



Global Programme Education | Component BACKUP Education

Supporting GPE partner countries in accessing multilateral funding for education transformation

Education is both a human right, and the key to sustainable development and peaceful coexistence. In reality, however, it remains a privilege that is denied to marginalised groups. About 260 million children worldwide do not go to school, and the existing educational gap is widened even further by factors such as poverty and gender.

To go some way towards addressing this trend, BACKUP Education supports Global Partnership for Education (GPE) partner countries in obtaining funding for education reforms. GIZ has been supporting selected African partner countries in applying for GPE funds for over 10 years. BACKUP Education draws on this expertise, extends this commitment to all GPE eligible countries and is committed to **Building Alliances, Creating Knowledge and Updating Partners** worldwide.

BACKUP Education is committed to promote gender equality in and through education and is fully aligned with GPE's goal of hardwiring gender throughout all their funding mechanisms. Comprehensive feminist development policy begins at school.

Our approach

GPE is a multilateral fund and a platform for communication between donors, developing countries, civil society, foundations and the private sector. GPE is the most significant network for international education cooperation. BACKUP

Education supports countries in successfully applying for GPE funding.

In a spirit of shared responsibility, we work closely with GPE at country level with representatives of the Local Education Groups (LEGs). These groups include experts and managers from national ministries of education, representatives from national and regional civil society organisations, women's rights organisations and youth activists. Furthermore, BACKUP Education maintains a permanent representation at the GPE Secretariat in Paris.

Project information

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In cooperation with	GPE, UNGEI
National partners	Ministries for education, Local Education Groups (LEGs)
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GPE funding mechanisms

To successfully apply for GPE funding, various contractual documents are necessary. BACKUP Education supports applicant countries in preparing these documents. This service is available to all of the 95 eligible GPE partner countries, based on demand. GPE also provides a funding mechanism specifically for girls' education – the *Girls' Education Accelerator* (GEA). A total of 30 countries, predominantly from Africa, are eligible to apply for this special grant. In line with the *German Support Her Education* (SHE) initiative, the targeted promotion of girls is a central element of BACKUP Education's work.

Gender-transformative educational planning

Making global and regional educational planning inclusive means including society as well as individuals and organisations. Therefore, BACKUP Education supports interventions for gender-transformative educational planning and promotes existing competences. Besides working with GPE, BACKUP Education also cooperates with the UN Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI), the Gender at the Centre Initiative (GCI) and the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (UNESCO-IIEP).

BACKUP Education provides additional funding through a needs-based and partner-led support mechanism. Partner countries can thus access professional and technical expertise supporting the overall application process with a focus on gender-transformative educational planning. This safeguards the quality and implementation of multilaterally funded programmes at country level, making them sustainable.

Promoting national expertise, BACKUP Education supports capacity building measures such as expert conferences, regional forums and workshops to train specialists and managers from national ministries of education, and representatives of national and regional civil society organisations.

To ensure that the competences developed in the exchange forums are sustainably anchored in the education sector, BACKUP Education promotes their systematic evaluation and analysis. This enables quality assurance for the sector.

Key milestones of BACKUP Education are

- The networking of education actors to promote peer-to-peer learning
- The creation of a list of criteria to improve gender-transformative education sector planning
- Improved grant applications to GPE of selected partner countries
- Financial and technical support for national and international cooperation partners (UNGEI, GCI and IIEP) in training courses on gender-transformative educational planning for specialists and managers from education ministries and NGOs.

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