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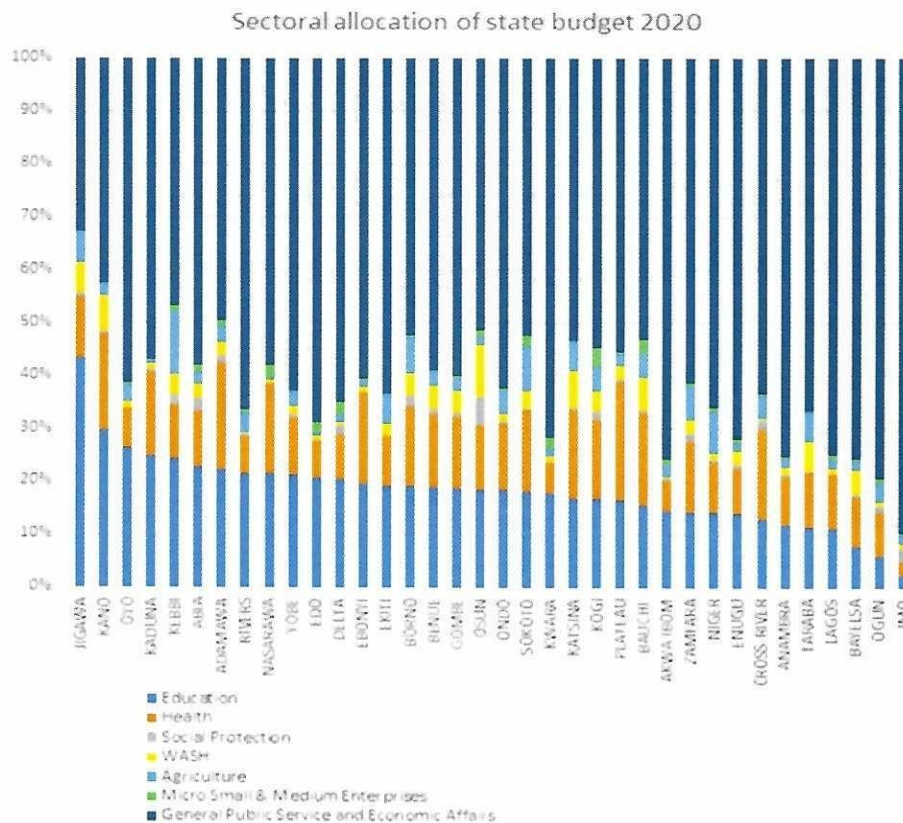
Alice P. Albright,
Chief Executive Officer,
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RE: GLOBAL EDUCATION SUMMIT: FINANCING GPE 2021-2025; NIGERIA'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION SECTOR FUNDING

1. I write to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated May 11 and 19, 2021 on related subject matters and to convey our shared acceptance of the concerns raised in support of education to Nigeria and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) partner countries worldwide.
2. We are greatly inspired by the potential benefits partner countries will gain from the proposed fundraising of US\$5 billion for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) being spearheaded by the Governments of Kenya and the United Kingdom.
3. I wish to reiterate that expanding access to quality education remains our top priority and Nigeria is committed to provide the required education financing towards ensuring that every child gets quality education, especially in the face of threats being posed by the ravaging COVID-19 Pandemic. Our government has developed specific mechanisms to provide adequate funding to basic education and ensure the actualization of our President's declaration on free and compulsory basic education for the first 9 years of schooling.
4. To complement government-funded programmes and projects, partnerships such as the GPE's various grants in Nigeria namely: the US\$100 million Nigeria Partnership for Education Project (NIPEP), the US\$20 million Accelerated Funding grant, the US\$15 million COVID-19 Response grant and the recently approved US\$125 GPE million grant for Education Sector Plan Implementation Program (ESPIG) are being undertaken to ensure wider and more inclusive provision of quality basic education for all learners in Nigeria. Other programmes such as the US\$611 million Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA), the US\$500 million Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) targeted at girl child education; €19 million EURO Skills Development for Youth Employment (SKYE) and the

US\$200 million Innovation Development and Effectiveness in the Acquisition of Skills (IDEAS) targeted at post-basic and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) have mobilized over US\$1.3 billion for investment in basic and secondary education in the country.

