

Interim Unaudited Financial Report (IUFR)

Project Coordination Unit, Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education, The Gambia

Sources and Uses of funds Statement for the Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Impact - IDA D5350.

Six Months to 31st December 2023

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AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACE II)

Special Account (SA) Activity Statement

Year 2023 - Six months to 31st December 2023

GRANT NUMBER

TF A7053

IDA FUNDS ONLY

Designated Account

DA-A and DA-B

Bank

Central Bank of the Gambia

Banque account number

1103003088

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Cumulative advances to end of current period | 7,064,543 |
| 2. Cumulative expenditures to end of last period | 6,761,818 |
| 3. Outstanding Advance to be accounted (1-2) | 302,725 |

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Part II | |
| 4. Opening SA Balance at 01/07/2023 | |
| 5. +/-: Cumulative adjustments (see annex 1) | 140,331 |
| 6. +/-: Advances from WB during the period | 2,001,640 |
| 7. (5+6) | 2,001,640 |
| 8. Outstanding advances to be accounted (4+7) | 2,141,971 |
| 9. Closing SA balance at 31/12/2023 | 206,503 |
| 10. +/-: Cumulative adjustments | |
| 11. +/-: Expenditures for current period | 1,842,469 |
| 12. (10+11) | 1,842,469 |
| 13. (09+12) | 2,048,971 |
| 14. Difference (08 - 13) | 93,000 |

| | |
|--|---|
| Part III | |
| 15. Total forecast amount to be paid by WB | - |
| 16. Closing SA balance after adjustments | - |
| 17. Direct payment/SC payments | - |
| 18. (16 + 17) | - |
| 19. Cash req. from WB for next 2 periods (15 - 18) | - |

| | |
|--|----------|
| Control: Line3=Line8=Line13 | 93,000 |
| Explanation | |
| Opening Imprest to Implementing Officer | 3,445 |
| Opening Balance Pre Finance Expenditure | 3,785 |
| Closing imprest to Implementing Officer | 146 |
| Closing balance of Pre finance Expenditure | 100,084 |
| | (93,000) |

Annex 1

| Quarter | Funds Received | Expenditure (in IFR) | Documented in Client | WDA Ref |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|
| | | B | C | |
| Q2, 2023 | | 1,842,469.00 | | |
| Q1, 2023 | 2,001,640.09 | 1,708,185.86 | | |
| Q2,2022 | 1,439,763.66 | 1,293,872.16 | 1,293,872.16 | |

| | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| Q4,2021 | 1,442,293.09 | 783,070.00 | 1,442,293.09 | |
| Q2 2021 | 76,482.20 | | 76,482.20 | |
| | | | 114,324.36 | |
| Q4,2021 | 114,324.36 | 441,179.65 | 46,648.06 | |
| | 46,648.06 | | | |
| Q2 2021 | 139,796.24 | 456,838.56 | 34,326.06 | |
| | 95,648.93 | | 95,648.93 | |
| | | | 105,470.18 | |
| Q4 2020 | 82,465.24 | 208,769.70 | | |
| Q3 2020 | 27,433.03 | | | |
| Q2 2020 | 200,000.00 | 27,433.03 | 82,465.24 | |
| | | | 27,433.03 | |
| | 1,398,048.30 | | 990,000.00 | |
| SUB TOTAL | 7,064,543.20 | 6,761,817.96 | 4,308,963.31 | - |



**PROJECT NAME: SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR
DEVELOPMENT IMPACT PROJECT**

PROJECT ID: P169064

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2023

ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

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1. Project Background Information

1.1. Objectives

To improve quality, quantity and development impact of postgraduate education in selected universities through regional specialization and collaboration.

1.2. Components and Costs

| Project Cost and Financing | Project Cost (US\$ million) | IDA Financing (SDR million) |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Establishing new and scaled up well-performing existing ACEs for development impact | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Fostering regional partnership and scholarships | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| Enhancing National and regional level facilitation and M&E | 1.50 | 1.1 |
| Unallocated | 1.50 | 1.1 |
| Total Financing Required | 12.0 | 8.9 |

Progress Report July to December 2023:

This progress report covers the period commencing the 1st of July 2023 through the 31st of December 2023 (i.e., a period of six months). The Centre for Science, Technology and Engineering for Entrepreneurship (STEE) successfully enrolled the 4th (fourth) cohort of BSc students numbering 75, which represents an increase of 42% over the 3rd cohort of students who were 53 in number/total. Among the students enrolled for the three (3) engineering programmes, 52 are males and 23 are females. The departmental distribution is as follows: 29 are enrolled for civil engineering; 20 for electrical/electronic engineering and 16 for mechanical engineering. These 75 students represent the second cohort of students that are under the full tutelage of the University of Applied Science, Engineering and Technology (USET) unlike the first and second cohort of students who are enrolled at KNUST. In anticipation of the phasing out of KNUST with the graduation of the first and second cohorts, a sustainability plan is in place to ensure that the students' learning experiences is not compromised. That is evidenced by the quality of the Heads of Departments already recruited from renowned universities through a competitive process (DLI 7.2); the appointment of a substantive Vice-Chancellor and the gradual setting up of the key university structures to enhance the decision-making processes. After the arrival of Professor Sunnu in April, 2023 to head the Department of Mechanical Engineering, two other Professors – Professor Cajethan Nwosu (from Nsukka University in Nigeria) arrived at the end of August, 2023 and Professor Samson Oduro-Kwarteng (from KNUST) arrived at the beginning of November, 2023 to head the departments of Electrical and Civil Engineering respectively.

During the period under review, the STEE ACE Center completed the development of the civil engineering curriculum, the electrical engineering curriculum, and the mechanical engineering

curriculum and then submitted the three products to the Gambia National Accreditation and Quality Assurance Authority for review and validation (DLI 4.1).

After having successfully completed the taught courses for the academic year, the first, second- and third-year students went on internship placements to various institutions and industry partners to learn the tools of the trade.

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU - STEE):

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) is still very thin on the ground with only two staff: the Project Manager and the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (M&E). The other key positions that were initially earmarked including Project Accountant, Social Safeguard officer and Environmental Officer are yet to be filled. The Unit is also without an Administrative Assistant, thus making the operations of the project, difficult.

A new Centre Leader and a Deputy Centre Leader have been appointed in December, 2023 in the persons of Professor Samson Oduro-Kwarteng and Professor Cajethan Nwosu, respectively. They come with a wealth of experience from centres of excellence in Ghana and Nigeria and are already having an impact in strengthening the STEE team.

