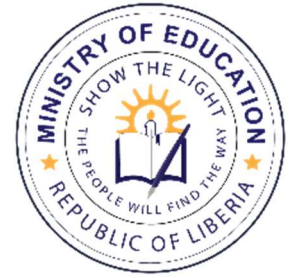




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Ministry of Education Welcomes Approval of US\$11.9 Million Grant from Global Partnership for Education

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MONROVIA, Liberia – The Ministry of Education welcomes the approval of a US\$11.9 million grant from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) to support its education reform program. The funds will be used to improve access to quality education in targeted disadvantaged counties and to strengthen national school accountability systems.

Specific beneficiaries of the program will include:

- Approximately 40,000 ECE students in targeted disadvantaged counties who will benefit from Early Childhood Education (ECE) school grants;
- 60 community caregivers who will benefit from community ECE training and support;
- 1,400 teachers who will benefit from training to improve their effectiveness to teach ECE and primary level students;
- 1,500 principals who will benefit from principal certification training under the project; and
- 98 District Education Officers who will benefit from capacity-building activities under the project.

The approval of the grant serves as a vote of confidence in the “Getting to Best” Education Sector Plan, the Ministry’s cornerstone education reform policy. In the letter from GPE announcing the approval of the grant, the organization noted that it “appreciates the coherent program with a central focus on quality.”

The Government of Liberia thanked GPE for its support and pledged to continue to place emphasis on domestic financing of education. Speaking about the announcement of the grant, Education Minister George K. Werner said: “We are grateful for the support of the Global Partnership for Education as we work towards our goal of providing quality education for all Liberian children. We are getting to best, and we can’t turn back now.”

The GPE grant will be committed over a four-year implementation period, beginning no later than March 25, 2018.

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