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Re: Republic of Cameroon: Equity and Quality for Improved Learning Project  
(TF016665)  
Amendment to the Grant Agreement  

Excellency:  

We refer to the Grant Agreement between the Republic of Cameroon ("Recipient") and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, acting as Trustee of the Global Partnership for the Education Fund ("World Bank"), dated March 11, 2014 ("Agreement"), as amended on December 14, 2015 for the above referenced project ("Project"). Please note that the capitalized terms used in this letter ("Amendment Letter") and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Agreement or Standard Conditions as applicable.  

We also refer to your letter dated April 5, 2017 requesting for the restructuring of the Project. We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank accepts your request and proposes, through this Amendment Letter, to further amend the Agreement as follows:  

1. Part 1(b) of Schedule 1 to the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:  

"(b) (i) Provision of quality, low-cost and durable: (A) textbooks; and (B) teachers' guides, readers and stationaries for a cohort of students for the duration of their first through third grades in the Recipient's public schools; and (ii) carrying out of a program of proper-and-intended use awareness campaigns for said teaching and learning materials;"  

2. Section I.E.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:  

"2. The Recipient shall cause said Third-Party Verification Agents to carry out, throughout Project implementation, once every semester, verification exercises of the Project activities, including CTP-related activities; the distribution of textbooks under Part 1(b)(i)(A) including focus group surveys, spot checks, verification of data provided and records kept by the Recipient, printing and distribution of said textbooks; and assessments of the quality of education service delivery provided under the Project activities, including the efficacy and accuracy of the student performance testing, teacher training and performance evaluation, all as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual."  

3. Section IV.A.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:  

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The following 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:

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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) Salaries under Part 1(a) of the Project</td>
<td>29,376,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Goods for Part 1(b)(i)(A) of the Project</td>
<td>9,219,804</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Goods, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and Operating Costs under Parts 1(b)(ii), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f) and 2 of the Project</td>
<td>10,910,996</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(4) Unallocated</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>(5) Goods under Part 1(b)(i)(B) of the Project</td>
<td>3,793,200</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>53,300,000</td>
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4. Section V.A.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2. Unless otherwise agreed with the World Bank, the Recipient shall:

(a) in addition to the Regular Allocation for the CTP, ensure that its FY2015 budget is comprised, in part, of the September through December salary for the First Cadre;

(b) in addition to the Regular Allocation for the CTP, ensure that its FY2016 budget is comprised, in part, of the January through August salary for the First Cadre and the September through December salary for the Second Cadre;"
### SCHEDULE 3

