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 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.

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.

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.

**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**

Meeting the COVID-19 Crisis

**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.

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

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<th>Region</th>
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1 All dollars are in US$. 

**THE WORLD BANK**
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
Accelerator Program
Literacy Policy Package
Read@Home

Childcare and Early Childhood
Assessments

Teachers
Teach
Coach

Results-Based Financing
Results in Education for All Children (REACH)

Capacity Building
Mission Recovering Education 2021
Continuous and accelerated learning

COVID-19 response
Evidence in Education

Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel
SIEF Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund

Education Technology
reimagine education
EdTech Hub

Education Financing
Global Education Finance Platform (GEFP)

Global Trust Funds
Tertiary Education and Skills
Foundational Learning Compact

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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