



Specific Agreement

between

The Kingdom of Belgium

and

The Republic of Uganda

on

**Sector Budget Support to the Education Sector
via the Poverty Action Fund (PAF)**

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The **Kingdom of Belgium**, hereinafter referred to as "Belgium"

and

The **Republic of Uganda**, hereinafter referred to as "Uganda"

Hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties"

- Considering the "General Agreement on Direct Bilateral Cooperation between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of Uganda", signed in Kampala on 1st February 2005.
- Considering the Agreed Minutes of the Joint Commission on Development Co-operation between the Parties, held in Kampala on 7th November 2008, Annex 8 "Belgium-Uganda Indicative Development Cooperation Program (IDCP) 2009-2012" – Chapter 6.2.a: "Earmarked sector budget support for Post Primary Education, via the PAF budget lines".
- Considering the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Uganda and the Education Development Partners regarding the commitment of all parties, who recognize it as guidelines in which the Education sector operationalizes the partnership in the implementation of the Education Sector Strategic Plan, signed between Uganda and the Development Partners on 9th of February 2010.
- Considering the Joint Assessment Framework, formally agreed between the Government of Uganda and the Joint Budget Support Framework Development Partners

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:



Article 1
Definition and object of the agreement

This Specific Agreement concerns the participation of Belgium in the realization of the objectives of the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP), covering the period 2004-2015 (revision 2007-2015) and the Strategic Plan for Universal Secondary Education in Uganda – Phase I: Lower Secondary Education 2009-2011.

Belgium will contribute to this in accordance with the MoU related to the ESSP, which was signed by Belgium together with the other Development Partners.

The overall goal of the sector strategies is:

- Increase and improve equitable access to quality education;
- Improve the quality and relevancy of education;
- Improve effectiveness and efficiency in delivery of education

The Parties consider Uganda's commitment to peace and to promoting free, credible and democratic political processes, independence of the judiciary, rule of law, human rights, good governance and probity of public life, including the fight against corruption, to be underlying principles for the provision of sector budget support.

Article 2
Responsibilities of both Parties

2.1. The responsibilities of both Parties are described in the MoU in paragraph 2, 3 and 4

2.2. The Belgian Party designates:

2.2.1. The "Directorate General for Development Cooperation", of the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, hereinafter called DGDC, as the Belgian administrative entity, responsible for the Belgian contribution. DGDC is represented in Uganda by the Attaché for International Cooperation in Kampala.

2.2.2. The "Belgian Development Agency", hereinafter referred to as BTC, as the Belgian entity responsible for the Belgian participation in the monitoring of the implementation of the ESSP/UPPET, in



accordance with the arrangements of the MoU. Its Resident Representative in Kampala represents BTC in Uganda.

2.3. The Ugandan Party designates:

2.3.1. The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development as the Ugandan administrative entity, responsible for the Ugandan contribution to the Education Sector.

2.3.2. The Ministry of Education and Sports as responsible for the implementation of the ESSP/UPPET.

Article 3

Contribution of the Parties

3.1 The contribution and obligations of the Development Partners are described in different articles of the MoU.

3.2. The reporting obligations of the Ugandan Party are described in paragraph 7 and 8 of the MoU. The Ugandan Party will ensure that financial and Education management information is provided on time, in particular:

- Quarterly Ministry of Education performance review reports
- Quarterly progress reports on implementation of Joint Review Mission undertakings.
- The Education and Sports Sector Annual Performance Report (ESSAPR) on the performance of the sector, based on annual output targets. The annual report shall contain league tables of performance against agreed indicators and provide information on the financing of the sector;
- The Joint Position paper to be prepared during the Joint Annual Review with the follow up of previous undertakings and priorities for undertakings of the following financial year
- The annual working plan
- Annual Audit reports of the Auditor General of the Education Sector
- Audits of agreed financial sub-systems such as payroll and any value-for-money audits

3.3. The Belgian contribution will be a grant of 4,000,000 (four million) euro earmarked to the Education Sector.

3.4. Disbursement modalities for the grant destined to the Education Sector:



- The instalment of **4,000,000 euros** (four million euros) for the Ugandan budget year 2010/2011 will be transferred after the signing of this Specific Agreement.

Belgium will transfer its contribution to the central consolidated PAF account in the Bank of Uganda, as will be specified by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. This account funds Primary and Post-Primary Education, Business, Technical and Vocational Training.


Within a month of transfer being made by Belgium, the Bank of Uganda will issue a receipt to the BTC Resident Representative in Kampala, confirming the amount received and the bank account to which it was lodged.

The audit reports on the education sector of years 2009/10 and 2010/11 ought to be provided to BTC

Article 4

Monitoring, Control and Evaluation

- 4.1. The Parties shall take all necessary administrative and budgetary measures to achieve the objectives of this Specific Agreement, including joint or separate technical, administrative and financial control and evaluations as mentioned in the attached MoU. The Parties shall inform each other about the results and possible recommendations of these control and evaluation exercises
- 4.2. The Education and Sports Sector Review (ESSR) shall be held at least once a year. The mission will review the performance of the education sector during the previous year and agree on sector priorities and resource allocation for the next Financial Year.
- 4.3. BTC is responsible for the Belgian participation in the monitoring of the implementation of ESSP in close collaboration with the Attaché for International Cooperation at the Embassy of Belgium in Kampala. This Belgian technical expertise will work closely with the Attaché for International Cooperation at the Embassy of Belgium in Kampala and the other Development Partners in Education and within the existing framework of monitoring mechanisms. BTC will continue monitoring the implementation of the ESSP for one year after the instalment has been released.
- 4.4. The Belgian technical expertise will focus specifically on three subthemes within the education sector, notably on post-primary education and training, on monitoring and evaluation capacity and on gender equality.



Article 5

Entry into force, duration, modification and termination

- 5.1. This Specific Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties.
- 5.2. This Specific Agreement is valid for a period of 12 months starting from its date of signing.
- 5.3. The provisions of this Specific Agreement may be modified by mutual agreement between the Parties, through exchange of letters.
- 5.4. Any disputes related to the application and interpretation of this Specific Agreement shall be settled through bilateral negotiations.
- 5.5. This Specific Agreement may be denounced by each of the Parties through verbal note, subject to a six months' notice.

Article 6

Addresses

All notifications related to this Specific Agreement and more specifically modifications and interpretation of this Agreement, shall be communicated through diplomatic channels at the following addresses:

For Belgium, to:

Embassy of Belgium

P.O. Box 7043

Kampala

For Uganda, to:

Ministry of Finance, Planning
and Economic Development

P.O. Box 8147

Kampala

All notifications related to the technical execution of this Agreement shall be addressed to the following institutions:

For Belgium, to:

BTC

P.O. Box 40131

Kampala

For Uganda, to:

Ministry of Education

P.O. Box 7063

Kampala



Article 7
Final Dispositions

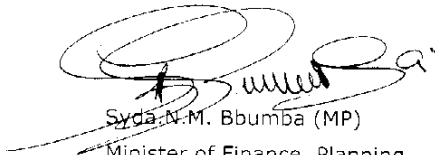
In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Specific Agreement.

Done in duplicate in Kampala on 26 July 2010.

In the English language, both copies being equally authentic.

For Uganda

For Belgium



Syda N.M. Bumba (MP)
Minister of Finance, Planning
and Economic Development



Mr. Marc Gedopt
Ambassador