Completion of the Tendering and Installation of the Laboratory Equipment:

The delivery of the laboratory and workshop equipment for the three engineering programmes marks the end of the procurement process. The laboratory equipment segregated into four (4) lots have all been delivered in containers and transported to different locations for storage pending their installation, tagging and verification. Already, the lot 4 equipment comprising of the innovation lab equipment have been installed and are currently being used for teaching and learning under the supervision of lecturers from De Montfort University. The phase 1 equipment is being installed in spaces dedicated for the purpose at the Kanifing Campus. However, it is worth noting that the heavy equipment that have been procured are momentarily stored at the Ndemban outreach centre whilst waiting for the civil works at the new USET University complex at Brikama to be completed and handed over for academic operations to commence. When fully operational, the equipment will undoubtedly contribute towards enhancing the students' learning experiences in civil, electrical/electronic and mechanical engineering.

Specifically, the delivery of Phase-1 laboratory equipment (DLI 4.3 Milestone 7) has been achieved. The tendering of the Innovation Hub Equipment (DLI 4.3 Milestone 10) has also been achieved.

External Revenue Generation:

DLI 5.1 titled External Revenue Generation offers STEE the possibility to quadruple the value of its earnings based on the contracts signed with companies for the delivery of goods and services. Over the period under review, two important contracts have been negotiated and signed with the Gambia Telecommunications Services (GAMTEL) and with the German Cooperation, GIZ

through NACCUG. The contract amount for the former is D3,000,000 and the latter D5,537,993. The contracts are still being executed.

Recruitment of Technology Transfer Officer:

DLI 5.3 titled: **Innovation and Entrepreneurship** provides for the establishment of a Technology Transfer Office to be run by a Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Officer (TTO). The Technology Transfer Office is yet to be set up but the recruitment of the TTO has been finalized sequel to the interview conducted on Friday, 8th September 2023 and is already on board. This development represents the first step in setting up the Technology Transfer Office. The officer is poised to conduct market research and analysis, file Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), develop in-depth reports on project, fund and secure investment in project, find development and commercialization partners, oversee development projects and working with the Director of Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in supporting technology commercialization. The post holder will, under the guidance of Director of Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, work closely with consultants, lecturers and the university management to manage the commercialization of USET sourced IP, and to help establish IP management processes, policies and initiatives to encourage IP creation within USET.

The Flying Faculty Model - DMU and KNUST Delivery:

Both De Montfort University (DMU) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and technology (KNUST) continue to fly in lecturers as per the contractual agreement. Whilst DMU comes for two (2) weeks at the beginning of every semester, KNUST continuously flies in lecturers from January to November to deliver lectures. Over the project review period, DMU sent five (5) lecturers to deliver the entrepreneurship and innovation programme from the 2nd through the 16th of September, 2023.

Short Courses (DLI 3.3):

STEE has registered remarkable achievements in the realm of professional short courses (DLI 3.3) to the extent that the target has been revised upwards to accommodate more students and to increase the Centre's earnings in terms of DLIs. Two (2) short courses have been conducted recently: one titled Safety and Health Precaution, the other, Capacity Development Training for Welding, Fabrications and Mechanical Engineering. In 2024, STEE plans to roll out the following short courses to improve its DLI earnings:

- Practical Computer Applications for Products Design
- Industrial Safety and Occupational Health
- Higher Education Quality Assurance Systems for Entrepreneurial University
- Municipal Waste Management and Environmental Health
- Renewable Energy and Climate Change

The 10th ACE Impact Workshop (Abidjan – Cote d'Ivoire)

The Gambia participated in the 10th ACE Impact workshop held at the Latriille Events in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire from October 31 to November 3, 2023. The country was represented by Dr. Yusupha Touray, Permanent Secretary (MoHERST); Mr. Samba Sowe, the ACE Focal Point (MoHERST); Professor Samuel Ofori, the Senior University Consultant; Mr. Ansumana Demba, Deputy Project Manager (MoBSE); Mr. Omar Jobe, the Project Manager (STEE); Mr. Abdoulie Jadama, M&E Officer; Mr. Addison Gomez (Procurement Officer – MoBSE); Mrs Maimuna Sallah (Safeguards) and Mrs. Anna Njie (Safeguards). The Gambian delegation was represented in all the sessions, from the Project Steering Committee meeting attended by the delegation leaders, Dr. Yusupha Touray and Mr. Samba Sowe from the Ministry of Higher Education, Research Science and Technology (MoHERST), the delegates attended the meeting relevant to their respective roles.

The Civil Works (DLI 4.3 Milestone 3):

Significant progress has been registered in the construction of the new USET University complex, albeit slower than had been initially planned or agreed between the key stakeholder groups. According to the initial completion date, the civil works were slated to end on 30th December, 2023 after 12 months from the notice of commencement delivered on 30th December, 2022. After grappling with a number of constraining factors, the revised completion date is estimated to elapse on the 30th of June, 2024 – 18 months after the start date. The buildings are about 45% completed (i.e., less than 50%), thus well below the agreed work programme. Consequently, the contractor (Krubally Construction) was invited by the consultant (FENTA Architects) to submit a revised/updated work programme during the monthly site meeting held on Wednesday 31st January, 2024. Without doubt, the works are behind schedule, having suffered some important setbacks owing to cash flow related to pending Interim Payments (IPCs) due to the Contractor.

Despite the challenges encountered over the period, specific progress has been registered from the 1st of July, 2023 to the 31st of December, 2023 as outlined below:

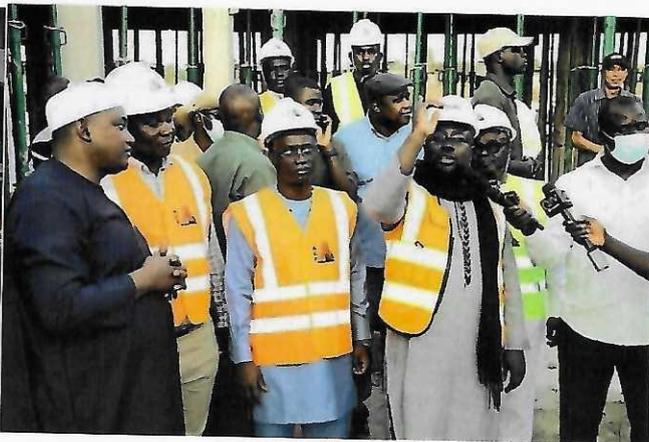
As shown in the pictures below, the construction work has started on the second floor of the building - which is the final floor of the structure, on Blocks A, B and C. Beams and columns have been achieved on all the blocks. The latest progress report shows that plastering works have advanced on the ground floor of Block C including the workshop areas. Similarly, 95 percent of the required blockwork on the ground floor has been achieved. The contractor is poised to transfer the acro-jacks on the first floor to form the slab of the second floor. This shall leave the first floor clear for the block work to commence on this level. The lecture theatre steps have been concreted; the ramps have been completed all the way to the top floor.

It is worth noting that the consultant is urging the contractor to commence the external works including roads, landscaping and pavements. It is expected that by the month of March, the final floor slabs for all the blocks will have been completed.

