

Please invest in basic global education and GPE in the FY27 budget

Engage: Over the past decades, the world has made incredible strides in improving access to education. The results of this commitment are clear: more kids than ever are getting the basic education they deserve.

Problem: Over 270 million children are out of school, and access to school alone does not equal learning. Too many children are not able to access foundational literacy skills. As a result, 70% of 10-year-olds in low- and middle-income countries are unable to read and understand a simple story. This learning crisis costs the global economy \$3.3 trillion annually in lost productivity.

Inform: An entire generation is at risk, but this crisis is preventable. Congress can play a key role by funding bilateral basic education programs that reached 44 million students in FY23 alone. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) supported over 370 million students since 2021, and plans to reach 750 million more in the next 5 years. Each extra school year completed increases future wages by 10%, improving economic growth and stability along with children's futures.

Call to Action: Congress can support millions more children by investing in quality basic education. Will you urge appropriators to include \$970 million for global education, of which \$150 million for GPE in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27)?

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