**DICLOSURE NOTICE ON THE UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF) AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP) FOR THE SECOND ADDITIONAL FINANCING (AF) - GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION (GPE) GALOP**

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has applied to Global Partnership for Education (GPE) seeking approval for a grant of US$111.4 million and Early Learning Partnership Multi-Donor Trust Fund (ELP-MDTF)for an amount of US$7.4 million for Additional Financing (AF) to extend the Ghana Accountability for Learning Outcomes Project (GALOP; P165557) to the year 2028.

The proposed second additional financing (AF) to the GALOP will enable the scale-up of successful interventions from the parent project incorporating lessons learned and the introduction of two activities which would impact the improvement in learning outcomes (namely, the expansion of pre-schooling (including access to childcare) and working with communities to decrease dropouts in vulnerable regions/districts through Communities of Excellence). This will entail: (i) a restructuring to extend the project closing dates for the parent GALOP (comprising IDA 6482 GH and GPE TF0B3026) and First AF (comprising Global Partnership for Results Based Approaches (GPRBA) TF0B302) by one year to December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2026 respectively, (ii) the conversion of activities from the parent project into Performance Based Conditions (PBCs) and a revision of the results framework commensurate with the changes of the proposed AF. Details of the proposed changes are presented in section II of the project paper. The proposed second AF 2 is proposed to end December 31, 2028.

As part of the approval processes, the project must comply with the Environmental and Social Safeguards Requirements of the World Bank. The Bank requires borrowers (MoE) to disclose publicly the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and the Stakeholder engagement Plan (SEP) of the project prior to the approval.

In complying with the Bank’s Safeguards requirements, a disclosure notice is hereby served to the public on the above project.

Copies of the Updated Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) are available on the websites of the following institutions for public notice and information:

1. Ministry of Education (moe.gov.gh)
2. GALOP Secretariat (galop@moe.gov.gh)
3. Ghana Education Service (ges.gov.gh)
4. National Teaching Council (provide website address)
5. National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (provide website address)