

Administration Agreement between the Government of Denmark, represented by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association concerning the General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity Multi-Donor Trust Fund (Trust Fund No. 072991)

1. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”) acknowledge that the Government of Denmark, represented by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the “Donor”, and together with the Bank, the “Parties” and each a “Party”) agrees to provide the sum of thirty-five million Danish Kroner (DKK 35,000,000) (the “Contribution”) for the General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity Multi-Donor Trust Fund (Trust Fund No. 072991) (the “Trust Fund”) in accordance with the terms of this Administration Agreement. Other donors are also expected to contribute to the Trust Fund on the terms and conditions specified in the Annexes to this Administration Agreement.
2. The Contribution shall be used to finance the activities set forth in the “General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity Multi-Donor Trust Fund Description” attached hereto as Annex 1, and shall be administered by the Bank on behalf of the Donor in accordance with the terms of this Administration Agreement, including the “Standard Provisions” attached hereto as Annex 2 and the provisions on “Governance” attached hereto as Annex 3.
3. The Donor shall deposit the Contribution by March 10, 2021 in the full amount and currency (“Contribution Currency”) specified in paragraph 1 above into such bank account designated by the Bank upon submission of a payment request by the Bank.
4. When making any deposit, the Donor shall instruct its bank to include in its deposit details information (remittance advice) field of its SWIFT deposit message, information indicating: the amount deposited, that the deposit is made by the Donor for TF072991 (the General Education Quality Improvement Project for Equity Multi-Donor Trust Fund), and the date of the deposit (the “Deposit Instructions”). In addition, the Donor shall provide a copy of the Deposit Instructions to the Bank’s Accounting Trust Funds Division by e-mail sent to tfremittadvice@worldbank.org or by fax sent to +1 (202) 614-1315.
5. The Donor has expressed its preference that the Contribution be used to finance the inclusion of refugees in the national education system. It is understood that the Bank cannot ensure that the Contribution will be used for such preference and that the Bank will not have any obligation to the Donor if such preference cannot be achieved.
6. Except with respect to the Deposit Instructions, any notice, request or other communication to be given or made under this Administration Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by mail, fax or e-mail to the respective Party’s address specified below or at such other address as such Party notifies in writing to the other Party from time to time:

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7. In the event any amounts are to be returned to the Donor under this Administration Agreement, the Bank shall transfer such amounts to the Donor, unless otherwise agreed with the Bank. When making any deposit, the Bank shall include in its deposit details information (remittance advice) field of its SWIFT deposit message, information indicating: the amount deposited, that the deposit is made by the Bank in relation to TF072991 (the General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity Multi-Donor Trust Fund), and the date of the deposit. The Bank shall provide a copy of such information to the Donor.

8. At the date of Bank's signature of this Administration Agreement, the Indirect Rate (as defined in Annex 1 to this Administration Agreement) is 17%.

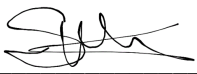
9. All annexes hereto constitute an integral part of this Administration Agreement, whose terms taken together shall constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the Donor and the Bank. Unless otherwise specified in an annex hereto, this Administration Agreement may be amended only by written amendment between the Bank and the Donor; provided, however, that any annexes to this Administration Agreement may be amended only by written amendment of all donors contributing to the Trust Fund.

10. Each of the Parties represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Administration Agreement and act in accordance with these terms and conditions. The Parties are requested to sign and date this Administration Agreement, and upon possession by the Bank of this fully signed Administration Agreement, this Administration Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the last signature.

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

By:  Date: 17-Dec-2020
Ousmane Dione
Country Director for Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan

**GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK, represented by the
DANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

By:  Date: 18-dec-2020
Signe Skovbakke Winding Albjerg
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**General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity
Multi-Donor Trust Fund Description**

This Annex shall be applicable to and form an integral part of all administration agreements for the Trust Fund (collectively, the “Administration Agreements” and each an “Administration Agreement”) between the Bank and any entities that provide any funds to the Trust Fund (collectively, the “Donors”).

1. Objective

The objective of the Trust Fund is to assist the Recipient in improving internal efficiency, equitable access, and quality in General Education.

