

BTC's role in the implementation of the Belgian participation in the pooled fund for Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP).

1.Context

Belgium supports, for an amount of eight million EUR the Primary Education Development Programme in Tanzania, which will cover a period of two years (2003-2004). This was formalised by the signing of a Specific Agreement between the two countries on/...../2003 and by the signing of Belgium of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Tanzania and the Pooled Fund Partners. The MoU is an integral part of the agreement between the two countries and serves as a technical guide. After a positive outcome of an evaluation a second funding could be considered.

The main goal of the programme is the improvement of access and equity to basic education through decentralised structures. The final objective is free and good education for all Tanzanian youngsters between seven and thirteen years old. A basket fund has been established by several donors together with the Tanzanian authorities, especially the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Presidents Office – Regional Administration and Local Government.

DGCI requests the BTC to define its needs in order to be able to correctly monitor the implementation of PEDP and to participate in the different groups and fora involved in it (Pooled fund partners, Basic Education Development Committee (BEDC), Technical Working Groups, ...).

This with a special emphasis on monitoring and evaluation more than on implementation mechanisms and procedures, which are already established.

2. Objective

To monitor, evaluate and report the activities realised through the PEDP and the activities organised by the funding partners as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding.

3. Specific Activities :

- to identify the realised progress
- to identify the difficulties in implementation
- to identify critical points and new initiatives
- to propose solutions
- to elaborate conclusions and recommendations
- to elaborate the lessons learnt
- to assist at joint missions executed by the core donors and coordinated by the Tanzanian authorities.
- to participate actively in all meetings and all activities organised by the Basic Education Development Committee and in joint monitoring missions of the PEDP programme that are carried out by the stakeholders
- to participate in relevant Technical Working Groups.

Prior to every decision between pooled fund partners relating to fund releases from the holding account of the pooled fund into the PEDP, BTC has to seek the written agreement of the Attaché for International Co-operation at the Embassy of Belgium in Dar es Salaam. BTC will always vote according to the decision of DGIC. The Attaché for International Co-operation can always on his/her own initiative or on invitation by BTC, participate in all meetings as the leading co-ordinator for the Belgian support.

4. Expected results :

- A detailed monitoring and follow-up of the progress of the PEDP elaborated within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding, signed between Belgium and Tanzania.
- Regular reporting on the functioning of the pooled fund mechanism.
- Regular reporting on policy development, mechanisms and changes in the implementation and accounting mechanisms of the PEDP.
- Forwarding of all relevant information to DGIC while implementing the programme. This specifically in regard to the search for the causes of possible dysfunctions and new elements that would justify reviewing the Belgian - Tanzanian agreement.
- After 18 months, the drafting of a clear statement on the necessity to extend/suspend the action depending on the results of the first period of support.

5. Reporting:

- At the end of each joint monitoring mission of the PEDP programme (twice a year) transmission of the monitoring report to the Attaché for International Co-operation with BTC comments.
- An analysis of the development coherence and relevance of PEDP after each Tanzanian budget year.
- A quarterly report to the Embassy of Belgium on the functioning of the pooled fund mechanism
- A final report on the expertise will be submitted latest three months after the end of contract. This report will analyse the advantages and disadvantages of the financing process, evaluate the expertise and make a compilation of the follow-up/evaluation and mission reports.

6. Technical expertise: function and profile

BTC will elaborate a detailed cost calculation for the requested tasks; justify the choice of possible technical assistance and the related costs. The justification for technical assistance shall build on the experience and involvement of the other pooled fund partners.