Secretary Mohammad Mejbahuddin  
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Ministry of Finance  
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Dear Secretary Mejbahuddin:

Skills and Training Enhancement Project and Proposed Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project Additional Financing  

Amendment to STEP Financing Agreement (STEP, Credit No. 4764-BD)

I refer to my letter dated November 21, 2013 responding to the request from the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance to make funds from the Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP) available to finance activities developed for the proposed Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project Additional Financing (SEQAEP). In order to implement the arrangements discussed in the letter, the STEP Financing Agreement, dated July 8, 2010, will be amended to include the stipends designed for SEQAEP, in recognition that these activities support the project development objective of STEP.

1. Schedule 1, Part A of the STEP Financing Agreement is amended to include a new paragraph 3: “3. Provision of stipends based on proxy means testing-based pro-poor targeting to increase access and retention of poor children in educational institutions which have entered into cooperation agreements with the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, MOE under the original Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (Credit No 4475-BD).”

2. Definition 43 in the Appendix to the STEP Financing Agreement is amended as follows: “43. “Stipend” means the stipends referred to in: (i) Part A.1(b) and Part A.2(b) of Schedule 1 to this Agreement; and (ii) Part A.3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement with respect to expenditures incurred between January 15, 2014 and the Effective Date of the financing agreement for the proposed Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project Additional Financing.”

All other provisions of the STEP Financing Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Please confirm your agreement to the foregoing amendment by signing and dating the enclosed copy of this letter and returning one original to us.

Sincerely,

Johannes Zutt  
Country Director

28/1/2014
CONFIRMED:

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

[Signature]
Authorized Representative
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Date: 28 Jan., 2014

cc: Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Education
Mr. Arastoo Khan, Additional Secretary, ERD, Ministry of Finance
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