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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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DATE April 27, 1984

TO Messrs. Dunn (EA1DA) and Scarce (EAPED)

FROM Lyn Squire, Division Chief, CPDRM *LS*

EXTENSION 60183,4

SUBJECT Attached Report on Kenya

A draft report entitled "The Economics of Financing Education: A Case Study of Kenya" is attached. This paper is part of a larger CPD exercise to explore the role of user charges in the social sectors. We would like to hold a meeting towards the end of May to discuss the report with you. My secretary will be in touch with you to establish a convenient date.

cc: Mr. Brown (EAPED, with attachment)
Messrs. de Azcarate, Kavalsky, Bertrand (CPD, without attachment)
Ms. Birdsall (WDR, without attachment)

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"The Economics of Financing
Education: A Case Study of Kenya"

by

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DATE December 13, 1983

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FROM Lyn Squire *LS*

EXTENSION 60125/60126

SUBJECT Draft on Cost Recovery in the Social Sectors

1. After the review meeting for this report, it was decided that Manny Jimenez would revise the paper to accommodate the major comments. The most important change is the relegation of the analytical chapter (Chapter II) to a technical appendix and the insertion of an entirely new chapter, in which the results of the analytical section will be related much more directly to conditions in the social sector. This will require identification of "initial conditions" such as excess demand, underutilization of capacity, or the presence of externalities with particular subsectors such as primary education, curative care, etc. The intention would be, not to argue that, say, all secondary education is characterized by excess demand, but to demonstrate the role of pricing policy if this particular condition is encountered in this particular subsector. Where possible, however, initial conditions will be matched with subsectors on the basis of the likelihood of their occurrence.

2. The revised outline is as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

- i) Issues
- ii) Conclusions (missing from the present draft)

II. APPLICATION OF BASIC PRINCIPLES (new section)

- i) General Considerations (brief summary of appendix)
- ii) Taxonomy - pricing policy for subsectors characterized by specific initial conditions

III. EVIDENCE

- i) General trends in finance (Section I B in present draft)
- ii) Education (Chapter III in present draft)
- iii) Health (Chapter IV in present draft)

APPENDIX (Chapter II of present draft)

3. When completed, the draft will be issued as a Bank Staff Working paper or possibly in a new publication series to be organized by CPD. CPD, EDC and PHN also plan to hold a Bank-wide conference on these and other issues probably in March, 1984. The revised draft, or parts therefrom, will be presented at that conference and published in the conference proceedings.

cc: de Azcarate, Kavalsky, Leiserson, Selowsky, Bertrand,
Griffin, Meesook, Birdsall, Ainsworth, Keare,
Psacharopoulos, Tan, Wolff, de Ferranti, Measham,
Prescott, Warford, van der Tak, Meerman, Jimenez.

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