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.

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.

**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 Chair is HE President Jakaya Kikwete and the Board Vice Chair is Dr Susan Liautaud. 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 in the World Bank’s offices in Washington, D.C. and the European office is in Paris with a satellite office in Brussels.

**Knowledge and Innovation Exchange**

The Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) is a GPE asset through which partner countries share relevant knowledge, experience, and evidence with one another, leading to better outcomes for children through more informed policy dialogue and reform processes. KIX was launched in 2019 after a comprehensive design process, comprising consultations with all of GPE’s constituencies, and under the oversight of the GPE Board. The current phase of KIX is being
implemented by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), an organization headquartered in Ottawa, Canada, who acts as the grant agent and chief implementing partner for KIX. KIX is currently resourced until mid-2024; and a proposal for refinancing KIX will be put forth to the Board in 2022.

**Duties and Accountabilities**

The consultancy aims to support the implementation of the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) during an exciting and pivotal period. Working closely with the team lead, the consultant will support the development of a refinancing proposal to the GPE Board, including the coordination and development of materials for GPE senior management, committees, and the GPE Board. The consultant will also help coordinate KIX support for partner countries as they roll out the new GPE operating model which was developed to support the implementation of GPE 2025. The role will further involve leading on internal and external communications, developing knowledge products, and supporting collaborations around KIX with other corporate workstreams and GPE Secretariat teams.

The consultant will have the following specific responsibilities:

- Support development of KIX refinancing ask to the Board, coordinating materials for the GPE Management Team, relevant Secretariat teams, and governance committees
- Develop and inform updates for Board committees including the Performance, Impact and Learning Committee
- Support linkages of KIX with GPE’s new operating model
- Lead communications on and about KIX in collaboration with the GPE and IDRC Communications teams, including development of materials and knowledge products for different audiences
- Support engagement with GPE constituencies and external partners on KIX as relevant
- Facilitate KIX-related insights to corporate activities around evidence-use, evidence-informed policy making, knowledge-sharing, and learning agenda

Support linkages with Education Out Loud as relevant and with other Secretariat teams as appropriate including External Relations, and Country Engagement and Policy

**Timeframe**

This contract is for a period of 75 days, with an anticipated start date of February 28th, 2022.
**Reporting Relationship**

The consultant will report to the Senior Education Specialist and Team Lead for KIX from the Partnerships Team of the GPE Secretariat.

**Selection Criteria**

- Master’s degree or higher in international education, development, or other related disciplines
- Five years’ work relevant experience, including experience of working with developing country partners
- Experience of working with the World Bank and/or another development agency, such as a UN agency, strongly preferred
- Skills in research and writing; the ability to write effective communication products for different audiences a plus
- Strong attention to details and organizational skills
- Excellent writing, analytical, and synthesis skills
- Ability to work under tight deadlines and with limited supervision
- Proficiency in English (required) and second language (French or Spanish highly desirable)
- Ability to communicate clearly and accurately, both verbally and in writing
- Strong interpersonal skills highly desirable

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 (2 pages max) not later at 08h00 EST on 23d February to Ian Macpherson at imacpherson@globalpartnership.org