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# THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION (GPE)

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**The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is the world's only partnership and fund focused exclusively on bringing quality education to children in lower-income countries.**

## WHO WE ARE

Education unlocks doors to opportunity and prosperity. Yet in lower-income countries, hundreds of millions of girls and boys are not learning even basic reading skills by the age of 10, and close to a quarter of a billion children are still completely excluded from school.

Established in 2002, GPE is a shared commitment to ending this learning crisis. We support the countries with the greatest need and focus on reaching the most marginalized children.

GPE brings together partner governments, donors, international organizations, civil society, teachers' organizations, the private sector and philanthropic foundations to deliver quality education so that every girl and boy can have hope, opportunity and agency.

## VISION

**A quality education  
for every child**

## MISSION

**To mobilize partnerships  
and investments that  
transform education systems  
in developing countries,  
leaving no one behind**

## GOAL

**To accelerate access, learning  
outcomes and gender equality  
through equitable, inclusive  
and resilient education systems  
fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

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## WHAT WE DO

GPE supports more than 80 partner countries to **transform their education systems** to get the most vulnerable girls and boys in school, improve teaching and learning, and build resilience to withstand shocks and adapt to the challenges of the 21st century.

We do this by:

- Mobilizing partners and funds to drive large-scale, lasting changes to create better opportunities for millions of children;
- Helping countries invest in reforms and innovations that accelerate progress towards greater inclusion, quality and efficiency;
- Hardwiring gender equality into all aspects of our work and helping to close gender gaps;
- Strengthening country ownership and leadership by investing in data and evidence, capacity development, planning and monitoring;
- Helping align and coordinate national and international efforts behind government priorities, including by using our direct funds to leverage additional domestic and international financing.

## OUR IMPACT

GPE's unique model gets results. Since 2002:

- **160 million more children** are in school in partner countries, and more children are completing primary and lower-secondary school.
- **Twice as many girls are enrolled in school**, and girls are now just as likely to finish school as boys in three quarters of GPE partner countries.
- **67 million more** students have access to professionally trained teachers.
- Governments have **saved more than \$6 billion** through more efficient education spending, freeing up more funds to invest in education for the most marginalized.
- We've helped governments continue to sustain education systems through crises. Most recently, we mobilized **more than \$500 million** to keep children learning amid the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

## HOW WE WORK

For 20 years, GPE has been financing and supporting lasting change in education so that countries can capitalize on the opportunities of the 21st century.

GPE focuses on improving education at a **systems level** to leverage the profound transformations required to deliver at least **one year of preschool and 12 years of quality education** for every girl and boy. We do this through a twofold approach: strengthening education systems and leveraging domestic and international finance to accelerate and sustain progress.

Globally, GPE coordinates, convenes and collaborates with actors across the global education sector. The GPE Board, with representation from each partner constituency, sets strategy, debates policy and allocates funds.

At the country level, GPE supports government-led education sector coordination and brings partners together in local education groups to drive transformation and ensure the voices of the most marginalized are represented in decision-making.



## PARTNER COUNTRIES HAVE ACCESS TO:

- results-based financing to support implementation
- accelerated funding in crisis situations
- opportunities to leverage additional resources through Multiplier grants
- knowledge-sharing and financing for innovation through GPE's Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX)
- GPE also supports civil society through our fund for advocacy and social accountability, Education Out Loud, helping to promote transparency and accountability in national education policy