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This report provides a guide for governments and other stakeholders in low- and middle-income countries about what works in improving learning and education outcomes. This report updates a previous version of the “Smart Buys”.

With this report, the Panel aims to summarize the best, most up-to-date evidence on cost-effectiveness at scale in a user-friendly way for policymakers. It groups many different types of education policies and programs into categories from Great Buys to Bad Buys, along with categories where more knowledge is needed.

“Prioritizing learning during Covid-19”

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It offers guidance on how education systems in low- and middle-income countries can respond to the damage caused by the pandemic and ensure that the learning needs, especially of marginalized and disadvantaged groups, are addressed.

The report provides practical, focused advice for policymakers — advice that represents the consensus recommendations of the panel, based on the best evidence available during a rapidly changing crisis.
“Cost-effective approaches to improve global learning”

This first report by the GEEAP shares the Panel’s recommendations on “Smart Buys” in education for low- and middle-income countries.

The report groups education programmes into tiers of cost-effectiveness at improving learning outcomes, especially in low- and middle-income countries, to inform countries’ decisions about where to allocate their budget and reform efforts.

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