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Hon. Francis Fonseca
Minister of Education, Culture, Science and Technology
Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology
Belize

Approval of the GPE Multiplier Grant for Belize

Honorable Minister,

On behalf of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), I am pleased to inform you that **Belize's** application for a Multiplier Grant in the amount of **US\$ 5 million** with **US\$ 15million** of co-financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), was approved. GPE has also approved a **5 % agency fee** for the grant agent, the IDB, in the amount of **US\$ 250,000**. The grant will have a 4-year implementation period.

The funds will be committed to the grant agent in annual installments as follows:

- an initial commitment of the amount of the estimated project budget requested for the first year of implementation; and
- subsequent commitments, subject to availability of uncommitted funds, based on the planned budget for the next 12-month period of project implementation submitted by the grant agent.

All countries receiving a GPE grant must report through the grant agent at least annually on progress in implementing the grant against program objectives. Please note that the approval of this Multiplier grant is based on the application submitted by Belize. Any proposed changes should be communicated to the GPE Secretariat. The *Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants*, available on the [GPE Website](#), provides details. In addition, I would like to also draw your attention to the *Policy and Communications Protocol on Misuse of GPE Trust Funds*, also available on the [GPE Website](#).

In accordance with the *Policy on Education Sector Program Implementation Grants*, the program is expected to become effective on the date communicated in the program document, which in the case of Belize's application is **no later than January 15, 2024**. Please inform the GPE Secretariat when the grant becomes effective, or if any extensions are needed.

The GPE Secretariat can provide further information on the above. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat Country Team Lead for Belize, Ms. Talia Miranda by email at tdechaisemartin@globalpartnership.org.

We wish you every success in implementing the activities supported by the grant provided by the Global Partnership for Education.

Sincerely,



Laura Frigenti
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Global Partnership for Education

CC:

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