

DRAFT INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

FROM: Ministry of Education - Kano State
TO: Kano State Executive Council
TITLE: Review of Lifespan of the World Bank's GPE/NIPEP Project and its Progress so far

DATE: 13th March, 2019.

PREAMBLE

In order to provide implementation support on areas of concern and determine action points towards the achievement of Project Development Objectives of the GPE/NIPEP Project, the World Bank conducts annual Implementation Support Mission at Abuja or any of the five Project States of Kano, Kaduna, Jigawa, Sokoto or Katsina states. The main objectives of last mission held at Kaduna in November, 2018 included review of implementation progress achieved during the period of review, and dialogue with Federal government, Project states governments' officials, key implementing units and relevant NGOs and CSOs. Also in order to consolidate all achievements recorded over the period of review; to lay the foundation of mainstreaming all positive processes for effective sustainability and to give the Project thorough conclusion while acquiring technical support required to access the GPE II Grant, **Project closing date was consequently extended from 30th June, 2019 to 30th June, 2020.**

NOTATIONS

This high-esteemed Council is hereby humbly invited to kindly note:

1. That overall progress towards achievement of Project Development Objective (PDO) has been upgraded by the World Bank from Moderately Satisfactory in the previous year to **Satisfactory** due to having reached more beneficiaries with the percentage of reached female beneficiaries up from 47% to 48.5%.
2. That progress on Project Implementation, from inception in 2015 to 2018, has been **graded as reasonable**, as majority of programmes and activities are well underway. There was significant increase in disbursement rate from 59% to **73% by December, 2018.**
3. That among the five Project states, Kano State is at the forefront in terms of successes and achievements, as far below:
 - a. Successfully disbursed Primary and Pre-Primary School Improvement Grants to 2,773 (106%) and 1,978 (75%) schools respectively.
 - b. A total of 35,378 teachers (89%) have completed various trainings under the Project's Teacher Professional Development in Kano State.

- c. Disbursed the sum of ₦45,000 each to a total of 149,697 girls (201.2%) under the Project's Girls Access Scholarship Component.
 - d. A total of 2,307 female teachers have benefited from the Project's Female Teachers Scholarship grants of ₦50,000 each annually.
 - e. Trained a total of 1,599 (34%) SBMC members and community leaders under its Community Mobilization and SBMC Component.
4. That the extension of Project closing date *from 30th June, 2019 to 30th June, 2020* was necessitated by the need to allow for conclusion on the on-going surveys and studies and the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA); to introduce changes to the results framework, as well as to allow technical assistance required in preparation for the new GPE grant.
 5. That the Ministry intends to satisfy all requirement to qualify for the coming new GPE grant by sustaining all efforts throughout the various assessments and audits until the new closing date of 30th June, 2019, while retaining skills and experiences.

PRAYERS

The Honourable Commissioner fervently prays that this much-revered Executive Council will:

1. Take note of all the outlined developments and achievements brought about by the GPE/NIPEP Project in the State.
2. Consider extending the termination of the ₦1,200,000 monthly allowances, being given to the Project Technical Staff, from 30th June, 2019 to 30th June, 2020 in conformity with the new closing date.
3. Find attached herewith the Executive Summary of the World Bank's 2018 Implementation Support Mission Report.
4. Direct as most appropriate, please.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Hajiya A'ishatu Ja'afar Yusuf,

Hon. Commissioner.