2. Activities

The activities to be financed by the Trust Fund are:

2.1. Bank-executed activities, for which the Bank has implementation responsibility:

1. Management and administration activities for the Trust Fund, including but not limited to:

- (a) supporting any Program governance arrangements and Trust Fund related meetings;
- (b) managing communications and conducting outreach;
- (d) disseminating lessons learned;
- (e) regularly monitoring the Program activities and providing implementation support to the implementing agencies to improve performance and progress reports to the contributing partners on implementation of Trust Fund and GEQIP-E at a technical and financing level;
- (f) carry out joining implementation support missions, including mid-term review of the Trust Fund;
- (g) ensuring fiduciary compliance via regular financial and procurement reviews, and review of environmental and social safeguards of the Program, on behalf of the contributing partners;
- (h) managing regular transactions; and
- (i) review and verification of DLI progress and ensure timely disbursement of funds, monitoring risk and identification of corresponding mitigation measures.

2. Provide implementation support to Recipient-executed activities.

2.2. Recipient-executed activities, for which one or more Recipients (as defined in Annex 2) have implementation responsibility:

- (a) Developing capacity for improved management in general education.
- (b) Improving the quality of general education.
- (c) Improving access, equity and internal efficiency in general education by:
 - (i) increasing access to pre-primary education;
 - (ii) increasing access to, and equity and internal efficiency of primary education; and
 - (iii) providing special support programs for the emerging regions.

3. Eligible Expenditures

3.1. For Bank-executed activities, the Trust Fund funds may be used to finance:

- (a) staff costs (excluding short term consultants and temporaries);
- (b) short-term consultants and temporaries
- (c) contractual services;
- (d) equipment and office premises lease cost;
- (e) media, workshops, conferences and meetings; and
- (f) travel expenses.

3.2. For purposes of this paragraph 3: (a) “staff costs (excluding short term consultants and temporaries)” includes salaries, benefits and the Indirect Rate charged to the Trust Fund as applicable under Bank policies and procedures; and (b) “short term consultants and temporaries” includes fees and the Indirect Rate charged to the Trust Fund as applicable under Bank policies and procedures.

3.3. The “Indirect Rate” means the indirect rate, defined as a percentage of personnel costs and available at the *Development Partner Center* website, as such rate may be revised from time to time by the Bank and applied to this Trust Fund, in accordance with its policies and procedures.

3.4. For Recipient-executed activities, the Trust Fund funds may be used to finance eligible expenditures in accordance with the Bank’s applicable policies and procedures.

4. Taxes

4.1. The foregoing activities and categories of expenditures may include the financing of taxes in accordance with the Bank’s applicable policies and procedures.

5. Indicative Results Framework

5.1. An indicative Results Framework for the activities financed by the Trust Fund prepared by the Bank (the “Results Framework”), in consultation with the Donors, shall be available at the *Development Partner Center* website. Such Results Framework, may be revised by the Bank from time to time, in consultation with the Donors, and shall be used for monitoring and evaluation purposes only.

6. Indicative Budget

6.1. The Bank shall provide indicative budget information for the Trust Fund at the *Development Partner Center* website, which may be updated periodically by the Bank in consultation with the Donors. Such budget information is for informational purposes only.

Standard Provisions

This Annex shall be applicable to and form an integral part of all Administration Agreements between the Bank and the respective Donors.

1. Administration of the Contributions

1.1. The Bank shall be responsible only for performing those functions specifically set forth in this Administration Agreement, including its annexes, and shall not be subject to any other duties or responsibilities to the Donors, including, without limitation, any duties or obligations that might otherwise apply to a fiduciary or trustee under general principles of trust or fiduciary law. Nothing in this Administration Agreement shall be considered a waiver of any privileges or immunities of the Bank under its Articles of Agreement or any applicable law, all of which are expressly reserved.

1.2. Each Donor's Contribution (collectively, the "Contributions") shall be administered in accordance with the Bank's applicable policies and procedures, as the same may be amended from time to time, including its procurement, financial management, disbursement and safeguard policies, its framework to prevent and combat fraud and corruption and its screening procedures to prevent the use of Bank resources to finance terrorist activity, in line with the Bank's obligations to give effect to the relevant decisions of the Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. The Donors acknowledge that this provision does not create any obligations of the Bank under the anti-terrorist financing and asset control laws, regulations, rules and executive orders of an individual member country that may apply to a Donor.

2. Management of the Contributions

2.1. The funds deposited in the Trust Fund shall be accounted for as a single trust fund and shall be kept separate and apart from the funds of the Bank. The funds deposited in the Trust Fund may be commingled with other trust fund assets maintained by the Bank. The Bank, in its capacity as trustee, has legal title to the funds deposited in the Trust Fund.

