

Item 4: Physical Progress

Background:

The Planning & Monitoring Sheet summarises the approved budget, planned implementation targets and status of financial and physical progress of the activities approved for support in the extended period from 16 July to 31 December 2009. The physical progress is prepared on the basis of reports submitted by the concerned implementing agencies to the Secretariat. Where no progress is presented, the Secretariat has not received progress reports or the progress report has not provided the information necessary to update the Planning & Monitoring Sheet.

Objective:

The objective of the presentation on physical progress is to assist the SC in carrying out its oversight and management function in general and ensure the optimal utilisation of the resources available under Direct Funding in particular.

Expected Outputs:

The information on physical progress will ensure that all SC members are informed about the 'end-of-programme' status of progress of the approved activities.

Financial implications:

The balance of un-utilised funds under the Direct Funding facility by end of the EFA and SESP programme are expected to be made available for implementation of regular programme activities through transfer to the Government Red Book.

Post Review:

The exact amount to be transferred to the Government Red Book is to be reviewed by the Embassy of Denmark and subsequently communicated to the Ministry of Education.

Recommendation:

The updated Planning & Monitoring Sheet, presenting the physical and financial progress of Direct Funding activities as of 31 December 2009, is presented for the Steering Committee's discussion and action.

Supporting Documents:

The updated Planning & Monitoring Sheet for the period 16 July to 31 December 2009 is enclosed with the SC meeting documents immediately after this separation sheet as well as in section C of the Status of Progress Report.