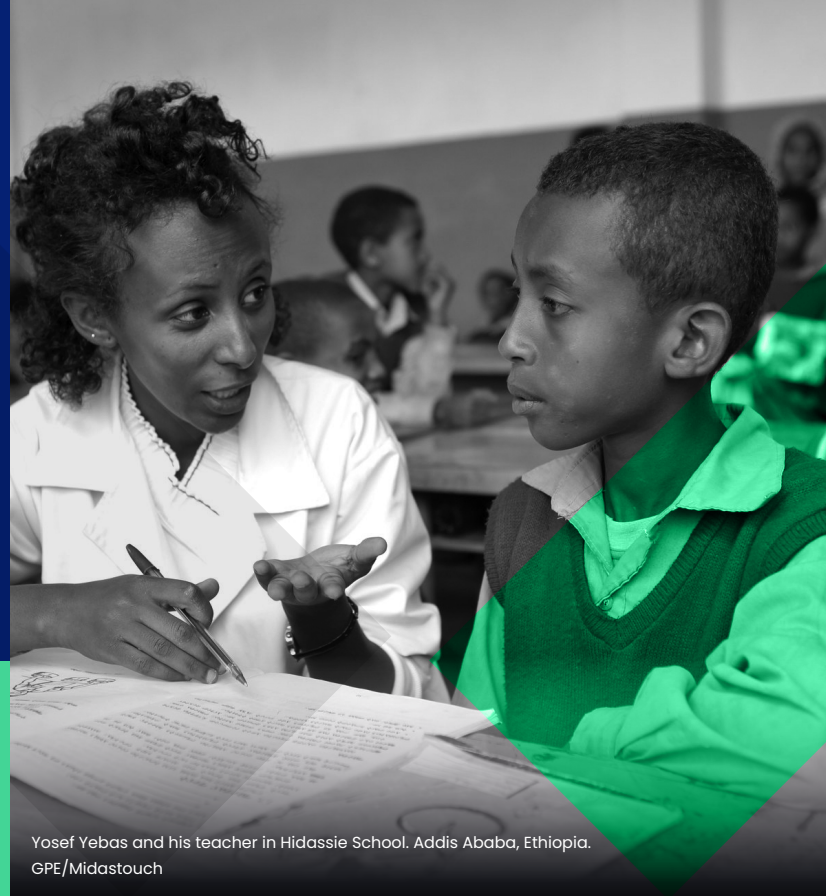


GPE MULTIPLIER

The GPE Multiplier is an innovative finance instrument that provides an incentive and the financial resources to catalyze more and better investment in education.



Yosef Yebas and his teacher in Hidassie School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
GPE/Midastouch

THE CHALLENGE

Education raises incomes, tackles inequality and helps us meet our shared commitment that children everywhere must have a quality education. But the annual funding gap to provide education for every child in lower-income countries rose to US\$148 billion in 2020.

We can only solve this problem together. Getting all girls and boys into school and learning demands robust, sustainable support from national governments, development partners and new and nontraditional donors—including more and better finance.

Since 2018, the partnership has allocated more than **\$458 million** in Multiplier grants to **39 countries**, unlocking more than **\$1.9 billion in cofinancing** from partners ranging from foundations to multilateral development banks.

GPE'S RESPONSE

The GPE Multiplier helps countries mobilize additional resources to transform their education systems and get more children in school and learning.

HOW IT WORKS

Eligible countries access the GPE Multiplier by working with partners to leverage new and additional external financing. Partners benefit by helping countries secure further funding from GPE. Countries benefit by crowding in additional funding for education. And both benefit by aligning more funding behind national priorities.

The Multiplier works alongside other sources of external funding. It can be invested as a grant or used to lower the interest rate on concessional lending, for example from multilateral development banks or bilateral donors. It can also work alongside other, nontraditional sources of development finance, including private capital.

Any funding secured this way adds to other GPE grants a country can access, including the system transformation grant and the Girls' Education Accelerator.

AN INCENTIVE FOR MORE & BETTER EDUCATION FUNDING

GPE FUNDING

system transformation grant

Girls' Education Accelerator

 EACH \$1 FROM THE GPE MULTIPLIER CAN BE MOBILIZED BY...

\$3 OR MORE IN:

-  multilateral development bank grants and loans
-  bilateral donor grants and loans
-  nontraditional instruments or sources of funding

\$1 OR MORE FROM:

-  the business community foundations

ELIGIBILITY & ALLOCATIONS

All GPE-eligible countries can access a Multiplier grant under the Strategic Plan 2021–2025. The GPE Board has set a maximum potential allocation per country, ranging from \$5 million to \$50 million.

See the full [list of eligible countries and allocations](#).

GET INVOLVED

Partners can support the Multiplier by funding GPE directly and by mobilizing cofinancing that enables countries to access the Multiplier.



Primary wing of Adarsha Saula Yubak Higher Secondary School, Bhainsipati, Lalitpur, Nepal.
GPE/NayanTara Gurung Kakshapati

CROWDING IN CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES IN ETHIOPIA

In 2021, the partnership approved a \$20 million Multiplier grant to Ethiopia, which mobilized \$55 million in cofinancing from the World Bank and \$5 million from Denmark. The funding contributes to a single \$80 million program that will work alongside other key partners to integrate refugees into Ethiopia's education system and support refugee schools in Afar, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambela, Somali and Tigray regions. The program complements Ethiopia's General Education Quality Improvement Program for Equity (GEQIP-E).

BRINGING NEW PARTNERS—AND NEW FUNDING—TO THE TABLE IN TAJIKISTAN

Tajikistan received a \$10 million Multiplier grant from GPE in 2020, leveraging \$30 million in additional funding from the Islamic Development Bank. In addition to the external funding that unlocked the Multiplier allocation, the national government directly supported the cofinanced program with an additional \$6 million grant from the national budget and UNICEF provided in-kind support of \$750,000, creating an overall funding envelope of \$46.75 million. Over four years, the joint funding will build more and better schools, improve math and language teaching for grades 5–9, and support better policy, planning and evidence-based resource allocation by strengthening the country's education management information system.