**World Bank Education Collaboration call**

**Thursday, May 2, 2013**

Country-specific collaboration

**Moldova**:  Sarah said ECP is collaborating with the WB where there are 100 rural schools that are working in early childhood [*Sarah, did I get this right?*]. This is a “hardware-software” partnership where the WB is developing the infrastructure and ECP is providing training. Jonas mentioned the Minster of Education in Moldova is interested in collaborating and there is a strong OSF connection there.

**Bulgaria**:  The Bank is investing in establishing child centers around the country. Hollie mentioned that ECP has a couple of grantees working on early childhood with a link to deinstitutionalization efforts. ECP is concerned about what those services will look like and would be interested in an opportunity to weigh in/collaborate. Could we make a connection between ECP and the local World Bank office? Hollie will be in Sofia soon (*Hollie, can you remind us of your dates for this trip?*)

**Georgia**:  HESP is involved in higher education reform, and OSF is very well-positioned there. Georgia is a priority country for the Human Rights Initiative, and Scholarships Program has a network of education Masters’ graduates there. ESP is exploring deeper work in Georgia, and ECP is working in the country. Public Health also has a strong presence.

**Congo**: The UN and WB are interested in setting up a large development fund as a prize if conflicting parties agree. There was discussion of whether we would want to get involved, but not a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for the methodology of quick impact.

**Armenia**: Dragana explained that in Armenia, major education reforms are underway, the government and all stakeholders are on board, and it is a very conducive environment for engagement. Jonas mentions that relations between the Bank and the local foundation have not been the smoothest [*Jonas, am I making this up? It wasn’t in my notes, but I thought I remember something from the call?*]

The Global Partnership for Education is involved in development and implementation of projects [they work in 58 countries, including, of those named above, Moldova, Georgia, and Congo DRC].