

Minutes of EWG Meeting on
ECW First Emergency Response (FER) Window
2nd September 2022

On 2 September, the ESWG convened online for an ad hoc meeting to appraise members and discuss the process of the ECW First Emergency Response (FER) Window. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Saira Atta, Joint Secretary (IC), MoFE&PT and Co-chaired by UNICEF. In attendance were members of the Education Sector Working Group Pakistan, including representatives from Provincial Education Departments, representatives from the MoFEPT, FCDO, the ECW Team, and the Global Education Cluster.

Discussion /proceedings:

- ECW informed the ESWG that it would grant USD 2 million in response to the joint Fund Appeal 2022 by the Government of Pakistan and the UN to Pakistan, through ECW First Emergency Response (FER) window.
- During the presentation, Mr. Robert Edward Dutton, Emergency Manager at Education Cannot Wait, gave a detailed presentation about the ECW FER funding window. During the presentation, members were appraised of the FER application development process, the selection process of grantee/s, and the timeline for submission of the application. A Q&A session followed, in which ESWG members raised some queries.

Key points to retain:

- The deadline for submission of the FER application is September 19th, 2022.
- Within 48 hours, the Grant Selection Committee and ECW will make a decision on the selected grantee/s.
- The FER grant will cover EiE components only in relation to needs identified in the Pakistan Emergency Flood Response Plan 2022, ensuring holistic, inclusive, and gender-responsive programming throughout all proposed interventions.
- The priorities of the programme shall be on the following areas:
 - Girls' education (at least 50% girls based on gender analysis)
 - Gender response strategies
 - Children with disabilities
 - School-based MHPSS plus coordination with Child Protection
 - Early learners
- The development process will be led by the ESWG, while the Grant Selection Committee will be integrated by representatives of the government, the development partners and ECW.
- The application package will be composed of Application Forms, Result Template, Risk Matrix, Budget, and Gender with Age Marker (one per application).
- Joint programming and joint reporting will be done in case there is more than one grantee.

Action points/Next steps :

- The Coordinator ESWG will convene a meeting of the SAG to provide objective technical contributions regarding programme design and guide the scope and focus of the FER.
- The Coordinator ESWG will communicate with members of an independent Grant Selection Committee (see members in the table hereunder) for their availability for the FER selection process.
- In view of the flood-related damages in Sindh and Punjab, ESWG will request representation from these provinces.
- Action will be taken on the timeline hereunder to submit the ECWR FER application by September 19th

| Date | Timeline: | |
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| 7th Sep. | Call for Eols | FER Application/Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrative Template (one per application) • Results Framework (one per application) , Budget (one per grantee), Risk matrix (one per grantee) • IASC GAM pdf Report (one per application) |
| 8th Sep | FINAL Eols accepted | |
| 9th 10th Sep | Eols review | |
| 12th Sep | Review committee decisions on Eols Request for applications sent to approved partners | |
| 15th Sep | Applications due to Grantee Selection Committee | |
| 16th 17th Sep | Review Grantee Selection Committee- | |
| 18th Sep | Grantee selection notification | |
| 19th Sep | Completed application is submitted by the EiE Sector Working Group Coordinator to the ECW Secretariat - 1 | |
| 21 st Sep | ECW Secretariat conducts a quality assurance review and will provide feedback to the EiE Sector Working Group Coordinator | |
| 23th Sep | The proposal is revised and resubmitted to ECW Secretariat by the EiE Sector Working Group Coordinator | |
| Week of 26 th Sep | Final Secretariat Review + Approval by ECW Director + Approval by ECW Executive Committee | |