

Terms of Reference – Short Term Consultant (STC)

Senior Advisor– Norway

External Relations Team – GPE Secretariat

Description

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. Our unique approach works. 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.

Raise Your Hand

In July 2021, the Global Education Summit raised a record US\$4 billion from donors for GPE's Raise Your Hand campaign. This put GPE firmly on the path to achieving its fundraising target of at least \$5 billion over the next five years to transform education systems in up to 90 countries and territories. At the Summit, Heads of State and Government from partner countries made historic commitments to domestic education financing and GPE also mobilized an unprecedented number of pledges from businesses, private foundations and development banks.

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. In the longer term, this investment could add \$164 billion to economies in GPE partner countries, lift 18 million people out of poverty, and protect 2 million girls from early marriage.

About the role

We are seeking an experienced **Senior Advisor – Norway** to support our national work in Norway. The contract is project-based in support of concrete deliverables between December 2021–June 2022. The max of days for this period is 70 days (average of 2 days a week). The position should be located in Oslo/ Norway.

Duties and Accountabilities

The position is part of the External Relations Team (EXR) whose responsibilities include donor relations, communications, advocacy, civil society outreach, private sector and private foundation outreach and has the primary responsibility for supporting GPE's work with Norway. The position sits within the Donor Relations Team, which takes a "whole of country" approach managing relationships with government, parliament, civil society, foundations, media and political influencers. The position reports to the Deputy Head of Donor Relations | Senior Donor Relations Lead Europe. The position holder leads on relations with Norwegian stakeholders and supports GPE's engagement strategy with Norway with a strong link to the other Nordics strategies.

An initial identification of tasks includes the following:

Under the supervision of the **Deputy Head of Donor Relations | Senior Donor Relations Lead Europe**, this role will work closely with other External Relations colleagues to:

- Further develop and implement an ambitious Parliamentary strategy for GPE in Norway;
- Liaise with and identify new influencers/ national champions, who could help channeling education into the public debate in Norway and help promoting education and GPE in the national context;
- Cooperate with communication and advocacy colleagues of national CSOs and GPE youth leaders on joint campaigning;
- Identify key events in Norway for GPE and position GPE leadership and youth at these events;
- Draft and tailor advocacy and campaigning assets /tools in Norwegian;
- Arrange relevant meetings with Media, influencers and create / implement a comms strategy around it;
- Organize events with think tanks and other actors in Norway;

Timeframe

The **Senior Advisor - Norway** will serve initially for up to 70 days between December 2021 and June 2022. The Senior Advisor should be based in Oslo/ Norway.

Reporting Relationship

The Senior Advocacy Advisor Norway will report directly to the **Deputy Head Donor Relations / Senior Donor Relations Lead – Europe** and support the Norway strategy.

Selection Criteria

- Masters' degree (Or equivalent combination of education and experience) and a minimum of 7 years' experience working within the field of Partnerships, Campaigns and/or Advocacy;
- Solid advocacy experience in the Norwegian context;
- A motivated self-starter with strong communication for change and advocacy experience in the Norway context;
- S/he will be a flexible and enthusiastic team player with a track record of delivering in a fast-moving environment.
- Ability to work effectively under pressure, prioritize and juggle multiple tasks within tight deadlines, and to deliver time-sensitive high-quality work.
- Demonstrated strength in written and oral communications in Norwegian and English and proven record in having developed or contributed to campaigns for social change, political change and fund-raising purposes;

In case of interest, please contact Sabine Terlecki, Deputy head Donor Relations | Senior Donor Relations Lead Europe at sterlecki@globalpartnership.org

Diversity and inclusion statement

Poverty has no borders. Neither does excellence. This is why we continually search for qualified individuals with a diverse set of backgrounds from around the globe.

Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups and persons with disabilities, as well as nationals from under-represented regions are equally encouraged to apply.

We are proud to be an equal opportunity and inclusive employer with a dedicated and committed workforce, and do not discriminate based on gender, gender identity, religion, creed, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability.

GPE has a zero-tolerance policy against all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment in line with its PSEAH policy.