2.2. The currency in which the funds in the Trust Fund shall be held is United States Dollars (the "Holding Currency").

2.3. Donors agree to deposit their Contributions in the Contribution Currency stated in their respective Administration Agreements. In the case of deposits received in a Contribution Currency other than the Holding Currency, promptly upon the receipt of such amounts and the accompanying Deposit Instructions, the Bank shall convert such amounts into the Holding Currency at the exchange rate obtained by the Bank on the date of the conversion. Where deposits prove to be insufficient to complete activities as a result of exchange rate fluctuations, neither the Bank nor the Donor shall bear any responsibility for providing any additional financing.

2.4. The funds deposited in the Trust Fund may be freely exchanged by the Bank into other currencies as may facilitate their disbursement at the exchange rate obtained by the Bank on the date of the conversion.

2.5. The Bank shall invest and reinvest the funds deposited in the Trust Fund pending their disbursement in accordance with the Bank's applicable policies and procedures for the investment of trust funds administered by the Bank. The Bank shall credit all income from such investment to the Trust Fund to be used for the same purposes as the Contributions.

3. Accounting and Financial Reporting

3.1. The Bank shall maintain separate records and ledger accounts in respect of the funds deposited in the Trust Fund and disbursements made therefrom.

3.2. The Bank shall furnish to the Donors current financial information relating to receipts, disbursements and fund balance in the Holding Currency with respect to the Contributions via the *Development Partner Center* website which will be updated quarterly. Within six (6) months after all commitments and liabilities under the Trust Fund have been satisfied and the Trust Fund has been closed, the final financial information relating to receipts, disbursements and fund balance in the Holding Currency with respect to the Contributions shall be made available to the Donors via the *Development Partner Center* website.

3.3. The Bank shall provide to the Donors via the *Development Partner Center* website, within six (6) months following the end of each Bank fiscal year, an annual single audit report, comprising of: (i) a management report together with an audit opinion from the Bank's external auditors concerning the adequacy of internal control over cash-based financial reporting for all cash-based trust funds as a whole; and (ii) a combined financial statement for all cash-based trust funds together with the Bank's external auditor's opinion thereon. The cost of the single audit shall be borne by the Bank.

3.4. If a Donor wishes to request, on an exceptional basis, a financial statement audit by the Bank's external auditors of the Trust Fund, the Donor and the Bank shall first consult as to whether such an external audit is necessary. The Bank and the Donor shall agree on the appropriate scope and terms of reference of such audit. Following agreement on the scope and terms of reference, the Bank shall arrange for such external audit. The costs of any such audit, including the internal costs of the Bank with respect to such audit, shall be borne by the requesting Donor.

3.5. The Bank shall make available to the Donors copies of all financial statements and auditors' reports received by the Bank from Recipients pursuant to any Grant Agreements (as defined below) in accordance with the Bank's Access to Information Policy.

4. Progress Reporting; Review or Evaluation of Activities; Financial Management

4.1. The Bank shall provide the Donors with semi-annual written progress reports by January 31 and July 31. The progress reports shall be provided with reference to the results framework agreed by the Bank and the Donors, as such Results Framework may be reviewed by the Parties from time to time. Within six (6) months of the End Disbursement Date (as defined below), the Bank shall provide to the Donors with a final narrative progress report for the Trust Fund.

4.2. Any Donor may review or evaluate activities financed by the Trust Fund at any time up to closure of the Trust Fund. The Donor and the Bank shall agree on the scope and conduct of such review or evaluation, and the Bank shall provide all relevant information within the limits of the Bank's applicable policies and procedures. All associated costs, including any costs incurred by the Bank, shall be borne by the Donor. It is understood that any such review or evaluation will not constitute a financial, compliance or other audit of the Trust Fund.

4.3. The Bank shall, consistent with its policies and procedures, take all appropriate measures to prevent corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive and obstructive practices in connection with the use of the Trust Fund funds, and include provisions in its agreements with Recipients to give full effect to the relevant Bank guidelines on fraud and corruption.