It is the consultants considered view that at this point in the construction process, several work activities should be running in parallel to meet the June 30th deadline. Currently, there is evidence to confirm that there are far too few workers on the site to deliver the work programme. Therefore, the contractor is urged to drastically increase construction personnel on site to expedite the contraction works. Considering that the finishing material is already available on the ground there is hope that the pace of progress would be enhanced when it comes to the tiling, electrical, ceiling

works etc. Similarly, the contractor is also encouraged to immediately place the order for the windows, doors and glazing as fabrication and transportation of these items take time. The fabrication and installation of the ground floor components are also expected to start immediately. The procurement process for the furniture and other office equipment has started.

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (MoHERST) has already written to the National Roads Authority (NRA) to prioritize the construction of the Jalambang road for ease of access to the University complex before the inauguration of the new USET campus. The road is currently being used for heavy vehicles material delivery for safety with project signboards displayed on the Brikama highway.



General Works (Site Setup and Preliminaries)

- ✦ Safety on the construction site is a top priority and all measures are being taken to ensure that not only are the safety gears provided, but are also used accordingly. ALL RELATED SAFETY ISSUES ARE BEEN PROPERLY MONITORED BY THE SAFETY OFFICER ON A REGULAR BASIS.
- ✦ Security is provided on the site to ensure proper control of uninvited personnel and the maintenance of safety 24/7.

DLI Earnings:

The table below depicts the total DLI earnings for the period that has just elapsed. It shows that the Centre earned DLI funds in the areas of Short Course Students (DLR 3.3) valued at USD 32,450, Infrastructure (DLI 4.3) valued at USD 970,674; Timely Fiduciary Reporting (DLI 6.1) worth USD 31,500; Financial Online Transparency (DLI 6.3) worth USD 63,000; Open and Competitive Selection (DLI 7.2) worth USD 109,940; USD 50,440 for DLI 3.4 (Bachelors Students) and Functioning Internal Audit (DLI 6.2) worth USD 31,500.

| Disbursement-linked Results (DLRs) | Total (SDR) |
|---|--------------------|
| DLR 3.3 (Short Course Students) | 32,450 |
| DLR 3.4 (Bachelor Students) | 50,440 |
| DLR 4.3 (Civil Works) | 970,674 |
| DLR 5.2 (Internships) | 37,960 |
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| DLR 6.2 (Functioning Internal Audit Unit) | 31,500 |
| DLR 6.3 (Financial Online Transparency) | 63,000 |
| DLR 7.2 (Open & Competitive Selection) | 109,940 |
| TOTAL EARNED (SDR) | 1,327,464 |
| TOTAL EARNED (EQUIV. USD) | 1,811,001 |
| TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENSES (USD) | 1,709,976 |
| TOTAL TO DISBURSE (SDR) | 1,327,464 |

Key Challenges of the Project:

- The DLI funds earned thus far are not enough to cover major expenditures such as paying the building contractor, the consultant, lab equipment supplier, and the services of the partnering Universities. STEE is currently owing all the service providers resulting in tensions from time to time.
- Insufficient classroom, office and laboratory space is still a daunting challenge. A new classroom block at the Kanifing Campus is being constructed to temporarily create more classroom and office space. The Ministry recently allocated D1.5 million for the completion of

the building and the USET management has already started the procurement process to ensure that the building is completed.

- The construction of the USET campus in Brikama is slightly behind schedule.
- There are challenges in retaining newly recruited engineering students due to the availability of other international scholarship opportunities.
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3.0 Disbursement

3.1 Disbursements and Designated Account (DA) Balances

3.1.1 As at the quarter ending 31st December 2023, the total amount disbursed was **US\$ 7,064,782.42**. (seven million and sixty-four thousand seven hundred and eighty-two US Dollars forty-two cents). This represents **58.87%** disbursement rate of the total project funds.

3.1.2 There was a disbursement of funds **US\$2,001,640.09** to into the Designated Accounts. held at the Central Bank of The Gambia (CBG) for the reporting period. DLI DA an amount of **USD\$1,779,850.46** and Component 3 DA account was **US\$221,789.63**.
There was no direct disbursement made for the reporting period.

3.1.3 The total closing balances as at 31st December 2023 for the two DA Accounts with CBG are as follows:

Operational Account (Component 3) DA **US\$188,309.48**

DLI DA Account **US\$188,309.48**

As at 31st December 2023, total of **US\$145.24** was imprest amounts given to Implementing Officers and their retirement are outstanding.

Pre-Finance expenses balance of US\$100,084.18

In August 2023, the Bank granted the PCU to pre finance expenditures relating to the DLI Components of the project from the Designated Bank Account for the Component three (operational expenditures). The PCU were having a lot of pending payments due to Consultants, Contractors, KNUST and DMU and the earned DLI funds was received in November 2023. Our commitments were higher than the funds therefore the DLI could not fully refund all the funds to the DA Special Account. As a result, at as 31st December 2023 there was a balance of **US\$100,084.18**.

3.1.4 The total expenditure for the reporting period July to December 2023 is **US\$1,842,468.79** and the cumulative total is **US\$6,758,038.41**.

3.2 Cumulative Disbursement of the Period as reported on Client Connection.

(Amount expressed in

{USD Million})

| Cat. | Category Description | Allocated | Disbursed | Undisbursed |
|------|---|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | Eligible Expenditure Program PT2 ACE | | | |
| | Goods, Works, NCS, CS,OC,TR-Pt, 3.2 Project | 9,052,571 | 4,187,245.13 | 4,865,325.87 |
| 2 | | 1,486,243 | 875,657.98 | 610,585.02 |
| | Unallocated | 1,486,243 | | 1,486,243 |
| | Total | 12,025,057 | 5,062,903.11 | 6,962,153.89 |

3.3 Reconciliation of disbursement and explanation of difference, if any

The Table III, below, provides reconciliation of disbursement between Project and Bank's records (ACE 2 IMPACT).

| The PIU | | | | IDA | | | | Difference (G-E) |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | |
| | Disbursement Method SOE | Application Amount | Beneficiary | Amount Received | Amount Approved | Amount Paid | Value Date | |
| 001 | DA-A | 200,000.00 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | 19-JUNE 2020 | NIL |
| 003 | DA-A | 27,433.03 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 27,433.03 | 27,433.03 | 27,433.03 | 28-Dec 2020 | NIL |
| 004 | DA-A | 82,465.24 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 82,465.24 | 82,465.24 | 82,465.24 | 28-Dec 2020 | NIL |
| 005 | DA-A | 105,470.18 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 105,470.18 | 105,470.18 | 105,470.18 | 4-May- 2021 | NIL |
| 007 | DA-A | 34,326.06 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 34,326.06 | 34,326.06 | 34,326.06 | 17-June- 2021 | NIL |
| 008 | DA-A | 46,648.06 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 46,648.06 | 46,648.06 | 46,648.06 | 18-Nov- 2021 | NIL |
| 009 | DA-A | 114,324.36 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 114,324.36 | 114,324.36 | 114,324.36 | 11-Apr-22 | NIL |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| 010 | DA-A | 76,482.20 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 76,482.20 | 76,482.20 | 76,482.20 | 15-Apr-22 | NIL |
| 011 | DA-A | 235,156.91 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE | 235,156.91 | 235,156.91 | 235,156.91 | 1-Feb-23 | NIL |
| Total | | 875,657.98 | | 875,657.98 | 875,657.98 | 875,657.98 | | NIL |

