

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION 2015-18, REPLENISHMENT PLEDGING FRAMEWORK

Education sector has faced myriad issues and challenges of access, equity and quality in the past. New political government led by Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Prime Minister of Pakistan has stoic resolve to enhance the allocation for education sector substantially in the next four years (FY 2014-15 to FY 2017-18). The political government in the election manifesto pledged to increase budgetary allocation from current 2% to 4% of the GDP by the year 2018. Right to education of every child of age 5-16 years is a constitutional obligation under Article 25-A. Immediately after taking over, the new government took stock of the situation and prepared a National Plan of Action to Accelerate education related MDGs and EFA targets.

All the governments, Federal and Provincial, through their manifesto are committed to people of Pakistan to gradually raise the spending on education to at least 4% of GDP by 2018. We pledge that Pakistan will increase the expenditure on education in public sector by an average of at least 1 percentage point per year from FY 2014-15 to FY 2017-18.

Government of Pakistan is fully committed to remove all types of disparities in the education service delivery in Pakistan as early as possible through making specific allocations for the education of disadvantaged and under-served groups especially girls, disabled and minorities.

National Education Management and Information System – NEMIS in Academy for Educational Planning and Management under the Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education is an erudite institution. It started in 1990 through UN's financial and technical assistance and is mandated to be the national repository of education data; to act as the standard setting agency; to establish linkages and develop capacity of Provinces/Regions. It publishes Pakistan Education Statistics on yearly basis which are also available online. Government of Pakistan will also continue to strive to further strengthen the NEMIS system in the country by making the process of education data collection more transparent and

frequent, and will widen its scope. We will also further strengthen the use of relevant data for policy making as well as for budgeting and planning purposes, particularly focusing on equity issues. NEMIS is being strengthened through capacity building and professional development under the auspices of UNESCO and UNICEF. Moreover, World Food Programme is a partner with NEMIS for accurate collection of data and capacity building of provincial/area EMIS; the later reporting the data to NEMIS.

Equality of opportunity is a constitutional aspect under Article 199 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Government of Pakistan is committed to bring at par all areas especially those which are less privileged and under-served.

Moreover Government of Pakistan will strengthen and improve education assessment systems at all levels by making specific allocations for various types of data collection for evaluation and assessment purposes. We will also ensure that education assessment systems provide continuous support for policy making and planning in the country.