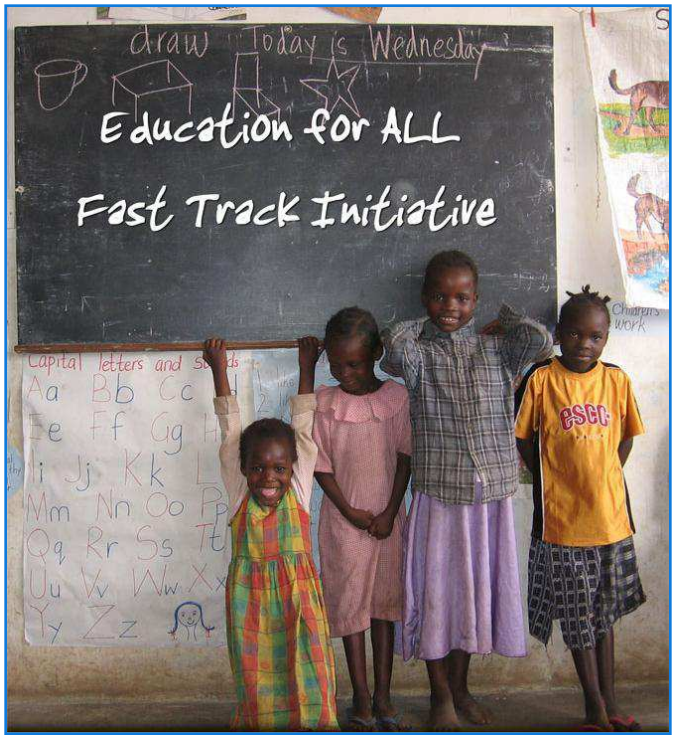
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Prioritization model for Catalytic Fund

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Copenhagen decision

- An approach is needed to handle a situation where demand is greater than supply;
- A new approach or model must balance attention to educational needs with attention to capacity and proven ability to achieve results; It must have a strong country focus and remain sensitive to context;
- It shall contribute to strengthening country ownership, harmonization, alignment and aid effectiveness;
- The model shall be easy to understand and thus transparent and create possibilities to enhance predictability.
- Task team led by Sweden met for two days in Stockholm in June 2009.

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Model step 1

- Eligibility refined:
- ”Small island economies as well as IDA countries that are, or have been in category 1 and 2 during the last two years, are eligible for FTI funding, except blend countries in Category 2”.

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Model step 2

- Formal letter of intention to apply for CF
- Based on:
  - Available amount (from replenishment)
  - Number of countries and their Needs and Performance Framework rating
- A range from 80% to 100% is disclosed to new countries (70% to 100% for re-applying countries.
- 100% is the amount calculated using NPF

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Model step 3

- Applicaton timetable on the FTI website
- Application describes how to handle a low and high allocation scenario
- Implementation and management capacity and CD efforts clearly addressed in application, measured by:
  - Achieved results compared with priorities
  - Ability and interest to learn from experience
  - Budget execution performance
  - Policy and capacity to remove barriers
- CFC decide on the four issues final range
- EQR will also review performance and capacity
- CFC makes final decision including an analysis of risks and risk mitigation

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Other recommendations

- Mechanism to handle excess funds needs to be developed
- Work on adding a literacy indicator to the NPF
- A discussion in the CFC of issues dealing with populous countries might be needed
- Minimum threshold of 10 million USD is suggested
- Government presentation in the CFC should be considered

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