5. Nigeria has constitutionally mandated commitment to basic education in the form of a 2% share of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) being allocated to the Universal Basic Education Commission. Similarly, a 2% Education Tax is imposed and disbursed through the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) to address infrastructure and training/capacity building needs of teachers. Total TETFund disbursement over the last 5 years exceeded US\$3.8 billion. It is also pertinent to state that an analysis of budget revisions across both the state and federal levels following the COVID shock showed that while absolute allocations were cut in most sectors (a 35% cut across combined budgets), health and education were prioritized relative to other sectors and received higher shares of total resources than in the original budget (from 14% to 16.8%) as seen below.



6. Given Nigeria's complex federal structure, it is important to spread commitments across the Federal, State and Local levels of government which are primarily responsible for education service delivery. The Federal Government has put in place strategies to implement the 10 Ministerial priority areas as shown in Annex 1 attached. Accordingly, the Government of Nigeria hereby makes the following commitments going forward:

- To ensure that total education spending increase by 50% over the next two years and up to 100% within the next five years (2021 – 2025)
- To work with all States and their Local Government Areas to ensure that States progress towards or maintain spending levels above 20% of the total budget to achieve national minimum standards for education outcomes.
- To work closely with sub-federal levels of government to support more timely and robust financial reporting to improve transparency and accountability and Implement advocacy and prioritize funding to increase enrolment and completion rates in primary and secondary schools, with special attention to school-age girls.
- To work towards increasing efficiency and equity in the use of State Universal Basic Education Board funds to cater for pro-active Teacher Training Programs, Implement the "Every Child Counts" STEAM Curriculum and Update national minimum standards for education outcomes.
- To invest in digital learning, adopt and implement educational policies that will foster gender inclusion, safety, security and violence free schooling.
- To implement the National Reading Framework, the Accelerated Basic Education Program (ABEP) and lead the transformation of an integrated Education Management Information System (EMIS) to a pupil wise and open system for timely reporting, effectively enabling the sector to support decision-making, policy-analysis and formulation, planning, monitoring and management at all levels of the system.

7. The actualization of these commitments is top priority of the Government hence; monitoring mechanisms have been put in place to ensure they are accomplished. Reporting and quality assurance frameworks are being deployed to all responsible Departments and Agencies of the Federal Ministry of Education while the Annual Education Sector Performance Reviews, Annual School Census surveys and our integrated NEMIS system are veritable instruments used to update the achievement of these commitments periodically. Similarly, the Nigeria's Annual Education Conference (NAEC) and the National Education Group (NEG) are trusted platforms for engagement by all stakeholders to drive the implementation of these commitments.

8. We thus, confirm Nigeria's participation at the proposed Global Education Summit: Financing Global Partnership for Education 2021 – 2025, scheduled from July 28 – 29, 2021 as we lend our voice to the "Raise Your Hand" campaign on closing the financial gap for education.

9. Please accept the assurances of our esteemed regards.



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Annex 1: Template for Country Commitments

Recognizing the enormous pressures and significant uncertainties facing governments and policymakers at this time, and the need to ensure commitments are credible, the following principles are designed to guide their formulation.

Volume commitment

Basis for commitment (%)

Please select one of the boxes below (click on the box):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Education expenditure as a share of total budget (incl. debt servicing)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education expenditure as a share of total budget (excl. debt servicing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education expenditure as a share of GDP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Per capita education expenditure as a share of per capita GDP (by sub-sector)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other % (please specify)
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Description of education budget perimeter

Please list all line ministries responsible for elements included in the calculation of education expenditures. Ideally this description should identify where in the national budget relevant elements are recorded.

