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Mrs. Therese Turner-Jones
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Dear Mrs. Turner-Jones,

Re: The Government of Jamaica's Letter of Request for Technical Cooperation from the Inter-American Development Bank to support the Digital Transformation for Education Project

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) hereby formally requests Non-Reimbursable Technical Cooperation (TC) in the amount of **Two Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$200,000)** from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to support the Digital Transformation for Education Project.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MOEYI) has been experiencing difficulties in obtaining financial reports and general data from some schools for a number of years which has impacted the adequacy to plan and fund school programmes in an equitable and efficient manner. In this regard, the objective of the proposed TC is to support the MOEYI in the development of a Digital Data Management System that captures student information and financial records. The proposed TC will also seek to address the identified deficiencies and systemic weaknesses by supporting: a) Development of a roadmap for digital transformation and improved data management in schools, as well as an efficient tool which can be used to analyse financial and student management processes; b) Design and piloting of a training programme to upskill a sample of select teachers, school leaders and policy makers in strategic financial and student management. The sample of teachers will also be trained on the usage of the model for data collection. It is anticipated that the trained teachers will be able to train other teachers across the sector, allowing for increased capacity and sustainability; and c) Development of a country-specific model for data collection which will produce more precise information through a centralized and integrated management database system.

In light of the foregoing and the tremendous benefits to be derived from implementation of this Project, the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (MOFPS) on behalf of the GOJ hereby requests Non-Reimbursable TC from the IDB to support the captioned Project. However, based on the nature of Project, the capacity of the MOEYI, as well as the associated implementation cost, the GOJ asks that the Project be executed by the Bank and that the MOEYI be involved in the design and implementation of same.

The GOJ anticipates a favourable response from the IDB to this request.

Yours sincerely,


Dian Black (Miss)
For Financial Secretary

cc: **Dr. Grace McLean – Permanent Secretary (Acting) | Ministry of Education, Youth & Information**
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