The Table III, below, provides reconciliation of disbursement between Project and Bank's record (ACE 2 IMPACT DLI).

| The PIU | | | | | IDA | | | Difference (G-E) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | |
| | Disbursement Method REIMBURSEMENT | Application Amount | Beneficiary | Amount Received | Amount Approved | Amount Paid | Value Date | |
| 2 BIS | REIMBURSEMENT | 1,398,048.30 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE DLI | 1,398,048.30 | 1,398,048.30 | 1,398,048.30 | 26-AUG 2020 | NIL |
| 006 | REIMBURSEMENT | 95,648.93 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE DLI | 95,648.93 | 95,648.93 | 95,648.93 | 3-June-2021 | NIL |
| 011 | REIMBURSEMENT | 1,442,293.09 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE DLI | 1,442,293.09 | 1,442,293.09 | 1,442,293.09 | 21-June-2022 | NIL |
| 012 | REIMBURSEMENT | 1,204,606.75 | SECOND AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE DLI | 1,204,606.75 | 1,204,606.75 | 1,204,606.75 | 24-May-23 | NIL |
| Total | | 2,935,990.32 | | 2,935,990.32 | 2,935,990.32 | 2,935,990.32 | | NIL |

AFRICA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACE II)

Special Account (SA) Activity Statement

Year 2023 - Six months to 31st December 2023

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| GRANT NUMBER | TF A7053 |
| IDA FUNDS ONLY | |
| Designated Account | DA-A and DA-B |
| Bank | Central Bank of the Gambia |
| Bank account number | 1103003088 |

| | |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Cumulative advances to end of current period | 7,064,543 |
| 2. Cumulative expenditures to end of last period | 6,761,818 |
| 3. Outstanding Advance to be accounted (1-2) | 302,725 |

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Part II | |
| 4. Opening SA Balance at 01/07/2023 | 140,331 |
| 5. +/-: Cumulative adjustments (see annex 1) | |
| 6. +/-: Advances from WB during the period | 2,001,640 |
| 7. (5+6) | 2,001,640 |
| 8. Outstanding advances to be accounted (4+7) | 2,141,971 |
| 9. Closing SA balance at 31/12/2023 | 206,503 |
| 10. +/-: Cumulative adjustments | |
| 11. +/-: Expenditures for current period | 1,842,469 |
| 12. (10+11) | 1,842,469 |
| 13. (09+12) | 2,048,971 |
| 14. Difference (08 - 13) | 93,000 |

| | |
|--|---|
| Part III | |
| 15. Total forecast amount to be paid by WB | - |
| 16. Closing SA balance after adjustments | - |
| 17. Direct payment/SC payments | - |
| 18. (16 + 17) | - |
| 19. Cash req. from WB for next 2 periods (15 - 18) | - |

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Control: Line3=Line8=Line13 | 93,000 |
| Explanation | |
| Opening Imprest to Implementing Officer | 3,445 |
| Opening Balance Pre Finance Expenditure | 3,785 |
| Closing imprest to Implementing Officer | 146 |
| Closing balance of Pre finance Expenditure | 100,084 |
| | (93,000) |

Annex 1

| Quarter | Funds Received | Expenditure (in IFR) | Documented in Client | WDA Ref | IFR not yet doc |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|
| | | B | C | | (B-C) |
| Q2, 2023 | | 1,842,469.00 | | | |
| Q1, 2023 | 2,001,640.09 | 1,708,185.86 | | | |
| Q2,2022 | 1,439,763.66 | 1,293,872.16 | 1,293,872.16 | | |
| Q4,2021 | | 783,070.00 | 1,442,293.09 | | |
| Q2 2021 | 1,442,293.09 | | | | |
| | 76,482.20 | | 76,482.20 | | |
| Q4,2021 | | | 114,324.36 | | |
| | 114,324.36 | 441,179.65 | 46,648.06 | | |
| | 46,648.06 | | | | |
| Q2 2021 | 139,796.24 | 456,838.56 | 34,326.06 | | |
| | 95,648.93 | | 95,648.93 | | |
| | | | 105,470.18 | | |
| Q4 2020 | 82,465.24 | 208,769.70 | | | |
| Q3 2020 | 27,433.03 | | | | |
| Q2 2020 | 200,000.00 | 27,433.03 | 82,465.24 | | |
| | | | 27,433.03 | | |
| SUB TOTAL | 7,064,543.20 | 6,761,817.96 | 4,308,963.31 | | |

4.1 Commitments

As at 31st December 2023, there are eighteen contracts signed under the project, amounting to **US\$ 10,577,514.48** of which eight are still ongoing and the others closed. There was one new contract signed during the reporting period, which is the contract for the procurement of laboratory equipment.

Country:

Project Title:

Implementing Agency:

Project ID NO: P169064 Grant No: Total Credit in US:

Table 1: Contracts in the pipeline (Procurement under Process) Planning of next steps in the process

| Contract | | Title of the contract | Estimated amount in US\$ | Proc. Meth. | Post / Prior | (Where are we standing?) Activity already achieved | Next step (What to do now, by who and When?) | | | Duration of the procurement process | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Ref. in the PP | Description of the activity | | | | | | Main responsible | Deadline | Ongoing activity | Whole process | |
| Works | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOHERST/STEE/ACEI/MPACT/WS/005 | | Construction of Facilities for the Emerging Center and Laboratories | 2,500,000.00 | RFB | Post | The activity is Pending | Contraction of faculties and Laboratories | MoHERST / PCU Construction | February 2022 | Pending | 180 days |
| Goods & Services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOHERST/GTTI/ACEIMPACT/GS/003 | | Development of ACE Impact Website | 25,000.00 | RFQ | Post | The activity is pending | Development of Website | MoHERST/PCU | January 2021 | Pending | 180 days |
| MOHERST/S TEE/ACEIMPACT/GS/006 | | Procurement of equipment for classrooms and Laboratories (SMART) | 2,000,000.00 | RFQ | Post | The activity is pending | Procurement of Classroom & Lab equipment | MoHERST/PCU | July 2022 | Pending | 180 days |
| Consulting Services | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOHERST/S TEE/ACEIMPACT/CS/010 | | Curriculum development and review | 100,000.00 | Consultant Qualification Selection | Post | The activity is pending | Consultancy Services | MoHERST/PCU | April 2023 | Pending | 180 days |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
| MOHERST/S TEE/ACEIMP ACT/CS/009 | Customization of the Accounting Software | 30,000.00 | Direct Selection | Post | The activity is pending | Consultancy Services | MoHERST/PCU | Pending |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|

