GPE commitment to *Education First* Initiative

GPE galvanizes and coordinates a global effort to deliver good quality education to all girls and boys.

Every child—no matter how poor, no matter how difficult his or her circumstances—deserves an education so they can have hope for their future. It is their right.

Almost half of the 61 million out of school children live in fragile contexts.

There was an important high level working meeting on Monday, 24 September 2012, as part of the ***Education First*** Initiative, focused on protecting children's rights to a quality education in humanitarian emergencies and conflict. GPE commends the "Call to Action" from that meeting.

GPE is a unique partnership supporting countries to develop and implement good education plans that are sustainable and country led, supported by donors, civil society, international organizations and the private sector.

At its core, GPE commits to addressing access, learning, inequity/marginalization and improving government systems.

Through this, GPE commits to:

- Place assisting fragile states and conflict affected environments at the top of its priorities;
- Integrate emergency preparedness, response and recovery into sector plans at all levels (national and sub-national);
- Support through its current funding cycle over 6.5 million more children to attend and complete primary school while receiving a good quality education;
- Focus its resources on the most marginalized children.