

# EDUCATION FACT SHEET

## INVESTING IN EDUCATION FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TO LIFELONG LEARNING

**The World Bank is the largest external financier of education in the developing world.** Through financing and technical assistance, we support governments' efforts in education, benefitting children from birth to adulthood. We help countries share and apply innovative solutions to education challenges, focusing on systemic reform throughout the education cycle.

Since 2000, the World Bank has committed more than

**US\$73 BILLION<sup>1</sup>**

in supporting education projects, **COVERING 160 COUNTRIES AND 25 REGIONAL STATES**

The World Bank Education Global Practice provides implementation support to

**177 PROJECTS**

for a total commitment of **\$24 BILLION**

This includes:

**113** IDA credits/grants (\$15.20 BILLION)

**44** IBRD loans (\$8.30 BILLION)

**20** Recipient-Executed Trust Funds (\$599 MILLION)

In addition, in this latest fiscal year—July 2021 – June 2022—the World Bank also continues to be **the largest implementing agency of Global Partnership for Education (GPE)** grants to low-income countries. The World Bank currently manages 55 percent of GPE's total grant portfolio—\$1.98 billion of \$3.60 billion in active grants.



### IMPACT OF WORLD BANK-SUPPORTED PROJECTS

**432 MILLION STUDENTS** reached through our active programs—1/3 of the students in current client countries.

**18 MILLION TEACHERS** reached through our active programs—nearly 1/4 of the teacher workforce in current client countries.

**\$1.07 BILLION** in new commitments as of April 1, 2022, to projects focusing on low-income countries.

**\$1.51 BILLION** in new commitments to projects in fragility, conflict, and violence (FCV) settings.

**\$7.01 BILLION** in new commitments focused on strategic opportunities for narrowing gaps between men and women.



### OUR VISION

To ensure that everyone can achieve her or his full potential with access to a quality education and lifelong learning. We envision a world in which all countries prepare all their children and youth to succeed as citizens, and equip them with the tools to participate in their country's development.



### OUR OBJECTIVE

To help achieve our vision, we have set a target to reduce Learning Poverty by half by 2030. This means reducing by at least 50% the number of children who cannot read and understand a simple text by age 10. Our efforts support the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4)—to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



### Meeting the COVID-19 Crisis

COVID-19 has amplified the learning crisis. The pandemic's impacts could drive levels of Learning Poverty up to 70% in low- and middle-income countries, and could cost an entire generation of school children \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings. The World Bank currently has 60 projects addressing COVID-19 response in 42 countries, totaling \$9.65 billion—covering the entire education cycle from early childhood to higher education.

### World Bank Education Investments Around the World (US\$), as of April 1, 2022

Sub-Saharan Africa	\$9.95B	77
South Asia	\$6.31B	31
Latin America and the Caribbean	\$2.28B	21
Middle East and North Africa	\$2.19B	13
Europe and Central Asia	\$1.85B	19
East Asia and the Pacific	\$1.45B	16

number of active projects

## THE 5 PILLARS OF OUR EDUCATION POLICY APPROACH



Learners are prepared and motivated to learn



Teachers at all levels are effective and valued



Classrooms are equipped for learning



Schools are safe and inclusive



Education systems are well managed

## GLOBAL INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE: WORLD BANK GLOBAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTING THE 5 PILLARS OF A WELL-FUNCTIONING EDUCATION SYSTEM

Targeting Learning Poverty	<a href="#">Accelerator Program</a>	<a href="#">Literacy Policy Package</a>	<a href="#">Read@Home</a>
Childcare and Early Childhood			
Assessments			
Teachers	<a href="#">Teach</a>	<a href="#">Coach</a>	
Results-Based Financing	<a href="#">Results in Education for All Children (REACH)</a>		
Capacity Building			
COVID-19 response	<a href="#">Mission Recovering Education 2021</a> 	<a href="#">Continuous and accelerated Learning</a>	
Evidence in Education	<a href="#">Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel</a> 		
Education Technology	<a href="#">reimagine education</a> 	<a href="#">EdTech Hub</a> 	
Education Financing	<a href="#">Global Education Finance Platform (GEFP)</a>		
Global Trust Funds	<a href="#">Tertiary Education and Skills</a> <a href="#">Foundational Learning Compact</a>		



Total Education Sector & Thematic Portfolios  
(As of February 2022)

Fragility, Conflict & Violence Settings  
**\$4.91B** 41 projects

Early Childhood Education  
**\$2.2B** 49 projects

Primary Education  
**\$3.8B** 78 projects

Secondary Education  
**\$4.2B** 66 projects

Tertiary Education  
**\$3.7B** 44 projects

Workforce Development  
**\$2.0B** 35 projects

Adult and Continuing Education  
**\$100M** 7 projects

Public Administration  
**\$3.5B** 132 projects

Other Educational Projects  
**\$1.0B** 30 projects

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