #6.2: N/A</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>USD 3,000,000</td>
<td>DLR #6.1: N/A</td>
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<td>DLR #6.2: N/A</td>
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APPENDIX

Definitions

1. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" means each annual work plan, together with the related budget, for the Project approved by the Association, pursuant to the provisions of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


3. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

4. "DLI" means disbursement-linked indicator.

5. "DLR" means disbursement-linked result.

6. "DLR Verification Protocol" means the protocol for verifying the achievements of the DLRs set out in the POM.

7. "Eligible Expenditure Program" or "EEP" means the Eligible Expenditures incurred by the following departments of the MENFOP under the following budget codes for implementation of Part 1, 2 and 3 of the Project:

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<th>Type of Expenditures</th>
<th>Department</th>
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<td>10-02-21</td>
<td>salaries</td>
<td>Directorate of Basic Education (Direction de l'enseignement fondamentale)</td>
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<td>General Secretariat</td>
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8. "Environmental and Social Commitment Plan" or "ESCP" means the Recipient's environmental and social commitment plan, acceptable to the Association, dated May 15, 2019, which sets out a summary of the material measures and actions to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project,
including the timing of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, 
monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any instruments to be prepared 
thereunder; as the ESCP may be revised from time to time, with prior written 
agreement of the Association.

9. “Environmental and Social Standards” means, collectively: (i) “Environmental 
and Social Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social 
Risks and Impacts”; (ii) “Environmental and Social Standard 2: Labor and 
Working Conditions”; (iii) “Environmental and Social Standard 3: Resource 
Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management”; (iv) “Environmental and 
Social Standard 4: Community Health and Safety”; (v) “Environmental and Social 
Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary 
Resettlement”; (vi) “Environmental and Social Standard 6: Biodiversity 
Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources”; 
(vii) “Environmental and Social Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan 
Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental 
and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social 
Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: 
Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 
2018, as published by the Association at its website.

10. “Financing Agreement” means the financing agreement entered into between the 
Recipient and the Bank on the date hereof (Credit No. 6449-DJ and Grant No. 
D485-DJ), according to which the Bank provides a credit and a grant to the 
Recipient to assist in the financing of the Project.

11. “Independent Verification Agent” or “IVA” means an independent third party to 
carry out verification of the achievements the DLIs according to Section I.D of 
Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

12. “Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training” or “MENFOP” means 
the Recipient’s ministry responsible for national education and vocational training 
or any successor thereof.

13. “Negative List” means the list of activities excluded from receiving financing out 
of the Financing, set forth in the Environmental and Social Management 
Framework, referred to in the ESCP.

14. “OOSC” means out-of-school children, as specified in the DLR Verification 
Protocol.

15. “Project Operational Manual” or “POM” means the manual referred to in Section 
I.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

17. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Bank signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Grant Agreement” in the Standard Conditions.