## PLEDGE FROM THE WILLIAM AND FLORA HEWLETT FOUNDATION

# **GPE Second Replenishment Conference**

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## (To be read by Patricia Scheid, Program Officer, Global Development & Population)

The Hewlett Foundation supports the Global Partnership for Education's goal of achieving universal primary education through a longstanding portfolio of grantmaking dedicated towards improved learning outcomes. Today, the Foundation announces its intent to provide \$18.5 million towards this goal from 2015-2018 through grantmaking and other support to organizations that will:

- 1. Support the development of learning indicators and improve national and regional learning assessment systems.
- Externally monitor education policy, implementation, and learning outcomes to improve transparency and accountability in relation to government and donor commitments to education.

This pledge includes our ongoing support to UNESCO's Institute for Statistics to advance their work in the development of learning indicators and country and regional capacity building to improve assessment systems. It also includes grants for civil society initiatives like Uwezo in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, Beekunko in Mali, and Jangandoo in Senegal. These initiatives engage tens of thousands of citizens each year in monitoring the quality of education by providing timely, reliable, and relevant data on children's learning outcomes, while simultaneously advancing knowledge about how to do this well.

This pledge will be delivered through grants, technical assistance, and other support provided to organizations that are committed to Global Partnership for Education's partnership model of getting behind country-led plans and implementation, and that are also consistent with the Foundation's grantmaking objectives.

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