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13 - 07, 2012

The Honorable Abdou Kolley
Minister of Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
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P. O. Box 2788 Kanifing, KSMD
The Gambia

Re: The Gambia: IDF Grant for Teaching Maths and Physics through E-learning Project IDF Grant No. TF012177

Honorable:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Gambia ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("World Bank") proposes to extend to the Recipient a grant from the World Bank's Institutional Development Fund ("IDF") in an amount not to exceed four hundred ninety one thousand eight hundred sixty United States Dollars (U.S.$491,860) ("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").

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of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received the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 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 BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By

Vera Songwe
Country Director for the Gambia
Africa Region

AGREED:

THE GAMBIA

By

Authorized Representative
Name: Abdon Kolley
Title: Minister of Finance
Date: July 13, 2012

Enclosures:

(1) Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds,
dated February 15, 2012

(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 have the following meanings:

(a) "First Cohort" means 32 current or prospective upper basic or senior secondary teachers, faculty and students from schools in the Recipient's urban regions.

(b) "MOBSE" or "Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education" means the Recipient's ministry responsible for basic and secondary education.

(c) "MOFE" or "Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs" means the Recipient's ministry responsible for finance and Economics.

(c) "PCU" or "Projects Coordination Unit" means the unit established within the MOBSE for purposes of carrying out the financial management and the procurement of World Bank-financed Projects being implemented in the Recipient’s territory, and referred to in paragraph 2.03 of this Annex.

(d) "Second Cohort" means 24 current or prospective upper basic or senior secondary teachers, faculty and students from schools in the Recipient's rural regions.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. Project Objectives and Description. The objectives of the Project are: (a) to build the MOBSE's capacity to develop a secondary education teacher training program in physics and mathematics based on international best practice; and (b) to train a number of current or prospective upper basic and senior secondary physics and mathematics teachers, to create a cadre of highly effective teachers of mathematics and physics, as well as their respective students.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Initial Planning of Training and Launch of Classes for Students

Development and finalization of a training program in physics and mathematics, including the selection of schools and teachers and the identification and selection of prospective students to be trained.
Part 2. Training Cohorts of Current Upper Basic and Senior Secondary Physics and Math Teachers + Students

(a) Provision of training in physics and mathematics methods to the First Cohort.

(b) Carrying out of (i) an assessment of the level of student competencies at the onset of the program and (ii) a follow-up assessment to evaluate the impact of the program.

(c) Provision of specialized training to the First Cohort and selection and provision of training in physics and mathematics methods to the Second Cohort.

Part 3: Audits

Carrying two annual audits of the Grant activities.

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 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”); and (c) this Article II.

2.03. Institutional and Other Arrangements. Without limitations upon Section 2.02 above, the Recipient shall maintain at all times until the completion of the Project, the PCU (or any successor as may be appropriately determined by the Recipient and acceptable to the World Bank), with a composition and resources satisfactory to the World Bank, to be responsible for carrying out the financial management and procurement aspects of the Project.

2.04. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation. (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and, upon the World Bank’s request, 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 such period as shall be indicated in the World Bank’s request and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the date of such request.

(b) The Recipient shall, upon the World Bank’s request, prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than five months after the Closing Date.

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 45 days 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 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

(a) General. All goods, non-consulting services and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

(i) Section I of 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 ("Procurement Guidelines"), in the case of goods and non-consulting services;

(ii) Sections I and IV of the "Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines") in the case of consultants' services; and

(iii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines ("Procurement Plan").

(b) Definitions. The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods. Goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Shopping.

(d) Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods may be used for the procurement of consultants' services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications; (B) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (C) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (D) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

(e) Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions. The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.
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) Article III of 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:

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<tr>
<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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<tr>
<td>(1) Goods</td>
<td>202,400</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Consultants’ Services</td>
<td>174,400</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Training</td>
<td>115,060</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>491,860</strong></td>
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For the purposes of this Section, the term “Training” means training and training-related activities under the Project, including seminars, workshops, together with all costs associated with travel and subsistence allowances for training participants, trainers’ fees, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials and other activities reasonably incidental to the preparation and implementation of training activities, other than consultants’ services, communication expenses including internet connection.

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 three years after the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.
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 at the time responsible for finance.

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

Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
P. O. Box 2788 Kanifing, KSMD
The Gambia

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

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