

Research Ethics Approval

28 August 2023

Mr. Nard Huijbregts & Ms. Katharina Bollig
Economic Policy research Institute (EPRI)
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RE: Ethics Review Board findings for: *Evaluation of UNICEF's Alternative Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centers in Uzbekistan* (HML IRB Review #769UZBE23)

Dear Mr. Huijbregts & Ms. Bollig,

Protocols for the protection of human subjects in the above study were assessed through a research ethics review by HML Institutional Review Board (IRB) on 15 – 29 August 2023. This study's human subjects' protection protocols, as stated in the materials submitted, received **ethics review approval**.

You and your project staff remain responsible for ensuring compliance with HML IRB's determinations. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- ensuring prompt reporting to HML IRB of proposed changes in this study's design, risks, consent, or other human protection protocols and providing copies of any revised materials;
- conducting the research activity in accordance with the terms of the IRB approval until any proposed changes have been reviewed and approved by the IRB, except when necessary to mitigate hazards to subjects;
- promptly reporting any unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others in the course of this study;
- notifying HML IRB when your study is completed.

HML IRB is authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Human Research Protections (IRB #1211, IORG #850, FWA #1102).

Sincerely,



D. Michael Anderson, Ph.D., MPH
Chair & Human Subjects Protections Director, HML IRB

cc: Zokir Nazarov, Alberto Biancoli, Vazira Nazarova, Shakhlo Ashrafkhanova, Penelope Lantz, JD