

PLEDGE FROM NEPAL
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The Government of Nepal pledges to maintain an allocation of at least 15% of the national budget to and 18% of the actual expenditure in the education sector, and progressively increase both over the coming years. We would like to note that additional budgets are also allocated to education by local government institutions, which have a mandatory provision to allocate 20% of the village, municipal and district level budgets to the social sector (predominantly education). This provision will be continued in the coming years as well.

We are committed to observing good governance practices and improving regulatory functions with a focus on effective utilization of available resources. The Education Management Information System (EMIS) already contains extensive disaggregated data on the student population (by region, gender, ethnicity, disability and so on) to ensure that progress under the School Sector Reform Program can be tracked properly. This system will be enhanced by adding Financial Management Information System and M & E modules.

Nepal has also made remarkable progress in expanding early childhood education across the country. Likewise, more girls and female teachers are now in the school system. Children who faced deprivations for generations are now attending classes. The major challenges for us are how we can sustain the gains we have made and how we can ensure children's learning in our classrooms. Further, we need to pay immediate attention to the out of school children and children facing multiple exclusions, particularly those who are facing social deprivations, economic disadvantages and disability. Our concerted efforts and public-private partnerships can make a difference to provide educational opportunities and life skills to our children. We are committed to strengthening our partnership with non-state actors to ensure effective delivery of education services to all children.

Recognizing the multiple challenges our children face, we are preparing a consolidated equity strategy for Nepal's education sector. A costed and time bound action plan for 2015 and beyond has been prepared. Free and Compulsory Basic Education will be implemented by an Act of Parliament to ensure children's equitable and inclusive access to quality education.