## UPDATE ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

**For Information**

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Board of Directors with a brief summary on progress on resource mobilization since the successful Global Partnership for Education ("Global Partnership" or "GPE") Pledging Conference in Copenhagen in November 2011.

### 2. RECOMMENDED DECISION

This paper is for information/input only and no decision is being sought at this time from the Board of Directors.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3.1 Since the Pledging Conference US$184 million in additional pledges have been committed to the Global Partnership funds, for a total of US$1.694 billion overall. We anticipate an additional US$500 million to be committed over the pledging period, which will result in the total replenishment to be well above US$2 billion. More information on this matter will be provided at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

3.2 The Secretariat will provide regular updates to the Board of Directors on progress regarding:

(a) securing contributions to the GPE Fund as a result of the pledges made by existing donors at the November 2011 Pledging Conference; and

(b) securing pledges and contributions by new donors that did not pledge at the Pledging Conference.

## 4. BACKGROUND

4.1 In November 2011, the Global Partnership for Education convened representatives from 52 countries to make pledges to support progress towards universal quality basic education. A total of 60 commitments were made, comprising pledges from donor partners, developing country partners, civil society and the teaching profession, private sector, private foundations and multilateral agencies. The pledges focused on:

- Increasing contributions to the GPE Fund;
- Increasing bilateral aid to basic education in low-income countries;
- Increasing domestic financing for education;
- Increasing other external financing to education (e.g. civil society organizations and private companies and foundations); and
- Various policy pledges in support of GPE priorities.

4.2 Subsequent to the Pledging Conference, the Secretariat has developed several mechanisms to ensure that these pledges are delivered and that each partner is accountable for the commitments made. These mechanisms include publishing the pledges made, integrating monitoring of pledges into existing monitoring exercises, and creating new products to publish progress made where such existing mechanisms were insufficient.

4.3 In January 2012, the Secretariat produced a report entitled **"Pledges to the Global Partnership for Education"** which provides a summary of the aims of the replenishment, and individual summaries of each pledge delivered at the Pledging Conference. Partners were invited to provide feedback on this report to ensure its accuracy. In May 2012, the final report was published. This report can be found online at:
http://www.globalpartnership.org/media/Misc./SummaryofPartnerCommitments.pdf

## 5. PROGRESS ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION SINCE THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE

5.1 Since the Pledging Conference, the Global Partnership has received additional pledges/funding for the GPE Fund from:

- Sweden (US$41 million for 2011);
- Belgium (Euro 36 million to 2015);
- Norway (US$10 million for 2012);
- Switzerland (US$6 million for 2012);
- Germany (Euro 1 million for 2011); and
- The United Kingdom (US$80 million for 2014/2015, which is technically under the next replenishment period).

5.2 Two European donors have informed the Secretariat that they will make financial contributions from 2012, though the amount is still unclear. One of them is a new donor and the other has contributed in the past but did not pledge at the Pledging Conference.

5.3 In terms of new donors, the Chair and/or Senior Replenishment Adviser will be visiting Korea, New Zealand and Qatar just prior to the June 2012 Board meeting. In addition to bringing additional funding aligned with the Global Partnership at the country level, one of the areas of interest for Qatar[1] is working with the Global Partnership and the Open Society Foundations (Soros) on the establishment of an education bond (modified from the International Finance Facility for Immunisation model which is used by GAVI). This is in its very early stages of research and the Secretariat will update the Board of Directors on progress during the meeting.

5.4 The Secretariat is not aware of any donors that will not honor their pledges to the GPE Fund made at the Pledging Conference. A number of donors are in the process of finalizing their Contribution Agreements. The Secretariat and Trustee are in discussion with one donor regarding US$10 million in delayed payment.

5.5 The economic conditions in Europe still hamper resource mobilization efforts. For example, in a recent visit to Rome, the Italian Government advised that they were in no position to provide further contributions to the Global Partnership in the immediate

[1] Qatar is working with the Global Partnership through an organization led by Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned called Every Child Will Learn.

term, although very much wanted to remain engaged and hoped the situation would change in 2013 and 2014.

## 6. MONITORING COMMITMENTS TO THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

6.1 The Board of Directors has requested the Secretariat to develop a **Results Report** which will provide annual updates on progress towards education indicators in developing country partners. This data will derive from country-level information gathered through joint sector review processes and other national monitoring efforts in the education sector. Developing country partner commitments to both finance and policy priorities will be shared with the Local Education Groups and monitored as part of the existing monitoring processes in-country.

6.2 The Secretariat will develop an annual **Report on Policy Pledges** of partners to publicize the progress since the Pledging Conference. This report will be released in November 2012, November 2013 and November 2014. The data in this report will derive from existing data sources plus from an annual survey sent out to all donors, multilateral agencies, civil society organizations, private sector and private foundations which will be required to provide a progress update on their pledges. Information will also be posted on the GPE website and shared through its communications channels.

6.3 The Secretariat will also publish an annual **Financing Report** to track donor and developing country financing commitments to basic education. This report will derive from multiple sources including the Global Monitoring Report, country surveys, civil society-produced oversight research, data from the OECD Development Assistance Committee and World Bank, among others. The purpose of this report is to provide a snapshot of financing in the sector, with a forward-looking perspective. It is predicted that it will identify countries with potential significant financing gaps.

## 7. UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE AND POST 2015 FRAMEWORK

The Secretariat understands that the UN Secretary General will be launching an education initiative during Leaders' Week at the opening of the UN General Assembly in September 2012. The Chair and the Secretariat have been involved in some of the early discussions with the UN Secretary General's office. This is still in its formative stage and the details are still being developed. An update will be provided to the Board of Directors during the resource mobilization presentation at the June 2012 meeting of the

Board of Directors, in addition to some early thinking on how the Global Partnership might help contribute to the post-2015 Millennium Development Goal agenda.

## 8. IMPLICATIONS FOR SECRETARIAT RESOURCES

The resource needs of the Secretariat for resource mobilization activities over the next 18 months are incorporated in the Secretariat budget presented in BOD/2012/06-09.

## 9. NEXT STEPS

9.1 The Secretariat will continue to work intensively to secure additional resources for the GPE Fund. There are clear indications of increased contributions from a number of existing donors. In addition, those donors who only made single-year pledges at the Pledging Conference will require regular follow-up in order to maintain their annual contributions.

9.2 Further work will be undertaken to pursue an education bond offering, in conjunction with Open Society Foundations and Qatar.

9.3 Emerging donors will receive greater attention in the coming 12 months.