**Table 2: Contracts under implementation
Level of physical implementation/execution and disbursement**

| Indications on the contract | | Name of the contract | Type Goods / Works / Consultancy | Amount | Post / Prior | Date of signature | Duration of execution (in months) | Beginning of contract execution (Actual) | Level of implement. In % (Technical) | Level of execution/payment | | Date foreseen for achievement. | Any comment or |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|-----|--|-------------------|
| Ref. in the PP | Amount | | | | | | | | | Level of payment on total amount | | | |
| Works | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOHERS T/STEE/A CEIMPAC T/GS/004 | Provision of a new internet hub | RFQ | 500,000.00 | Post | 15 th 2020 | July 2020 | 12 Months | 29 th July 2020 | 50% | GMD 500,000.00 | 50% | 31 st December 2022 | Ongoing |
| MOHERS T/STEE/A CEIMPAC T/GS/008 | Fuel for Coordination | RFQ | 45,350.00 | post | 28 th 2022 | January 2022 | 12 months | 28 th January 2022 | 0% | GMD.0 | 0% | 31 st December , 2022 | Ongoing |
| Consultancies | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|------|------------------|--------------------|
| MOHERS T/STEE/A CEIMPAC T/CS/015 | Design Review, Preparation Of The Bidding Documents, Assist In The Bid Evaluation And Supervision | Least Cost Selection | 183,740.00 | Post | 20 th January 2022 | 18 months | February 2022 | 0% | GMD 9,187,000.00 | 100% | Ongoing | The ac on-going |
| MOHERST /STEE/ACE IMPACT/C S/013 | Consultancy Services For The KNUST on core Engineering Program | Direction Selection | 2,751,257.5 6 | Post | 1 st May 2021 | 48 Months | 1 st May 2021 | % | USD.00 | % | June 2024 | The ac on going |
| MOHERS T/STEE/A CEIMPAC T/CS/014 | Individual Consulting Administrator for GTTI/USET | ICS | 288,000.00 | Prior | 1 st September 2021 | 20 Months | September r 2021 | % | USD. | % | August 2022 | The act ongoing |
| MOHERS T/STEE/A CEIMPAC T/CS/012 | De Montfort University (DMU) And Emerging Centre On Science, Technology And Engineering For Entrepreneurship (STEE) Partnership | DC | 1,300,000.00 | Prior | 6 th August 2021 | 42 Months | Septembe r 2021 | % | USD | % | December 2024 | The act ongoing |

2. Budget Implementation.

During the reporting period, the project planned to disburse **US\$ 3,449,749** mainly to finance activities on Component One – Establishment of the USET Centre, Laboratory Equipment for USET, Component 2 (Mentoring and Delivering of Curricula by KNUST and DMU, Consultancy service for the USET Administrator). The actual expenditure for the reporting period amounts to **US\$1,843,092.19** representing 53.42% budget execution for the six months.

The low budget execution rate of 53.42% is mainly cause of cashflow in the DLI designated account. The project was able to earned US\$1,779,850.46 during this reporting period and our account was credited to that effect. The PCU has outstanding bills especially for Demon fort University, KNUST and Equipment for the disruptive lab which could not be paid.

Explanation of Budget Variances

Component 1- Establishing new and scaling up well perform existing ACE centres. A budget of US\$1,981,392.50 was made and the actual expenditure for the period was US\$1,511,618.40.

The contract for the Establishment of the USET Centre with Krubally Construction is still ongoing. A total of US\$774,459.98 was made to the contractor. There were delays on the works on the centre due to the problems of the cashflow on our DLI Da account. Additional Interim payments were not paid that were due to the Contractors.

The contract with GRAIDCO for the Equipment for USET Centre. The delivery of equipment was done and a part payment of US\$600,000 was made therefore causing not fully execute planned budget.

Component 2- Fostering Regional partnership and scholarship. The budget execution for the period July to December 2023 was 20%. The budget amount was US\$1,280,000 and the actual expenditure for the period was US\$254,611.09.

The low execution of the budget is mainly because there was no payment made to KNUST University. The project is experiencing low cash flow into the DLI designated account. The project was only able to make a part payment US\$200,000 towards the total invoice amount of US\$499,320.

Component 3- Enhance National & Regional level project facilitation, M &E and PCU operations. A budget execution rate for the period of 68%. The plan activity of the partnership & networking visit with a budgeted amount of \$42,857.14 was not executed.

The Table below, shows the budget execution of the period and cumulative:

Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project II - Gambia

Initial Budget - Budget analysis by Component, Activities : Period From 01/01/2023 To 31/12/2023 - DCC : 01 PMU

