

Instructions for the EFA FTI Global and Regional Activities (GRA) Program Stakeholder Consultations

Thematic Papers

The EFA FTI Secretariat's Global Good Practice (GGP) Team prepared thematic issues papers on education financing, out of school, and learning outcomes. These papers will serve as the main discussion tool for the consultative sessions, and are not considered exhaustive, rather we seek your inputs on who is doing what, where, and how, and good practices to be shared, scaled up, etc.

All papers describe:

- "gaps" in knowledge and practice at the country and regional level that need to be addressed as well as the results needed and expected (outputs and outcomes) from new activities to fill those "gaps", and
- eligible activities to address each priority theme.

Based on the outcomes of the consultations, the GGP Team will develop Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for specific GRA programmatic activities in each thematic area. All RFPs will fund concrete activities from the eligible activities list. RFPs will be results-oriented and will identify the specific outputs and outcomes that the EFA FTI Partnership wants to support. Proposals that are tendered in response to these RFPs will be assessed according to objective criteria and discussed by panels of external experts. Each activity or set of activities will be implemented by a Supervising Entity (SE) which will act as a funds-holder (via a transfer agreement) and may contract out to other entities (implementing body at the local level) if appropriate. SEs will be official bodies such as bilateral donor agencies or multilateral technical or financial agencies.

Instructions for Responding

For both consultations:

1. Provide written comments in a separate file, not using Track Changes or a commenting option such as in Word.
2. In the file, organize your comments so that all of the comments on each of the 3 thematic area papers are together and properly labeled with a heading.
3. Send comments to Koli Banik at the EFA FTI Secretariat at kbanik@educationfasttrack.org. All comments will be displayed on the EFA FTI website—unless you specify otherwise.

Consultation 1

According to each stakeholder's technical expertise, read one to three of the thematic papers on out of school, education financing, and learning outcomes. When preparing written responses, please think about the following guiding questions:

- Are there gaps in knowledge and practice areas which are missing? Or are there some areas we have identified as gaps that are in fact redundant because plenty of knowledge and experience exists? If redundant, please provide evidence (i.e. point to studies, projects already implemented by an institution, well-implemented policies in many countries, etc).
- Identify organizations/supervising entities best suited to coordinate/carry out program activities as described. Please explain why you think these organizations are best suited.

Deadline for comments: **June 3rd**

Consultation 2

We will do our best to accommodate comments, views, and opinions received from Consultation 1. However, we cannot promise to make sure every single opinion is reflected as there may be contradictory views, or views that exceed the budget. We will carefully study all views and do our best to deal with them. On that basis we will engage in a second consultation, in which we will ask the following.

- Read revised thematic papers (Approximately June 17th)
- Provide written comments on the revised papers if you feel strongly that your concerns have not been addressed.

Deadline to provide comments: **July 1st**

