



09-Oct-2024

H.E. Victoria Belous
Minister of Finance
Ministry of Finance
7 Constantin Tanase str.
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Dear H.E. Minister,

Re: Republic of Moldova – Education Quality Improvement Project
(ELP Grant No. TF0C1507)
Amendment No. 1 to the ELP Grant Agreement

We refer to the Grant Agreement between the Republic of Moldova (“Recipient”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“Bank”), acting as administrator of the Early Learning Partnership Multi-Donor Trust Fund (“ELP”) dated June 30, 2023 (“ELP Grant Agreement”) for the Education Quality Improvement Project (“Project”), pursuant to which the Bank has extended the above captioned grant (“Grant”). Please note that capitalized terms used in this letter (“Amendment Letter”) and not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the ELP Grant Agreement.

Pursuant to your letter No. 11/2-7/203 dated May 20, 2024, and in view of our recent discussions, we are pleased to inform you that the Bank agrees to amend the ELP Grant Agreement as follows:

- 1. Part 1.3 of Schedule 1 to the ELP Grant Agreement is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“1.3. Development of School Subprojects through the provision of School In-Kind Grants to the selected Schools to support in-service teacher professional development opportunities, including the set-up of a professional learning network among Moldovan teachers, as well as teachers from other countries, and school activities promoting innovative pedagogical practices.”

- 2. The Appendix to the ELP Grant Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

(a) The following definitions are hereby amended to read as follows:

““Operating Costs” means the reasonable incremental costs incurred by MoER and NORLD on account of Project implementation, for travel, lodging and per diem, rent of premises and utilities, office supplies, communication cost, bank charges, publications (electronic and/or paper), translation and interpretation, consumables, and salaries including the relevant social charges, but excluding salaries of civil servants, and other expenditures to be agreed upon between the MoER and the Bank.

"School" means a school in the Recipient's territory, whose School Subproject has been found eligible to receive a School In-Kind Grant in accordance with the criteria set forth in the School In-Kind Grants Operations Manual, and has received or is to receive a School In-Kind Grant under a School In-Kind Grant Agreement to be executed under Part 1.3 of the Project; "Schools" means each of such School.

"School Subprojects" means eligible subprojects for Schools approved by the Recipient, through MoER, and the Bank in accordance with the provisions of the School In-Kind Grants Operations Manual."

- (b) The definitions on paragraphs 32 and 33 are hereby deleted; and
- (c) The following definitions are hereby added (and the remaining definitions are reordered to maintain alphabetical order):

"School In-Kind Grant Agreement" means any of the agreements referred to in Section I.D of Schedule 2 to the Grant Agreement of the same date entered into between the Recipient and the Bank, acting as Grant Agent of the Global Partnership for Education.

"School In-Kind Grants Operations Manual" means the manual to be prepared, approved, and adopted by the Recipient, through MoER, to facilitate the carrying out of Part 1.3 of the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written approval of the Bank.

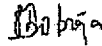
"School In-Kind Grant" means goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, and Training financed out of the proceeds of the Grant Agreement of the same date entered into between the Recipient and the Bank, acting as Grant Agent of the Global Partnership for Education, to be provided to the Schools under Part 1.3 of the Project for the purposes of carrying out a School Subproject subject to the specific terms, conditions and procedures set forth in the School In-Kind Grants Operations Manual and the School In-Kind Grant Agreement.

All other provisions of the ELP Grant Agreement, except as expressly amended herein, shall remain unchanged and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing amendments on behalf of the Republic of Moldova, by signing, dating, and returning to us the enclosed copy of this Amendment Letter. Upon receipt by the Bank of a countersigned copy of this Amendment Letter, this Amendment Letter will become effective as of the date of countersignature.

Finally, please also note that the relevant Project Paper No. RES00146, will be disclosed on the Bank's external website as per the Bank's Policy on Access to Information

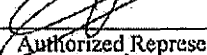
Sincerely,



Inguna Dobrāja

WBG Country Manager

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

By: 
Authorized Representative

Name: Den Răuciu

Title: Minister

Date: 10/10/2024