4.4. In the event that the Bank determines that there are credible and material allegations of fraud, corruption, collusion or coercion in relation to Recipient-executed and/or Bank-executed activities financed by the Trust Fund that result in the Bank opening an investigation into such allegations (an “Investigation”), the Bank shall, in accordance with its applicable policies and procedures:

- (a) take timely and appropriate action with respect to such allegations and, where relevant, seek appropriate redress, including potential sanctions;
- (b) as soon as practicable, inform the Donors of the outcome of the Investigation, provided that the Donors agree to keep such information confidential pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of Annex 2, unless such information is already publicly available;
- (c) on a case by case basis, decide whether to share information with Donors on an active Investigation, and provided that the Donors agree to keep such information confidential pursuant to paragraph 6.3 of Annex 2;
- (d) take all necessary actions to recover funds that are the subject of an Investigation where the Bank has determined it as appropriate; and
- (e) to the extent that any funds are refunded to the Trust Fund following an Investigation, the Bank shall use such funds for the same purposes as the Contributions, unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and each Donor.

5. Disbursement; Cancellation; Withholding of Payments

5.1. It is expected that the funds deposited in the Trust Fund will be fully disbursed by the Bank by January 31, 2023 (the “End Disbursement Date”). The Bank shall only disburse funds deposited in the Trust Fund for the purposes of this Administration Agreement (other than returns to Donors) after such date to the extent such date is changed in accordance with amendments made to the Administration Agreements of all the Donors. Following the End Disbursement Date, the Bank shall return any remaining balance of the Trust Fund to each Donor in the Holding Currency in the manner specified in its respective Administration Agreement on a pro rata basis with regard to the total funds deposited in the Trust Fund by such Donor relative to the total funds deposited in the Trust Fund by all Donors, all calculated as Holding Currency amounts.

5.2. Any Donor may cancel all or part of such Donor’s pro rata share, and the Bank may cancel all or any Donors’ pro rata shares, upon three (3) months’ prior written notice, of any Contributions (paid and not yet paid) that are not committed pursuant to any agreements entered into between the Bank and any consultants and/or other third parties for the purposes of this Administration Agreement, including any Grant Agreements, prior to the receipt of such notice. In the event of a cancellation, the Bank shall return to the Donor its pro-rata share in the Holding Currency as specified in paragraph 2.2 of this Annex 2; unless otherwise agreed between the Bank and the Donor.

5.3. If in the reasonable opinion of a Donor, the Bank has failed to comply to a material extent with its obligations under this Administration Agreement, the Donor and the Bank agree to discuss the non-compliance with a view to resolving the matter. If the Bank and the Donor fail to agree on the measures to be taken or the Bank fails to take relevant measures as may be agreed between the Donor and the Bank, the Donor may, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice, withhold all or any portion of an Installment that has not yet been disbursed to the Bank, until such time as the measures have been taken.

6. Disclosure; Visibility

6.1. The Bank and the Donors agree that the Administration Agreements will be made publicly available and that any related information on this Trust Fund in the Bank's and the Donor's possession may be publicly disclosed in accordance with: (i) the Bank's policies and procedures with respect to any such information in the Bank's possession; and (ii) the Donors' applicable laws with respect to any such information in the Donors' possession.

6.2. Notwithstanding paragraph 6.1 above, neither the Bank nor any of the Donors shall publicly disclose information in their respective possession related to the Trust Fund that has been indicated or marked in writing by either Party as confidential, unless prior written consent has been obtained from the Party providing the information or the Donors are otherwise obliged to do so under applicable laws with respect to information in their possession.

6.3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 above, the information provided under paragraphs 4.4(ii) and 4.4(iii) shall be subject to the terms of confidentiality accompanying such information, and the Donors shall not disclose such information outside the office to which the information is provided, unless: (i) prior written consent has been obtained from the Bank; or (ii) the Donors are obliged to do so in accordance with applicable laws, in which case the Donors will notify the Bank accordingly prior to such disclosure. If a Donor is not able to commit to keep such information confidential in accordance with its applicable laws, then the Donor shall inform the Bank accordingly.

6.4. Where appropriate to do so, the Bank will acknowledge, the Donors' contributions in references made by the Bank with respect to the Trust Fund in publications, press releases or other similar written materials.

7. Dispute Resolution; Limitation on Donor Liability

7.1. The Donors and the Bank shall use their best efforts to amicably settle any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to the Administration Agreements.

7.2. In providing funds under this Administration Agreement, the Donors do not accept any responsibility or liability towards any third parties including any claims, debts, demands, damage or loss as a result of the implementation of the activities under the Trust Fund.

8. Grants to Recipients

8.1. The Bank shall, as administrator of the Trust Fund on behalf of the Donors, enter into one or more grant agreements (the "Grant Agreements") with recipients (the "Recipients") consistent with the purposes of this Administration Agreement and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Agreements. Grant Agreements may be entered into up to the maximum amount of the Contributions that all Donors have agreed to make available under the Administration Agreements between the Bank and the Donors.

