Global Partnership for Education

Short-term temporary (STT) for the Results and Performance (R&P) team
Terms of Reference (December 2021)

Background
Are you a passionate advocate for education? Do you want to make a difference in the lives of children in the world’s poorest countries? The Global Partnership for Education Secretariat (GPE) would like to hear from you.

Who we are
GPE is a shared commitment to end 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. We bring together governments, teachers, civil society, donors, United Nations agencies, development banks, businesses and private foundations to achieve our shared vision that every child deserves to learn.

What we do
GPE currently supports 76 low- and lower-middle-income countries to transform their education systems so that all children can get the education they need to thrive. We work where the needs are greatest and focus on reaching the children who are the most vulnerable, including girls, children with disabilities and those who live in countries characterized by extreme poverty or conflict.

How we work
Transforming education is about creating lasting changes and achieving impact at scale. GPE’s new strategic plan, GPE 2025, sets out to deliver this transformative change by convening partners, mobilizing funds and catalyzing reforms to help partner countries get more girls and boys in school, improve teaching and learning, and build equitable, inclusive and resilient education systems fit for the 21st century.

Governance and organizational arrangements
The GPE Board of Directors includes ministerial-level board members and alternates representing 20 constituencies that reflect the Partnership’s breadth. The Board of Directors, with its three standing committees, provides policy and strategic oversight and approves or delegates funding decisions. The GPE Secretariat, with over 120 employees and hosted by the World Bank, is responsible for translating the policies and strategies set by the Board into practical support for partner countries, coordinating with diverse stakeholders and galvanizing global support for SDG4. The Secretariat’s headquarters are located in the World Bank’s offices in Washington, D.C. and the European office is in Paris with a satellite office in Brussels.

This consultancy is located in the Results and Performance (R&P) Team of the Secretariat. R&P’s responsibilities is to lead GPE2025 Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) framework and help the Partnership learn from evidence.

Purpose of the Consultancy
The purpose of the consultancy is two-fold: 1) to help code GPE grants; 2) to provide support of new GPE evaluation portfolio.
GPE provides grant financing to countries to strengthen their education systems. In order to understand and analyze how GPE grants support education, the GPE Secretariat has developed and applied a methodology for identifying and coding the specific areas of education that the grants support and for estimating the amount of grant funds allocated for those areas. GPE Secretariat has been conducting this “grant coding and costing” exercise since 2016 to comprehensively understand GPE grants’ areas of focus and estimated $ amount allocated to each area. With the launch of GPE2025 strategy, coding framework has been updated to understand GPE’s grant investment to the eight priority areas under GPE2025.

GPE also commissions independent evaluations of its grants and processes. The consultant is expected to support the development of the new GPE evaluation portfolio, which includes but it not limited to: providing data and documentation to evaluators, conducting secondary analyses, supporting the management of overall implementation and quality assurance processes, and contributing to the learning-from-evaluation agenda, among other evaluation-related tasks.

The consultant will support both areas of work outlined above. The work will start in January 2022.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

The consultant will have the following specific responsibilities:

- Conduct a coding and costing exercise for GPE implementation grants, applying the new coding framework based on the new GPE priority areas.
- Peer review coding and costing conducted by other coders
- Support other data extraction, analysis, and synthesis from grants and GPE databases on grant financing and performance
- Provide data/documents to evaluators, conduct analyses, support evaluation management, and contribute to the learning-from-evaluation agenda, among other evaluation-related tasks.

There will be no travel required for this consultancy. The consultant can work remotely.

**Timeframe**

This contract is for 200 hours in total, with possibility of extension depending on the business needs and performance.

**Reporting Relationships**

The consultant will report to Anne Guison-Dowdy (based in Washington DC) and Kyoko Yoshikawa Iwasaki (based in Tokyo, Japan) in Results and Performance Team of GPE Secretariat.

**Selection Criteria**

- Bachelor’s degree or higher in international education, evaluation, or other social science e.g. sociology, international development, economics, or a related discipline
- At least two years of work experience. Experience in monitoring and evaluation is preferable.
- Familiarity with GPE grant documents and processes is a strong plus. Prior experience in coding is an added advantage.
- Effective time-management and organizational skills
- Strong writing, analytical, and synthesis skills
- Ability to work under tight deadlines and with minimal supervision
- Proficiency in English. French proficiency is a strong advantage.
- Ability to communicate clearly and accurately both verbally and in writing
- Proficient in Microsoft Excel
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 Anne Guison-Dowdy (aguison@globalpartnership.org) and Kyoko Yoshikawa Iwasaki (kiwasaki@globalpartnership.org) by January 2nd 2022.