Scope of EFA FTI

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Background

• April 2009: FTI Steering Committee approved in principle to consider expanding the scope of FTI

• Task Team was formed to explore the implications

• Development of an issues paper, including recommendations from the Head of FTI Secretariat and Chair of the Board of Directors
Recommendation 1: Capacity Building & ESP Development (PACE activities)

- The successor program of the EPDF should cover financing for:
  - Policy dialogue
  - Capacity development
  - Planning support

- For the **whole sector** and **all low-income countries**

- Implications
  - This option will be relatively easy to operate
Recommendation 2: ESP Implementation (Catalytic Fund)

Scenario 1: Basic Education

- Early childhood education
- Primary education
- Lower secondary education
- Adult literacy

- Includes IDA cat. 3 countries

- Financial implications
  - More business as usual with larger financial needs due to IDA 3 countries
Recommendation 2: ESP Implementation (Catalytic Fund)

Scenario 2: EFA Goals

- all of Scenario 1, plus:
  - Life-long learning
  - All aspects of quality of education
  - Eliminate gender disparities

- Financial implications
  - FTI Single Fund replenishment at higher level needed to be viable
  - Need an indicative amount (80%) of funds to be earmarked for basic education, the rest could be used for the rest of the sector
Recommendation 2: ESP Implementation (Catalytic Fund)

Scenario 3: The whole sector

- Financial Implications
  - FTI Single Fund would need to be replenished at a much higher level for this option to be viable
  - This option would take the longest to establish and will be the most labor and cost intensive to operationalize
Recommendation 3: FTI coordinates sector approach

- EFA FTI as the main aid coordinating mechanism
- Close consultation and dialogue with other partners necessary to avoid overlapping mandates

- Implications
  - This option would take the longest to establish and will be the most labor and cost intensive to operationalize.
Decisions for the Board

**Recommendation 1**
The whole sector and IDA 3 eligible for PACE-type activities through the FTI Single Fund

**Recommendation 2**
EFA goals and IDA 3 are eligible for ESP implementation support from the FTI Single Fund

→ *Best option according to FTI Secretariat*

**Recommendation 3**
FTI main aid coordinating mechanism for education
Implications of Eligible IDA 3

- At least **9 million out-of-school children** are in IDA 3 countries
- There are a total of **27 IDA 3 countries** and data is missing from 6 (i.e. Cameroon and Angola).