Without commitment

All Financing agreement

Location : Inactive

Activity : ALL

Item : ALL

GI Account : Inactive

From period 01/07/2023 to 31/12/2023

Currency : 1 USD = 50 GMD

Budget Type : D

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| Without commitment | | For Period Ending At 31/12/2023 | | | | | | For All Fin. Year | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Code | Description | (1) Actual | (2) Commitments | (3)=(1) + (2) Total of Account | (4) Budget | (5)=(4) - (3) Available | (3)/(4) Exec (%) | (7) Budget | (8)=(7) - (3) Available | (3) / (7) Exec (%) |
| 1 | Establishing new & scaling-up well-perfo | 1,511,618.40 | | 1,511,618.40 | 1,981,392.50 | 469,774.10 | 76.29 | 3,937,785.00 | 2,426,166.60 | 38.39 |
| 1102 | Establishment of the USET Centre | 774,459.98 | | 774,459.98 | 875,000.00 | 100,540.02 | 88.51 | 1,750,000.00 | 975,540.02 | 44.25 |
| 1103 | Equipping the ACE Centre | 600,000.00 | | 600,000.00 | 936,892.50 | 336,892.50 | 64.04 | 1,873,785.00 | 1,273,785.00 | 32.02 |
| 1106 | Fuel for Coordination | | | | 6,000.00 | | | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | |
| 1109 | Supervision of the Works | 32,158.42 | | 32,158.42 | 54,000.00 | 21,841.58 | 59.55 | 108,000.00 | 75,841.58 | 29.78 |
| 1111 | USET Administrator | 72,000.00 | | 72,000.00 | 72,000.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 144,000.00 | 72,000.00 | 50.00 |
| 1112 | Consultancy- Head of Department USE | 33,000.00 | | 33,000.00 | 37,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 88.00 | 50,000.00 | 17,000.00 | 66.00 |
| 2 | Fostering Regional Partnerships and Sc | 254,611.09 | | 254,611.09 | 1,280,000.00 | 1,025,388.91 | 19.89 | 1,960,000.00 | 1,705,388.91 | 12.99 |
| 2101 | Mentoring and delivering of curricula in | 21,589.28 | | 21,589.28 | 367,500.00 | 345,910.72 | 5.87 | 735,000.00 | 713,410.72 | 2.94 |
| 2102 | Mentoring & delivering of curricula in qu | 200,109.12 | | 200,109.12 | 600,000.00 | 399,890.88 | 33.35 | 800,000.00 | 599,890.88 | 25.01 |
| 2103 | Long term training- International | 30,638.60 | | 30,638.60 | 112,500.00 | 81,861.40 | 27.23 | 225,000.00 | 194,361.40 | 13.62 |
| 2106 | ACE Regional Workshops | 2,274.09 | | 2,274.09 | | -2,274.09 | | | -2,274.09 | |
| 2108 | Equipment for the Distructive Lap | | | | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | |
| 3 | Enhance National & Regional Level Proj | 76,862.70 | | 76,862.70 | 188,357.12 | 111,494.42 | 40.61 | 316,500.00 | 239,637.30 | 24.29 |
| 3101 | Annual Data Collection | | | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | |
| 3102 | Shortterm training (M & E, data analytics & Mgt. graduate | | | | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 | | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | |
| 3103 | MoHERST M & E Development of M & E framework and Reports | | | | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 | | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | |
| 3104 | Support to NAQAA | | | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | |
| 3206 | PCU Staff Salary | 27,042.96 | | 27,042.96 | 39,999.98 | 12,957.02 | 67.61 | 80,000.00 | 52,957.04 | 33.80 |
| 3207 | Operating Cost (meeting expenses, etc | 5,511.81 | | 5,511.81 | 5,000.00 | -511.81 | 110.24 | 10,000.00 | 4,488.19 | 55.12 |
| 3208 | M & E and Data Collection | 4,522.28 | | 4,522.28 | | -4,522.28 | | | -4,522.28 | |
| 3209 | Regional ACE Workshop | 25,790.27 | | 25,790.27 | 25,000.00 | -790.27 | 103.16 | 50,000.00 | 24,209.73 | 51.58 |
| 3210 | National Steering Committee (NSC) me | 1,382.28 | | 1,382.28 | 3,000.00 | 1,617.72 | 46.08 | 6,000.00 | 4,617.72 | 23.04 |
| 3214 | Annual Project Review | | | | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| 3215 | Office Supplies | | | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| 3216 | Consumables | 399.07 | | 399.07 | 4,000.00 | 3,600.93 | 9.98 | 8,000.00 | 7,600.93 | 4.99 |
| 3219 | Communication and Internet | 5,041.17 | | 5,041.17 | 8,500.00 | 3,458.83 | 59.31 | 17,000.00 | 11,958.83 | 29.65 |
| 3221 | Fuel, Insurance and maintenance | 2,623.58 | | 2,623.58 | 4,500.00 | 1,876.42 | 58.30 | 9,000.00 | 6,376.42 | 29.15 |
| 3222 | Auditor | 4,549.28 | | 4,549.28 | 5,500.00 | 950.72 | 82.71 | 5,500.00 | 950.72 | 82.71 |
| 3227 | Environment and Social Safeguard Mgt. | | | | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | |
| 3228 | Partnership and Networking Visits | | | | 42,857.14 | 42,857.14 | | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | |
| | Total | 1,843,092.19 | 0.00 | 1,843,092.19 | 3,449,749.62 | 1,606,657.43 | 53.43 | 6,214,285.00 | 4,371,192.61 | 29.66 |

USES OF FUNDS BY PROJECT ACTIVITIES (MODEL I)

Model : 1

Year 2023

Six months finishing at 31/12/2023

Dollars US (USD)

| 1 | Project Activities | Six months | | | | | | Cumulative | | | PAD Project Life | PAD Revised |
|------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|----------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Planned | | Actual | | Variance | | Planned | Actual | Variance | | |
| | | Planned | Actual | Variance | Actual | Variance | | | | | | |
| 11 | Establishing new & scaling-up well-performing existing ACEs | 1,981,392.50 | 1,511,618.40 | 469,774.10 | 5,149,819.11 | 3,829,074.04 | 1,320,745.07 | 4,227,582.00 | | | | |
| 1101 | Support to establish new centers of excellence | 1,981,392.50 | 1,511,618.40 | 469,774.10 | 5,149,819.11 | 3,829,074.04 | 1,320,745.07 | 4,227,582.00 | | | | |
| 1102 | Rehabilitation of the Office of the USET Administrator | | | | 47,069.86 | 47,069.86 | | | | | | |
| 1103 | Establishment of the USET Centre | 875,000.00 | 774,459.98 | 100,540.02 | 2,490,772.06 | 2,103,163.38 | 387,608.68 | 2,250,000.00 | | | | |
| 1104 | Equipping the ACE Centre | 936,892.50 | 600,000.00 | 336,892.50 | 1,873,785.00 | 1,014,757.03 | 859,027.97 | 1,337,582.00 | | | | |
| 1105 | Procurement of Vehicles | | | | 162,000.61 | 162,000.61 | | | | | | |
| 1106 | Development of Internet Hub | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1107 | Fuel for Coordination | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | 15,810.47 | 3,810.47 | | | | | | |
| 1108 | Procurement of Generator (150 KVA) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1109 | Procurement of Server for the USET Database | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1110 | Supervision of the Works | 54,000.00 | 32,158.42 | 21,841.58 | 174,341.11 | 129,192.69 | 45,148.42 | 200,000.00 | | | | |
| 1111 | Customization of the Accounting Software | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1112 | USET Administrator | 72,000.00 | 72,000.00 | | 336,040.00 | 336,080.00 | -40.00 | 5,000.00 | | | | |
| 2 | Consultancy- Head of Department USET | 37,500.00 | 33,000.00 | 4,500.00 | 50,000.00 | 33,000.00 | 17,000.00 | | | | | |
| 21 | Fostering Regional Partnerships and Scholarships | 1,280,000.00 | 253,979.53 | 1,026,020.47 | 3,340,619.26 | 2,132,705.10 | 1,207,914.16 | 6,272,418.00 | | | | |
| 2101 | Regional Inst. Partnerships through support to Emerging Centre | 1,280,000.00 | 253,979.53 | 1,026,020.47 | 3,340,619.26 | 2,132,705.10 | 1,207,914.16 | 6,272,418.00 | | | | |
| 2102 | Mentoring and delivering of curricula in Engineering (KNUST) | 367,500.00 | 20,957.72 | 346,542.28 | 1,576,049.60 | 1,168,115.16 | 407,934.44 | 2,718,618.00 | | | | |
| 2103 | Mentoring & delivering of curricula in quality assurance DMU | 600,000.00 | 200,109.12 | 399,890.88 | 830,245.66 | 330,354.78 | 499,890.88 | 1,300,000.00 | | | | |
| 2104 | Long term training- International | 112,500.00 | 30,638.60 | 81,861.40 | 658,942.70 | 534,050.76 | 124,891.94 | 600,000.00 | | | | |
| 2105 | Longterm training- Local | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2106 | Short term training | | | | 1,906.21 | 8,461.86 | -6,555.65 | 1,206,300.00 | | | | |
| 2107 | ACE Regional Workshops | | 2,274.09 | -2,274.09 | | 18,247.45 | -18,247.45 | 75,000.00 | | | | |
| 2108 | Procurement of Computers and Laptops | | | | 73,475.09 | 73,475.09 | | 150,000.00 | | | | |
| 3 | Equipment for the Destructive Lap | 200,000.00 | | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | | 200,000.00 | 22,500.00 | | | | |
| 31 | Enhance National & Regional Level Project Facilitation, M&E | 188,357.12 | 76,870.86 | 111,486.26 | 935,000.40 | 796,259.27 | 138,741.13 | 200,000.00 | | | | |
| 3101 | Strengthening Capacity for Data Driven Decision Making | 40,000.00 | | 40,000.00 | 151,597.98 | 86,597.98 | 65,000.00 | 1,543,500.00 | | | | |
| 3102 | Annual Data Collection | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 50,522.44 | 40,522.44 | 10,000.00 | 285,000.00 | | | | |
| 3103 | Shortterm training (M & E, data analytics & Mgt, graduate | 12,500.00 | | 12,500.00 | 45,241.93 | 20,241.93 | 25,000.00 | 50,000.00 | | | | |
| | McHERST M & E Devepment of M & E framework and Reports | 12,500.00 | | 12,500.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 60,000.00 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 100,000.00 | | | | |

Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project II - Gambia
USES OF FUNDS BY PROJECT ACTIVITIES (MODEL I)

Model : 1

Year 2023

Six months finishing at 31/12/2023

Dollars US (USD)

| | Project Activities | Six months | | | | | | Cumulative | | | PAD Project Life | PAD Revised |
|------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--|------------------|-------------|
| | | Planned | | Actual | | Variance | Planned | Actual | Variance | | | |
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| 1 | Establishing new & scaling-up well-performing existing ACEs | 1,981,392.50 | 1,511,618.40 | 469,774.10 | 5,149,819.11 | 3,829,074.04 | 1,320,745.07 | 4,227,582.00 | | | | |
| 11 | Support to establish new centers of excellence | 1,981,392.50 | 1,511,618.40 | 469,774.10 | 5,149,819.11 | 3,829,074.04 | 1,320,745.07 | 4,227,582.00 | | | | |
| 1101 | Rehabilitation of the Office of the USET Administrator | | | | 47,069.86 | 47,069.86 | | 75,000.00 | | | | |
| 1102 | Establishment of the USET Centre | 875,000.00 | 774,459.98 | 100,540.02 | 2,490,772.06 | 2,103,163.38 | 387,608.68 | 2,250,000.00 | | | | |
| 1103 | Equipping the ACE Centre | 936,892.50 | 600,000.00 | 336,892.50 | 1,873,785.00 | 1,014,757.03 | 859,027.97 | 1,337,582.00 | | | | |
| 1104 | Procurement of Vehicles | | | | 162,000.61 | 162,000.61 | | 120,000.00 | | | | |
| 1105 | Development of Internet Hub | | | | | | | 60,000.00 | | | | |
| 1106 | Fuel for Coordination | | | | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | | 80,000.00 | | | | |
| 1107 | Procurement of Generator (150 KVA) | 6,000.00 | | | 15,810.47 | 3,810.47 | 12,000.00 | 65,000.00 | | | | |
| 1108 | Procurement of Server for the USET Database | | | | | | | 35,000.00 | | | | |
| 1109 | Supervision of the Works | 54,000.00 | 32,158.42 | 21,841.58 | 174,341.11 | 129,192.69 | 45,148.42 | 200,000.00 | | | | |
| 1110 | Customization of the Accounting Software | | | | | | | 5,000.00 | | | | |
| 1111 | USET Administrator | 72,000.00 | 72,000.00 | | 336,040.00 | 336,080.00 | -40.00 | | | | | |
| 1112 | Consultancy- Head of Department USET | 37,500.00 | 33,000.00 | 4,500.00 | 50,000.00 | 33,000.00 | 17,000.00 | | | | | |
| 2 | Fostering Regional Partnerships and Scholarships | 1,280,000.00 | 253,979.53 | 1,026,020.47 | 3,340,619.26 | 2,132,705.10 | 1,207,914.16 | 6,272,418.00 | | | | |
| 21 | Regional Inst.Partnerships through support to Emerging Cente | 1,280,000.00 | 253,979.53 | 1,026,020.47 | 3,340,619.26 | 2,132,705.10 | 1,207,914.16 | 6,272,418.00 | | | | |
| 2101 | Mentoring and delivering of curricula in Engineering (KNUST) | 367,500.00 | 20,957.72 | 346,542.28 | 1,576,049.60 | 1,168,115.16 | 407,934.44 | 2,718,618.00 | | | | |
| 2102 | Mentoring & delivering of curricula in quality assurance DMU | 600,000.00 | 200,109.12 | 399,890.88 | 830,245.66 | 330,354.78 | 499,890.88 | 1,300,000.00 | | | | |
| 2103 | Long term training- International | 112,500.00 | 30,638.60 | 81,861.40 | 656,942.70 | 534,050.76 | 124,891.94 | 600,000.00 | | | | |
| 2104 | Longterm training- Local | | | | | | | 1,206,300.00 | | | | |
| 2105 | Short term training | | | | 1,906.21 | 8,461.86 | -6,555.65 | 75,000.00 | | | | |
| 2106 | ACE Regional Workshops | | 2,274.09 | -2,274.09 | | 18,247.45 | -18,247.45 | 150,000.00 | | | | |
| 2107 | Procurement of Computers and Laptops | | | | 73,475.09 | 73,475.09 | | 22,500.00 | | | | |
| 2108 | Equipment for the Disruptive Lap | 200,000.00 | | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 | | | | |

