May 7, 2013

Hon. Dr. Leketekete Victor Ketso
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
Maseru, Lesotho

Excellency,

Kingdom of Lesotho: Education for All - Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Fund
Basic Education Project
(Grant No. TF097043)
Amendment to the Grant Agreement

We refer to The Education for All – Fast Track Initiative, Catalytic Trust Fund Basic Education Project Grant Agreement dated August 25, 2010, entered into between the Kingdom of Lesotho (the "Recipient") and the International Development Association ("World Bank") (the "Agreement").

We also refer to your letter dated March 7, 2013, requesting the World Bank to extend the Closing Date of the Agreement and to revise the scope of the activities to align them with the Recipient’s implementation capacity. We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank has agreed to your request. Therefore:

1. Part C of Section 2.01 of the Annex to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“Part C: Contribution to Improvements in Quality of Teaching

Carrying out of a program aimed at improving learning outcomes in primary schools; such program to include: (i) carrying out studies on (a) the conditions in which education service are delivered, (b) teaching and learning skills developed through school resources, (c) classroom-based observations, (d) assessment of skills profiles and training needs, and (e) assessment of student outcomes measurement; (ii) implementing measures designed to attract and/or retain more qualified teachers to schools located in the most remote and/or difficult to access areas of the Recipient’s territory; (iii) providing training to teachers aimed at improving literacy and numeracy teaching skills; (iv) providing teaching materials; (v) developing text books; (vi) conducting preparatory study to the development of a teacher’s qualification framework; and (vii) carrying out an evaluation of the Recipient’s Distance Teacher Education Program (DTED).”
2. Section 3.03 of the Annex to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

"3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is November 30, 2014."

All other terms of the Agreement shall remain the same.

Please confirm your understanding to the foregoing, on behalf of the Recipient, by signing, dating, and returning to us one of the enclosed originals of this Amendment. Upon receipt by the Bank of the original of this Amendment countersigned by you, this Amendment will become effective as of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

Asad Alam
Country Director
Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:

KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

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Date: 28/03/2013

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