

GREATER IMPACT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

8 reasons to invest in the Global Partnership for Education now more than ever

On June 26th, 2014, leaders from around the world will convene at the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Pledging Conference to decide the future of education for children in the most poverty-stricken and conflict-affected countries on the planet. This brief explores why now, more than ever, donors and development actors must ambitiously support GPE's work over the 2015-2018 period.



REASON #1:

WE CANNOT END POVERTY WITHOUT INVESTING IN EDUCATION.

Education is intrinsically related to other poverty alleviation aspects, such as maternal and child health, gender equality, economic development, national security, and democracy.



REASON #2:

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION REACHES THOSE IN THE GREATEST NEED — ESPECIALLY THOSE IN FRAGILE CONTEXTS AND HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES.

Nearly three-quarters of the world's 57 million primary-school-age children who are out of school live in GPE developing country partners. GPE provides a higher proportion of its support to conflict-affected and fragile states than other major donors.



REASON #3:

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION COMPLEMENTS BILATERAL EFFORTS IN GLOBAL EDUCATION.

GPE's strategic goals help Canada meet its own bilateral objectives in global education. Support to the Global Partnership for Education extends the reach of other foreign assistance both programmatically and geographically.



REASON #4:

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION MOBILIZES DEVELOPING COUNTRY RESOURCES TOWARDS THEIR OWN EDUCATION SYSTEMS.

Public expenditure on education among GPE developing country partners is growing at a faster rate than that of developing countries that are not members of the Global Partnership.



REASON #5:

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION GETS RESULTS.

GPE developing country partners are demonstrating greater gains in areas such as enrollment, completion, and gender parity than developing countries that are not members of the Global Partnership.



REASON #6:
THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION IS TAKING INNOVATIVE STEPS TO FURTHER ENHANCE PERFORMANCE.

The Global Partnership for Education has been repeatedly cited as a model to replicate, has scored high on multilateral assessments, and is advancing innovations to drive even greater performance.



REASON #7:
GLOBAL SUPPORT TO BASIC EDUCATION IS DRASTICALLY DECLINING.

Total aid disbursements for basic education across all donors have dropped for three years in a row, resulting in a 16 percent reduction — and rolling basic education aid levels back to where they were in 2008. Basic education aid actually available to GPE developing country partners was cut by 23 percent from 2009 to 2012.



REASON #8:
DEMAND FOR GPE SUPPORT IS ON THE RISE.

With the proven effectiveness of GPE's approach, the increase in the number of its eligible development country partners, and the current decline in other sources of education aid, demand for GPE support is rising and outstripping what donors have previously provided. The ambition of donors must equally match that of developing country governments.

The Global Partnership for Education has set a 2015-2018 replenishment target of **US\$3.5 billion** for the GPE Fund. RESULTS calls on the governments of its Education for All campaign affiliate countries to play their fullest part in ensuring that this target is met and that the education progress it promises is achieved.



Canada

We call on the **Canadian Government** to make a **four-year pledge of at least CAD\$120 million** (US\$110 million) to the GPE Fund and provide multilateral support to education equal to that which it demonstrates in other arenas. Having committed CAD\$57 million to the GPE Fund in the previous replenishment round, the Government of Canada has an opportunity to take a step forward in tackling the global education crisis. A commitment of CAD\$120 million — representing three percent of the total replenishment target — will place Canada's support to the Global Partnership for Education on par with what it provides to other multilateral funds, such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Canada's pledge to the Global Partnership for Education is critical to realizing its own Children and Youth Strategy and achieving its development objective of increasing access to quality education, particularly for girls.