The Honourable Mr. Winston Jordan  
Minister of Finance  
Ministry of Finance  
Main Street, Kingston  
Georgetown  
Guyana  

Re: Cooperative Republic of Guyana: Guyana Early Childhood Education Project  
GPE Grant No. TF019053  

Dear Minister:  

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided under the Global Partnership for Education ("GPE") proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant in an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred thousand United States Dollars (U.S.$ 1,700,000) ("Grant") on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement ("Agreement"), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex ("Project").  

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World 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.  

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.  

Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank.
Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the countersigned copy of this Agreement within ninety (90) days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank shall have established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By __________________

Sophie Sirtaine
Country Director
Caribbean Country Management Unit
Latin America and the Caribbean Region

AGREED:

COOPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA

By: ________________________________

Authorized Representative

Name: WINSTON JORDAN

Title: MINISTER OF FINANCE

Date: June 05, 2015

Enclosures:


(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006.


Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions


1.02. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement, and the following terms will have the following meanings:

(a) “Amerindian People Plan” or “APP” means the Recipient’s indigenous peoples plan dated and published on July 1, 2014, as said plan may be updated, from time to time, to reflect the lessons learned through the implementation of the Project, with the agreement of the Recipient and the Bank.

(b) “Hinterland Regions” means the following regions of the Recipient: Barima-Waini (1), Cuyuni-Mazaruni (7), Potaro-Siparuni (8), and Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo (9).

(c) “MOE” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Education.

(d) “Nursery Diagnostic Assessment” means the MOE’s tool to measure children’s literacy skills, including alphabet recitation, letter identification and color recognition, and emergent numeracy skills including quantity differentiation, rote counting, shape recognition and number identification.

(e) “Operating Costs” means the reasonable expenditures directly related to the Project, incurred by the Recipient, through MOE (which expenditures would not have been incurred absent the Project), including the costs of office supplies and other consumables, salaries of non-professional staff of the MOE (but excluding consultants’ services and salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service), communications, printing services, charges for the opening and operation of bank accounts, postage and handling, travel transportation, accommodation and per diem for Project staff for travel linked to the implementation of the Project.

(f) “Operational Manual” means the manual dated March 20, 2015, acceptable to the World Bank and referred to in Section 2.02 (d) of this Agreement, as the same may be modified from time to time by agreement between the Recipient and the World Bank.

(g) “Targeted Remote Riverine Areas” means remote areas that can only be reached after traveling for at least two hours by boat from the nearest township and located in the following regions of the Recipient: Pomeroon-Supernaam (2), Essequibo Islands-West Demerara (3), Mahaica-Berbice (5), East Berbice-Corentyne (6), and Upper Demerara-Berbice (10).

(h) “Training and Workshops” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the World Bank, for training and workshops conducted under the Project, including travel and subsistence costs for training and workshop participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers and workshop speakers, rental of training and workshop facilities, preparation and reproduction of training and workshop materials, and other costs directly related to training course and workshop preparation and implementation (but excluding goods and consultants’ services).
Article II
Project Execution

2.01. **Project Objectives and Description.** The objective of the Project is to improve emergent literacy and numeracy outcomes for children at the nursery level and primary grade one in Hinterland Regions and Targeted Remote Riverine Areas. The Project consists of the following parts:

**Part 1. Capacity Building for Nursery and Primary Grade One Teachers**

(a) Providing training for nursery and primary grade one teachers on, *inter alia:* (i) strategies to develop emergent literacy and numeracy; (ii) the effective utilization of the MOE’s emergent literacy and numeracy benchmarks and standards to measure student progress; (iii) procedures for the proper administration and usage of the Nursery Diagnostic Assessment; (iv) cross-curricular planning and differentiated instruction; (v) techniques to work with parents to promote emergent literacy and numeracy; and (vi) the use of the early childhood education resource kits provided under Part 2(a) of the Project.

**Part 2. Improved Supply of Teaching and Learning Materials**

(a) Providing early childhood education resource kits including, *inter alia,* learning materials for children and a teacher’s manual, to, *inter alia:* nursery and primary grade one classes in the Hinterland Regions and Targeted Remote Riverine Areas, all to promote culturally-appropriate, experiential and inquiry-based learning.

(b) Monitoring and evaluating the use and impact of the early childhood education resource kits provided under Part 2(a) of the Project.

**Part 3. Parent/Caregiver Education**

(a) Carrying out community consultations of parental and/or caregiver involvement in education in areas of the Recipient’s territory selected pursuant to the criteria set forth in the Operational Manual.

(b) Designing and implementing training activities to increase the awareness of parents and caregivers of the importance of their role in promoting their children’s development of emergent literacy and numeracy through, *inter alia:* parent-teacher association meetings, parent-teacher conferences, parent day clinics, and community health worker home visits.

(c) Developing and carrying out a mass media campaign to reinforce the role of parents in promoting their children’s development of emergent literacy and numeracy.

**Part 4. Project Implementation Support, Management and Monitoring and Evaluation**

Providing support to Project implementation through, *inter alia:* (a) carrying out Project audits; (b) carrying out the financial management and procurement requirements under the Project; (c) monitoring and evaluation of Project activities; and (d) financing Operating Costs.
2.02. **Project Execution Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through MOE in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); (c) this Article II; and (d) the Operational Manual.

2.03. **Safeguards.** The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the APP.

2.04. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.** (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar quarter, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

2.05. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. **Procurement.** All goods, works, non-consulting services, and/or consulting services required for the Project and to be financed, fully or partially, out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011 and revised on July 2014 (“Procurement Guidelines”), and the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011 and revised on July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”).

2.07. Any contract for Eligible Expenditures to be financed in full or in part out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be included in the procurement plan prepared by the Recipient and approved by the Bank in accordance with the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines, prior to initiating the procurement process for any such contract.

**Article III**

**Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:
### Category

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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 consultants’ services, Training and Workshops and Operating Costs under the Project</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>1,700,000</td>
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3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is September 30, 2018.

### Article IV

**Recipient’s Representative; Addresses**

4.01. **Recipient’s Representative.** The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister of Finance.

4.02. **Recipient’s Address.** The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Finance  
Main Street, Kingston  
Georgetown  
Guyana

Facsimile: +592-226-1284

4.03. **World Bank’s Address.** The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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

Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391