

Terms of Reference

Short Term Consultant (STC) – Aid Alignment to PFM systems

GPE Secretariat

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. Since 2002, 160 million more children in GPE partner countries have set foot in classrooms for the first time, more than half of them girls. In 2020, GPE was also the largest provider of education grants in the global COVID-19 response, rapidly providing partner countries with vital resources to ensure that learning could safely continue.

Job Description

The successful candidate will report to a Grant Operations Team Lead in the Finance and Grant Operations (FGO) Team and will primarily work with Senior Operations Officer-alignment, to support and identify potential opportunities in the short and medium term to better use country's PFM

systems for the implementation of GPE grants. In addition, the STC is will contribute to the development of the alignment roadmap and related assessment tools for countries in the implementation of the new Operating Model.

Ideally, the candidate would be fluent in spoken and written French and have strong command of English.

Duties and Accountabilities

The STC will work closely with Senior Operations Officer–Alignment, colleagues in FGO and the Country Engagement & Policy (CEP) Team to provide support to GPE Alignment Roadmap for the implementation of the new GPE 2025 Operating Model. Key responsibilities include the following:

- Support the Senior Operations Officer – Alignment to develop frameworks to assess potential for use of countries PFM system for GPE grants, and on that basis support the revision of the Alignment Roadmap.
- Assess potential opportunities, in the short and medium term, to better use country's PFM system for the implementation of GPE grants in French speaking countries.
- In close collaboration with CEP, provide support to stakeholders in targeted countries, including the Development Country Partner government, coordinating agency and other development partners on possible options in the short and medium term to better use country's PFM system for the implementation of GPE grants as well as other donor funding for the education sector
- Support engagement with stakeholders on GPE's efforts to increase alignment and harmonization

Time Frame

The consultancy will be for 45 days between February – June 2022. The STC is expected to start in early February 2022.

Selection Criteria

- Master's degree in public financial management, economics, international development or in a relevant related field with at least eight years significant experience (or equivalent combination of education and experience).
- Research and consulting expertise in public financing management, implementation of PFM reforms program or working within the Ministries of Finance in developing countries, external resources mobilization or donor coordination.
- Experience with cross-cultural dynamics, political sensitivity, strong negotiations skills

- Strong analytical, writing and facilitation skills
- Ability to work independently and to work effectively in teams.
- Fluency in oral and written French and English.
- Enthusiasm and commitment to the mission of GPE.

Competencies

Strong knowledge on theoretical framework to assess use of PFM systems to channel external aid.

Country Operations Knowledge and Application-Ability to provide high quality advice to teams on the appropriate use of policies, procedures and instruments.

Stakeholder Engagement-ability to advance and make substantive contributions to the country dialogue and engagement in the area of coordinated financing and funding for the education sector.

Only qualified candidates will be invited for an interview in late January 2022. To apply for this opportunity, please send your resume and cover letter to sbaeten@globalpartnership.org with CC to umurowario@globalpartnership.org by January 20th 2022.