

PLEDGE FROM GERMANY
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Education is a **key sector** in German development policy. With disbursements of 1, 3 billion euro in 2012, Germany is the **largest bilateral donor** in education worldwide.

Basic Education is at the heart of German development policy. We share with GPE - and with all partners here around the table - the common goal, that all children receive a good quality basic education.

Furthermore, Germany very much welcomes the exemplary way in which GPE has harmonized its operations with the principles of the **international effectiveness agenda**. We welcome in particular how partner countries are assuming ownership and responsibility, while donors closely coordinate their activities.

Therefore, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development intends to continue its financial contributions of 7 million euros annually, which will add up to a total of **28 million euros** for the four-year replenishment period (2015-2018).

In addition, Germany has the intention of allocating a total of **6.4 million euros** to the successful **German BACKUP Initiative – Education in Africa** for the period of 2015-2017. The initiative supports African governments and civil society stakeholders in their efforts to access and effectively use GPE funding for education.

Please note that these two pledges are subject to approval by the German Parliament and entry into force of German budget 2015.

Finally, Germany is committed to further strongly support GPE's Development Country Partners with **bilateral projects** that are closely aligned to the countries' implementation plans. For the replenishment period 2015-2018, Germany will be able to disburse around **160 million euros** for aligned projects in GPE-partner countries like Benin, Guinea, Yemen, Kenya, Malawi, Niger, or Zimbabwe. A similar amount of bilateral funds for the GPE-Partner countries for this period is envisaged to be committed, but is not approved yet.