Why the Global Partnership for Education is Critical to Achieving Global Education Equity

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Net enrollment rates, by country group (1820–2010)

a. Primary school

b. Secondary school

Global out-of-school rate by age group and sex, 2000-2018

Global number of out-of-school children, adolescents and youth, 2000-2018

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<td>2000</td>
<td>57.4 million</td>
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<td>26.8 million</td>
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Primary out-of-school rate, 2018 or latest year

- 0% - <5%
- 5% - <10%
- 10% - <20%
- 20% - <40%
- 40% or more
- No data

Note: The depiction and use of boundaries and related data shown on this map are not warranted to be error free nor do they necessarily imply official endorsement or acceptance by UNESCO.
IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES, CHILDREN'S SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE IS

79% in richest 20% of households

34% in poorest 20% of households
Nine out of 10 children in the world’s most impoverished countries can’t read a basic story by age 10.

The inverse is true in wealthy countries, where 9 out of 10 can.
Education progress must nearly triple to halve ‘learning poverty’

Learning poverty (% of children who cannot read at age 10)

- Business as usual
- Each country improving at rate of top 20% of their region

Note: The values from 2016 to 2030 are simulated (2015-based global estimates); Source: Azevedo and others (2019) using the Global Learning Assessment Database; UIS Enrollment Data; and UN population numbers.

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At least 1.5 billion students were out of school at the peak of the pandemic.
* India ‘National Gov.’ bar curtailed; true India National Gov. value = 58,210
Note: shown as average amounts over period 2008-2017
Note: estimates for ‘National Gov.’ in Djibouti, Eritre, Nigeria, South Sudan and Somalia
160 MILLION
more children are in school in GPE partner countries.

If these children all lived in one country, it would be the ninth largest in the world.
2x

the number of girls are on the path to equality.

82 million more girls are in school in GPE partner countries. Primary enrollment for girls has increased by 65 percent and almost three-quarters of partner countries have achieved gender parity in school completion rates.
OVER $500 MILLION

for COVID-19 global education response.

GPE is the largest provider of education grants in the global COVID-19 response, supporting partner countries’ efforts to ensure continued learning, schools reopen safely and recovery leads to better learning rather than a return to business as usual.
CASE FOR INVESTMENT – KEY MESSAGES

- **$5 BILLION** replenishment
- Leverage partnerships and funds to transform education
- Enable 175 MILLION GIRLS AND BOYS to learn
- Reach 140 MILLION STUDENTS with professionally trained teachers
- Get 88 MILLION MORE CHILDREN including 46 million more girls in school
- Save $16 BILLION through more efficient education spending

**2021-2025**

- Add $164 BILLION to partner economies
- Save 3 MILLION LIVES
- Lift 18 MILLION PEOPLE out of poverty
- Save 2 MILLION GIRLS from child marriage

**MORE SUSTAINABLE, PEACEFUL AND RESILIENT SOCIETIES**
GPE would boost country partners' discretionary budgets by 27 percent.
The U.S. should pledge $1 billion over 5 years (2021-2025) at the Global Partnership for Education replenishment conference in July.