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| **1.** Letter from MINEDUB confirming the budget commitments for: (i) ongoing CT, (ii) Project CTs, and (iii) list from MINEDUB/ DRH with the names and unique contract reference numbers for the teachers who have been newly converted | • Government budget includes salary commitments for 4 months (September-December) and for 8 months (January-August)  
• MINEDUB creates MINFOPRA list A, and MINFOPRA list B  
• MINEDUB has applied the agreed objective targeting criteria for selecting malinre des parents to be converted to contract teachers and for recruiting new ENIES graduates as contract teachers where necessary | (1) Salaries under Part 1(a) of the Project | 3,329,280 (33%) | 3,231,360 (33%) | 3,231,360 (33%) |
| **2.** Finalized technical verification report of the Project CTs satisfactory to the Bank by August and Finalized financial audit report of the Project CTs including SIGIPES & ANTELOPE | • Third party technical verification for technical compliance  
• Financial audit of the Project CT | (1) Salaries under Part 1(a) of the Project | 6,658,560 (67%) | 6,462,720 (67%) | 6,462,720 (67%) |
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<th>Disbursement-Linked Indicators</th>
<th>Actions to be completed</th>
<th>Disbursement Category</th>
<th>Amount of Financing Allocated in 2015/16 (in USD)</th>
<th>Amount of Financing Allocated in 2017/18 (in USD)</th>
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<td>3. Government provides a written guarantee/ undertakings that: (i) 2013 Approved Booklist for primary grades 1, 2 &amp; 3 will remain constant during each of the Project implementation years; and (ii) same textbooks/stations selected during the first year of the Project will remain constant during the Project implementation period.</td>
<td>Government budget to include 100% financing for primary grades 1, 2 and 3. Note: The Project will finance according to the following criteria: (a) for primary grade 1 textbooks the unit prices will not exceed US$3.00; (b) for primary grade 2 textbooks the unit price will not exceed US$3.50; (c) for primary grade 3 textbooks the unit price will not exceed US$4.20; and (d) reading books unit price will not exceed US$2.25. Should the unit cost exceed the Project specified ceiling price, the Government would finance the difference. If, however, the unit cost is below the Project specified ceiling price, the Government would ensure that more textbooks are produced and supplied to public primary schools.</td>
<td>(2) Goods for Part 1(b)(i)(A) of the Project</td>
<td>1,143,090 (40%)</td>
<td>955,333 (40%)</td>
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<td>4. Finalized technical verification report of publishing, printing, and distribution of textbooks satisfactory to the World Bank</td>
<td>Third party technical verification to review technical compliance.</td>
<td>All textbooks have reached public primary schools in time for the academic year. (100% of 60%)</td>
<td>1,714,635</td>
<td>1,432,999</td>
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<td>5. Finalized financial audit report of publishing, printing, and distribution of textbooks, statistics, inventory/data satisfactory to the World Bank</td>
<td>Financial audit of the institutional capacity of MINEDUB</td>
<td>All textbooks have reached public primary schools 30 days after the start of the academic year. (90% of 60%)</td>
<td>1,571,749</td>
<td>1,361,349</td>
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<td>All teaching and learning materials have reached public primary schools 60 days after the start of the academic year. (50% of 60%)</td>
<td>1,428,063</td>
<td>1,289,099</td>
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<td>All teaching and learning materials have reached primary schools 90 days after the start of the academic year.</td>
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(c) in addition to the Regular Allocation for the CTP, ensure that its FY2017 budget is comprised, in part, of the January through August salary for the Second Cadre and the September through December salary for the Third Cadre; and

(d) in addition to the Regular Allocation for the CTP, ensure that its FY2018 budget is comprised, in part, of the January through August salary for the Third Cadre.”

5. Section V.B of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"B. Textbooks Financing

1. The Recipient shall maintain the 2013 approved booklist for first, second and third grades throughout the Project implementation period and, to that end, shall undertake to so maintain said approved booklist ("Approved Booklist Undertaking").

2. MINEDUB, acting on behalf of the Recipient, shall cause to be published and distributed, the textbooks referred to in Part 1(b)(i)(A) and the teachers’ guides, readers and stationaries referred to in Part 1(b)(i)(B) of the Project as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 above:

(a) the Recipient shall ensure that the textbooks referred to in Part 1(b)(i)(A) are distributed to beneficiary schools, not later than the first day of each academic year; and

(b) in cases where said textbooks have been distributed,

(i) after the first day of each academic year but not later than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Recipient shall be reimbursed at only 95% of the total allocated Eligible Expenditure;

(ii) after thirty (30) days but not later than ninety (90) days following the first day of each academic year, the Recipient shall be reimbursed at only 90% of the total allocated Eligible Expenditure; and

(iii) after ninety (90) days following the first day of each academic year, the Recipient shall not be reimbursed.

(c) For the purposes of academic year 2016-2017, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) above, the Recipient shall ensure that the textbooks referred to in Part 1(b)(i)(A) are distributed to beneficiary schools by June 30, 2017”

6. Schedule 3 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised table set forth in the Annex to this Amendment Letter.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendment by signing and dating this Amendment Letter in the spaces provided below. All other provisions of the Agreement, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.
This Amendment Letter shall be executed in two counterparts each of which shall be an original and shall become effective upon receipt by the World Bank of one countersigned original of this Amendment Letter.

Sincerely

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

By:

[Signature]

Date: [Signature]