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GPE: CATALYZING COUNTRY-LED TRANSFORMATION



Teacher Amunazo Belinda gives a lesson at Manua school near Kindu, Maniema province, Democratic Republic of Congo.
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The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) mobilizes partnerships and investments in more than 80 partner countries to transform education systems so that no child is left behind.

WHAT WE OFFER

Meeting the urgency of today's learning crisis and coping with the devastating education impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and economic shocks requires unprecedented collective action. Building on 20 years of experience, GPE supports partner countries to deliver transformative change at scale to help unlock learning for millions more children. At the heart of our approach is working in partnership to develop and support sustainable and system-wide change, adapted to address the specific challenges in partner countries and with a relentless focus on results.

HOW WE WORK: LEVERAGING THE PARTNERSHIP AT COUNTRY LEVEL

Driving change in complex education systems is not straightforward. GPE leverages global and national

relationships and resources to help partner countries prioritize a reform with the greatest potential to catalyze system-wide transformation and drive implementation for impact at-scale.

First, GPE helps governments convene a diverse range of country-level actors to **assess and diagnose** educational bottlenecks and challenges specific to a desired priority outcome. **Gender equality** is at the core of these discussions. Next, the country's chosen priority reform becomes the center of a partnership compact, which sets out how the education system actors will align to deliver on the priority and monitor progress in unblocking key obstacles. Finally, GPE provides ongoing support for partners to **act, learn and adapt** throughout the implementation of the reform, including tracking results and making adjustments when needed.

FLEXIBLE AND INNOVATIVE FUNDING TO CATALYZE CHANGE

To complement and leverage domestic resources, GPE offers countries a flexible array of funding options to help implement the priority reform, including:

- **System capacity grant** for strengthening planning and policy development, improving data and diagnostics, enabling coordination and boosting government capacity to learn and adapt
- **Program development grant** to finance the design of an education initiative central to the government's priority education reform
- **System transformation grant** in support of a priority reform that will catalyze far-reaching change across the education system
- **Girls' Education Accelerator**, which complements the system transformation grant to bolster initiatives to get girls learning.

GPE helps partner countries mobilize **additional financing** in support of education reforms through a range of innovative tools. The **GPE Multiplier** mobilizes \$1 from GPE for every \$3 from external public sources, and encourages philanthropic investments in education with 1:1 matching for every private dollar invested through **GPE Match**. Through the **Debt2Ed** option within the Multiplier, governments also can elect to turn debt service payments into education spending.

GPE can also use its convening power to help countries **mobilize additional resources** from public and private donors in support of under-funded reform areas critical to system transformation.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO COMPLEX CHALLENGES

GPE partner countries also benefit from:

- The **GPE Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX)**, which helps address knowledge gaps and supports countries to share promising education innovations and bring them to scale.
- **Education Out Loud**, which supports civil society activities that strengthen transparency, accountability and participation in decision making.
- **Strategic partnerships** that connect governments with expertise to address complex or cross-sectoral challenges, including specific, on-demand support for strengthening country capacity for monitoring, evaluation, and learning from evidence.
- **Private sector expertise** facilitated by GPE to complement national efforts in areas such as data solutions and social marketing.
- **Enhanced convening**, which supports countries with limited external financing for education to design and implement strategies that crowd-in aligned donor resources for underfunded policy priorities.



Students in class at the Bambua School in Vanuatu.
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