



Terms of Reference
Data Specialist for Education Data Leadership Program (EDLP)
Private Sector and Foundations Team and Education Policy and Learning Team
GPE Secretariat

Background/General Description

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is a shared commitment to ending the world's learning crisis. It is the only global partnership and fund dedicated entirely to helping children in lower-income countries get a quality education, so they can unlock their potential and contribute to building a better world.

GPE mobilizes partners and funds to help 76 partner countries transform their education systems and deliver quality learning to more girls and boys, especially those who are marginalized by poverty, gender, disability or displacement.

On July 29, 2021, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta co-hosted the Global Education Summit in London, which raised a record US\$4 billion from donors for GPE.

This fundraising total puts GPE firmly on the path to achieving its target of raising at least \$5 billion over the next five years to transform education for millions of the world's most vulnerable children. A fully funded GPE would enable up to 175 million children to learn and help get 88 million more girls and boys in school by 2025

The GPE Secretariat of over 100 full-time staff is hosted by the World Bank with the majority of staff based in Washington, D.C. and a small but growing team in Europe. A constituency-based Board of Directors sets policies and strategies and approves performance-based funding grants to improve learning outcomes and equity through building stronger education systems in developing countries.

The Private Sector and Foundations and the Education Policy and Learning teams seek to recruit a Data Specialist to provide technical support and development of content for the recently launched Education Data Leadership Program. Responding to data challenges faced by partner countries, the EDLP aims to establish a consortium of private sector partners willing to share strategic capabilities and innovative solutions pro-bono to strengthen data competency and EMIS, particularly responding to the data challenges identified by partner ministries of education.

Duties and Accountabilities

This position is co-located within the Private Sector and Foundations (External Relations Team) and the Education Policy and Learning (EPL) teams of the Secretariat, whose responsibilities respectively include private sector and private foundations engagement and technical policy formulation and learning. EPL's primary objective is to consolidate a solid evidence base on the challenges and what works in GPE's priority policy areas, including identifying and responding to country needs to share and exchange knowledge and practices across the partnership.

An initial identification of tasks includes the following; however, additional tasks may be identified according to the evolving needs of the EDLP:

- Provide day to day logistical support and data-related technical inputs to support the implementation of Phase 1 of the Education Data Leadership Program, particularly in year 1/phase 1 (October 1 2021 – September 30, 2022).
- Support the EPL team senior data specialist, the Private Sector Engagement lead and EDLP project coordinator to work with developing country partners' data/EMIS focal points and business members of the EDLP consortium to produce information sessions and related materials responding to data related challenges and designed to strengthen data management capacity.
- Provide logistical and technical support to ensure robust and accurate technical approaches, information program design and implementation of the EDLP's "Bootcamp" approach.
- Support communications with data and EMIS staff at ministries of education engaged in the EDLP to confirm and capture their needs and to ensure that the information and guidance developed respond to such needs.
- In consultation with the Private Sector Engagement lead and project coordinator, work with technical counterparts in the business community to help communicate the needs/challenges of the ministries to such counterparts and to jointly develop the information and guidance for their benefit.
- Support the development and implementation of frameworks for the monitoring of the impact of such guidance and further development of materials/presentations based on feedback from all technical partners. Propose revisions to guidance based on this feedback.
- Attend all relevant team meetings and capture key decision points

Timeframe

This initial contract will be for a maximum of 90 days (with possibility of extension) between November 2021 and June 2022. The contract is expected to start in November.

Working and Reporting Relationships

The consultant will report directly to the Lead, Private Sector Engagement and EPL Thematic Lead on Data Systems, under the ultimate management of the Private Sector and Foundations Team Lead.

GPE is committed to achieving diversity in terms of race, gender, nationality, culture, and educational background. Individuals with disabilities and nationals of GPE developing country partners are equally encouraged to apply.

Please send your resume and cover letter to [Randa Adechoubou: radechoubou@globalpartnership.org](mailto:radechoubou@globalpartnership.org) by October 15, 2021

Selection Criteria

- Master's degree in relevant discipline or the equivalent experience with at least 5 - 7 years' meaningful professional experience in a similar function within the international development context
- Strong understanding of the global international development environment, key institutions and partners
- Substantial technical experience in data systems, including data collection, management and use issues and challenges, particularly at country level.
- Experience in designing training modules and/or technical guidance for developing country audiences strongly desired.
- Demonstrated strengths in written and oral communications, with strong ability to convey sophisticated ideas in a clear, direct, and lively style
- Ability to communicate and write competently in English. The ability to communicate professionally in French will be considered an asset.