



Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Program (AHEAD)
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TO: All OTS Directors at state universities

Dear Director OTS,

Facilitating the use of funds to achieve promised actions in Table 2 of PATs under ELTA-ELSE and RDIC under AHEAD

During the World Bank mission held in September 2019, the following decisions was taken to expedite the utilization of funds to achieve the objectives of the above projects.

ELTA-ELSE and RDIC: In order to facilitate the use of funds to achieve promised actions in Table 2 of PATs, it was decided to allow a miscellaneous category under OVAA for expenditure on small value items, such as advertisements, communications, utilities, furniture and office equipment, and within country transport, in the PAT up to a maximum of Rs. 200,000 per six-month period, with the permission of the Director OTS (revision to salaries and fees and foreign travel cannot be done without a no objection from the WB). The OTS must collect the justification for such expenditure and the Coordinator of the project must take the full responsibility to update the PAT accordingly when the next revision is due. All projects must keep one email trail for such changes under the file name of the project. Already there is a separate email trail for each project for WB no objections and this will be used to obtain the no objection for the WB for updated PATs.

Based on the above instructions, project winners can add a column for miscellaneous expenditures to the OVAA sheet of their PATs with this allocation. This can be done at the next PAT update for projects whose PATs have already been approved. New projects, which are preparing their PATs, can add this column now, before they send their PATs to the OMST for review.

Thank you,
Yours sincerely,

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Prof. P.S.M. Gunaratne,
Director/AHEAD Operation

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