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| 3 | Enhance National & Regional Level Project Facilitation, M&E | 188,357.12 | 76,870.86 | 111,486.26 | 935,000.40 | 796,259.27 | 138,741.13 | 1,543,500.00 |
| 31 | Strengthening Capacity for Data Driven Decision Making | 40,000.00 | | 40,000.00 | 151,597.98 | 86,597.98 | 65,000.00 | 285,000.00 |
| 3101 | Annual Data Collection | 10,000.00 | | 10,000.00 | 50,522.44 | 40,522.44 | 10,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| 3102 | Short term training (M & E, data analytics & Mgt. graduate | 12,500.00 | | 12,500.00 | 45,241.93 | 20,241.93 | 25,000.00 | 60,000.00 |
| 3103 | MoHERST M & E Development of M & E framework and Reports | 12,500.00 | | 12,500.00 | 25,000.00 | | 25,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| 3104 | Support to NAQAA | 5,000.00 | | 5,000.00 | 30,833.61 | 25,833.61 | 5,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| 32 | Technical and institutional Support | 148,357.12 | 76,870.86 | 71,486.26 | 783,402.42 | 709,661.29 | 73,741.13 | 1,258,500.00 |
| 3201 | Annual Data Collection | | | | | | | |
| 3202 | Support to the Intergraded EMIS | | | | | | | |
| 3203 | Short term training | | | | | | | |
| 3204 | Sector (MOHERST) Monitoring & Evaluation and Data Collection | | | | 15,450.47 | 15,450.47 | | |
| 3205 | Support to NAQAA | | | | | | | |
| 3206 | PCU Staff Salary | 39,999.98 | 27,051.12 | 12,948.86 | 170,967.20 | 150,555.40 | 20,411.80 | 375,000.00 |
| 3207 | Operating Cost (meeting expenses, etc) | 5,000.00 | 5,511.81 | -511.81 | 49,383.65 | 44,465.01 | 4,918.64 | 20,000.00 |
| 3208 | M & E and Data Collection | | 4,522.28 | -4,522.28 | 25,903.47 | 30,425.75 | -4,522.28 | 100,000.00 |
| 3209 | Regional ACE Workshop | 25,000.00 | 25,790.27 | -790.27 | 133,763.26 | 134,114.14 | -350.88 | 50,000.00 |
| 3210 | National Steering Committee (NSC) meetings | 3,000.00 | 1,382.28 | 1,617.72 | 16,111.83 | 13,478.38 | 2,633.45 | 30,000.00 |
| 3211 | Project launch workshop | | | | | | | |
| 3212 | Hosting of ACE Impact workshop | | | | | | | 15,000.00 |
| 3213 | Implementation support visits | | | | | | | 40,000.00 |
| 3214 | Annual Project Review | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 25,599.15 | 25,599.15 | | 9,000.00 |
| 3215 | Office Supplies | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 | 13,954.78 | 9,954.78 | 4,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| 3216 | Consumables | 4,000.00 | 399.07 | 3,600.93 | 16,941.67 | 12,941.67 | 4,000.00 | 100,000.00 |
| 3217 | Equipment and Fittings (Computers, Photocopier/Printers AC | | | | 8,000.00 | 4,087.26 | 3,912.74 | 22,000.00 |
| 3218 | Furnitures | | | | 13,706.81 | 13,706.81 | | 30,000.00 |
| 3219 | Communication and Internet | 8,500.00 | 5,041.17 | 3,458.83 | 26,794.92 | 26,794.92 | | 60,000.00 |
| 3220 | Vehicle (4 x 4 wheel drive) | | | | 39,153.39 | 41,395.50 | -2,242.11 | 17,500.00 |
| 3221 | Fuel, Insurance and maintenance | 4,500.00 | 2,623.58 | 1,876.42 | 55,434.14 | 55,434.14 | | 60,000.00 |
| 3222 | Auditor | 5,500.00 | 4,549.28 | 950.72 | 42,565.23 | 51,025.88 | -8,460.65 | 37,500.00 |
| 3223 | Accounting Software | | | | 15,825.00 | 14,874.28 | 950.72 | 50,000.00 |
| 3224 | Data Base | | | | 27,433.03 | 27,433.03 | | 30,000.00 |
| 3225 | Partnership and Networking visit | | | | | | | 10,000.00 |
| 3227 | Environment and Social Safeguard Mgt. | 4,000.00 | | 4,000.00 | 10,732.95 | 2,732.95 | 8,000.00 | 42,500.00 |

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| 3228 | Partnership and Networking Visits | 42,857.14 | | 42,857.14 | 75,681.47 | 25,681.47 | 50,000.00 | 145,000.00 |
| 3229 | USET Heads of Department | | | | | 9,510.30 | -9,510.30 | |
| | Grand Total | 3,449,749.62 | 1,842,468.79 | 1,607,280.83 | 9,425,438.77 | 6,758,038.41 | 2,667,400.36 | 12,043,500.00 |

Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project II - Gambia

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS (MODEL I)

Model : 1
Year 2023

Six months finishing at 31/12/2023

Dollars US (USD)

| Designation | Six months | | Cumulative | 6 Months Planned | | Page 1/1 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--|------------|
| | | | | | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | | |
| IDA Contribution received for ACE | 221,789.63 | | 5,284,692.74 | | | |
| IDA Direct Payment | 1,779,850.46 | | 1,779,850.46 | | | |
| Other Income | | | 239.22 | | | |
| Total RECEIPTS | | 2,001,640.09 | | 7,064,782.42 | | |
| Total Financing | | 2,001,640.09 | | 7,064,782.42 | | |
| EXPENDITURE BY COMPONENT | | | | | | |
| Establishing new & scaling-up well-performing existing ACE | 1,511,618.40 | | 3,829,074.04 | | | |
| Fostering Regional Partnerships and Scholarships | 253,979.53 | | 2,132,705.10 | | | |
| Enhance National & Regional Level Project Facilitation, M&E | 76,870.86 | | 796,259.27 | | | |
| Total EXPENDITURE BY COMPONENT | | 1,842,468.79 | | 6,758,038.41 | | |
| Total Expenditures | | 1,842,468.79 | | 6,758,038.41 | | |
| Receipts Less Expenditures | | 159,171.30 | | 306,744.01 | | |
| Foreign Exchange Differences | | | | 1.08 | | |
| Encashment Evolution | | 159,171.30 | | 306,745.09 | | |
| Opening Cash Balances | | | | | | |
| IDA Designated a/c No. | 136,390.59 | | | | | 306,732.98 |
| IDA DLI Designated a/c No. | 3,940.55 | | | | | |
| Bank GLF A/C No. | | | | | | |
| Petty Cash Fund | | | | | | |

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|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Imprest to IO | 3,445.22 | | | | |
| Pre Financing of DLI Expenses | 3,785.32 | | | | |
| Cash in Transit | | | | | |
| Total Opening Cash | | 147,561.68 | | | |
| Net Cash Available | | 306,732.98 | | | 306,732.98 |
| Closing Cash Balances | | | | | |
| IDA Designated a/c No. | 188,309.48 | | 188,309.48 | | |
| IDA DLI Designated a/c No. | 18,193.08 | | 18,193.08 | | |
| Bank GLF A/C No. | | | | | |
| Petty Cash Fund | | | | | |
| Imprest to IO | | | | | |
| Pre Financing of DLI Expenses | 146.24 | | 146.24 | | |
| Cash in Transit | 100,084.18 | | 100,084.18 | | |
| Total Closing Cash Balances | | 306,732.98 | | 306,732.98 | 306,732.98 |