

Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD)
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Department's commitment to the project activities outlined in the proposal is commendable. Through the discussion with the acting Vice-Chancellor and the other officials (Registrar, Bursar, OTS Director, etc.) it was apparent that they were aware of the project and they assured their fullest cooperation in implementation and sustainability of the project. Physical survey of the Department confirmed the availability of the infra-structure necessary for the implementation of the given activities. Queries made by the three reviewers on desk evaluation were clarified through the discussions and the documentary evidence provided by the Department. Regarding activity 4 on ELSE, the Department is already in the process of preparing two modules on scientific writing with the assistance of a Fulbright scholar. The commitment and the enthusiasm of the staff of the Department is highly commendable and impressive. Under the existing difficult conditions the support of the nonacademic and technical staff in the learning and teaching activities is excellent. As an example, they have converted a condemned laboratory oven into a fully functioning laminar flow at a minimal cost. Contribution of the students and alumni in the development of the activities were evident through the discussions with them. Moreover, the academic staff is willing to accommodate the suggestions raised by the reviewers to fine tune the activities to maximize the outcomes. Therefore, the reviewers are highly recommending the proposal for ELTA-ELSE department projects.