8.2. The Bank shall be responsible for the supervision of the activities financed under any Grant Agreements. Subject to the consent of any relevant Recipients, representatives of the Donors may be invited by the Bank to participate in Bank supervision missions related to the Trust Fund.

8.3. The Bank shall promptly inform the Donors of any significant modification to the terms of any Grant Agreements and of any contractual remedies that are exercised by the Bank under any Grant Agreements. To the extent practicable, the Bank shall afford the Donors the opportunity to exchange views before effecting any such modification or exercising any such remedy.

9. Trust Fund Fee

9.1. The Bank shall calculate a fee each time funds (the “Grant Amount”) from the Trust Fund become committed under a Grant Agreement. Such commitment shall occur when such Grant Agreement is fully countersigned (the “Calculation Date”). The fee so calculated by the Bank shall be based on the cumulative total of funds from the Trust Fund committed under all Grant Agreements that have been fully countersigned on or prior to the Calculation Date (the “Cumulative Grant Total”). The calculated fee shall depend on where the Cumulative Grant Total stands as the Grant Amount is added and shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

- (a) 5% of any portion of the Grant Amount that results in a Cumulative Grant Total below or equal to US\$ 50 million or equivalent; plus
- (b) 4% of any portion of the Grant Amount that results in a Cumulative Grant Total above US\$ 50 million or equivalent and below or equal to US\$ 500 million or equivalent; plus
- (c) 3% of any portion of the Grant Amount that results in a Cumulative Grant Total above US\$ 500 million or equivalent and below or equal to US\$ 1 billion or equivalent; plus
- (d) 2% of any portion of the Grant Amount that results in a Cumulative Grant Total above US\$ 1 billion or equivalent.

9.2. Following each Calculation Date, the Bank shall deduct from the Trust Fund, and retain for its own account, the fee as set forth above. Grant Amounts may not exceed the balance of uncommitted funds in the Trust Fund net of the related fee.

Governance

This Annex shall be applicable to and form an integral part of all Administration Agreements between the Bank and the respective Donors.

The Program will use existing government systems for Program implementation, oversight, Financial Management (FM), procurement, safeguards, M&E, and reporting and will aim to strengthen these systems during implementation.

At the Federal level, the Program will be implemented by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation (MoFEC), and university faculties of education. The MoE will serve as the Executing Agency and will have overall responsibility for policy guidance and oversight for Program implementation.

A Program Steering Committee (PSC) will be established to oversee the coordination, monitoring, and implementation of the Program. The Planning and Resource Mobilization Directorate (PRMD) of the MoE will be the main implementing agency with the task of preparing the Annual Work Plan and Budget and carrying out the Program activities, with the support of MoE directorates and agencies, universities and regional education bureaus (REBs). A Program Coordination Office (PCO) under the PRMD will be responsible for overall implementation and coordination of Program activities across MoE directorates and agencies, universities, and REBs. Channel One Programs Coordination Directorate, responsible for programs/projects financed by the World Bank, under MoFEC will be responsible for financial coordination of the Program's finances, and consolidation of financial reports of Regional Bureau of Finance and Economic Development (BoFEDs), Zonal offices of Finance and Economic Development (ZOFEDs) and Woreda offices of Finance and Economic Development (WofEDs).

At the regional level, in each of Ethiopia's nine regions and two city administrations, the Program will be implemented by REBs, BoFEDs, and Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs). REBs have responsibility for overseeing all regional and sub-regional program implementation, including CTEs and woredas. REBs report to MoE's PRMD.

At the woreda level, the Program will be implemented by Woreda Education Offices (WEOs), WofEDs, and schools. WEOs have responsibility for monitoring the Program's implementation in schools and report to REBs. Some Regions also have Zonal Education Offices (ZEOs) and ZOFEDs with oversight of Woreda-level implementation on behalf of the Regional administrations.

At the school level, where most of the Program's expenditures are incurred, school management will be responsible for managing all school-level activities and the Parent-Student-Teachers Associations will have a monitoring role. Cluster Resource Centers in the field will provide training, management and monitoring support to schools.

The MoE will develop and adopt a Program Operations Manual satisfactory to IDA that will provide detailed guidelines and arrangements for implementation of Program activities to achieve the agreed Disbursement Linked Indicators and Key Performance Indicators of the Program.