Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Domestic Finance Commitments – Global Education Summit

Reference is made to the letter dated May 18 2021, where the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) requested the Ministry of Education to make a commitment on domestic financing for education on behalf of the Government of Rwanda by:

- Demonstrating how the Government of Rwanda will either maintain levels of education expenditure at pre-COVID levels, or work to increase the levels of expenditure towards the 20% global benchmark;
- Highlighting additional policy commitments on significant reforms to improve the equity and/or efficiency of public finance for education.

It is against this background that we hereby submit, in attachment, the Rwanda’s commitments on domestic financing for education which aims at maintaining the levels of education expenditure at pre-covid levels.

We also take this opportunity to inform you that all schools were closed in Rwanda from 15th March 2020 in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. School reopening was done gradually from 12th October 2020 starting from tertiary education (ISCED 5-8) to the lowest level (ISCED 0).

Sincerely,

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Dr. Valentine UWAMARIYA
Minister of Education

Cc:
- Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
- Hon. Minister of State in charge of Primary and Secondary Education.
- Hon. Minister of State in charge of ICT and TVET
- Permanent Secretary/Ministry of Education
## Volume commitment

### Basis for commitment (%)

Please select one of the boxes below (click on the box):

- ☐ Education expenditure as a share of total budget (incl. debt servicing)
- ☐ Education expenditure as a share of total budget (excl. debt servicing)
- ☒ Education expenditure as a share of GDP
- ☐ Per capita education expenditure as a share of per capita GDP (by sub-sector)
- ☒ Other % (Education expenditure as a share of total budget (excl. debt servicing and other non flexible budget))

### Description of education budget perimeter

Please list all line ministries responsible for elements included in the calculation of education expenditures. Ideally this description should identify where in the national budget relevant elements are recorded.


### Historical and projected expenditures (%)

Please include all available historical expenditures (executed budget), as well final projected value for the year in which your commitment ends. Inclusion of intermediate values are encouraged but not required. If your commitment ends before 2025 (the duration of GPE’s new strategic plan) please provide a brief rationale below (eg. alignment of commitment duration with country MTEF).

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**Rationale (optional):**

alignment of commitment duration with country MTEF

### Other indicative policy commitments

Please describe here any significant policy commitments on equity and efficiency on areas of priority for your country. These might include gender, equality, better management of the teacher workforce, improvements in timeliness and accessibility of data for mutual accountability, national recovery stimulus spending targeting education, as well cross sector imperatives, including restoring/expanding school health and nutrition programs to leave no one behind etc. We also encourage commitments to strengthen the working relationship between Ministries of Finance and Education.
(1) **Increased access to pre-primary education**, (2) Ensure Gender Parity in participation and achievement at all levels of education, (3) TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) and HEI (Higher Education Institutions) programmes are responsible to both labour market needs and Rwanda’s social and economic development, (4) Reduced Drop out at primary, (5) lower and upper secondary, Improved education quality in primary and secondary education, (6) Increased Technical and Vocational Education and Training, (7) Increased enrolment in STEM related courses in Higher Education and TVET

**Other Ministries and LEG**

*Please indicate if this commitment was endorsed by other ministries as relevant, including the ministry of finance, and has been shared with the LEG:*

*This commitment was endorsed by other ministries as relevant, including the ministry of finance, and will be shared with the LEG*