1. Federal Ministry of Education
2. Universal Basic Education Commission (2% of CRF)
3. TETFund - 2% Tertiary Education Tax

Historical and projected expenditures (%)

Please include all available historical expenditures (executed budget), as well final projected value for the year in which your commitment ends. Inclusion of intermediate values are encouraged but not required. If your commitment ends before 2025 (the duration of GPE's new strategic plan) please provide a brief rationale below (eg. alignment of commitment duration with country MTEF).

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
12.6%		11.6%	11.2%	14%	16.7%	20%	22.5%

Rationale (optional): The National commitment to education funding spans the subsisting Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) of the budget office of the federation for the 2021 – 2025 period and the Government declaration of emergency in the education sector.

Other indicative policy commitments

Please describe here any significant policy commitments on equity and efficiency on areas of priority for your country. These might include gender, equality, better management of the teacher workforce, improvements in timeliness and accessibility of data for mutual accountability, national recovery stimulus spending targeting education, as well cross sector imperatives, including restoring/expanding school health and nutrition programs to leave no one behind etc. We also encourage commitments to strengthen the working relationship between Ministries of Finance and Education.

The Federal Ministry of Education as the key driver of Government policies is working with the States and Local Government Areas to ensure:

- Total education spending increase by 50% over the next two years and up to 100% within the next five years (2021 – 2025)
- States and their Local Government Areas progress towards or maintain spending levels at 20% of the total budget to achieve national minimum standards of education outcomes.
- Sub-federal levels of government support more timely and robust financial reporting to improve transparency, accountability, implement advocacy and prioritize funding to increase enrolment, retention and completion rates in primary and secondary schools, with special attention to school-age girls.
- Increased efficiency and equity in the use of State Universal Basic Education Board funds to cater for pro-active Teacher Training Programs, Implement the "Every Child Counts" STEAM Curriculum and Update national minimum standards for education outcomes.
- Invest in digital learning, adopt and implement educational policies that will foster gender inclusion, safety, security and violence free schooling.
- Implement the National Reading Framework, the Accelerated Basic Education Program (ABEP) and lead the transformation of an integrated Education Management Information System (EMIS) to a pupil wise and open system for timely reporting, effectively enabling the sector to support decision-making, policy-analysis and formulation, planning, monitoring and management at all levels of the system.
- Actualize these commitments with the already deployed monitoring mechanisms in all responsible Departments and Agencies of the Federal Ministry of Education, while the Annual Education Sector Performance Reviews, Annual School Census surveys and the integrated NEMIS system update and report the achievements of these commitments periodically. Similarly, the Nigeria's Annual Education Conference (NAEC) and the National Education Group (NEG) are trusted platforms for engagement by all stakeholders to drive the implementation of these commitments.

Furthermore, to achieve the Federal Government of Nigeria's priority '**to expand access to quality education**', the Federal Ministry of Education has adopted the following 10 ministerial priority commitments:

1. *Ensure countrywide compliance with Mr. President's June 12 declaration on the enforcement of free and compulsory basic education for the first 9 years of schooling.*
2. *Implement advocacy and prioritize funding to increase enrolment and completion rates in primary and secondary schools, with special attention to school-age girls.*
3. *Implement the "Every Child Counts" STEAM Curriculum.*
4. *Execute with all the States, a pro-active Teacher Training Plan.*
5. *Update national minimum standards for education outcomes.*
6. *Review the operation of specialized education funds and implement reforms to optimize their benefit to the sector.*
7. *Develop curriculum for promoting values that shape citizens mind set and character.*
8. *Prepare at least 6 universities to be among the first 1,000 universities in the world.*
9. *Actively collaborate with the private sector to create a large number of well-paying jobs for Nigerian Youths.*

10. Implement strategy towards the realization of Mr. President's June 12 promise to take 100 million Nigerians out of poverty in the next 10 years.

Other Ministries and LEG

Please indicate if this commitment was endorsed by other ministries as relevant, including the ministry of finance, and has been shared with the LEG: This commitment was a unanimous agreement at the Federal Executive Council meeting with the endorsement of all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and shared with the National Education Group (NEG) for concurrence as the strategic direction of the government.