Recognizing the enormous pressures and significant uncertainties facing governments and policymakers at this time, and the need to ensure commitments are credible, the following principles are designed to guide their formulation.

### 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 % (please specify) |

**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.

The Ministry of Education and Training (MoET), the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management are responsible for elements included in the calculation expenditures as share of total budget.

The Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Health also have an education responsibility as they respectively managed the Agriculture College and the Nursing School.

**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).

Note the % only takes into account % of national budget to MoET only.

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A lot of 2020’s unspent budget has been rolled forward into 2021, explaining the raise in national budget (from VUV 35 billion in 2020 to VUV52 billion in 2021). 2021 Budget for Education is VUV9.7 billion out of which 7.2billion will be used for salaries.

Budget book Volume 1 & 2 (MoET from page 152)
2021_Budget_Book_Volume_1_2_English.pdf (gov.vu)
For information, the budget is on a year cycle and the planning at the Ministry level (Corporate Plan) is at a 3 year cycle.

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.

The Ministry of Education & Training (MoET) is responsible for implementing the Government’s key policies – An inclusive and equitable quality education system with lifelong learning for all. The main aim of this policy is to develop and strengthen all sectors/levels of education to ensure that all of Vanuatu’s children receive a quality education to at least Year 10. The Ministry of Education and Training was given the mandate to prepare Vanuatu’s citizens to contribute productively to national development.

The Vanuatu Education and Training Sector Strategy (VETSS) 2020-2030 was developed to align with and respond to the strategic direction and intent of the National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 to 2030. The objective of this plan is to improve education for all in an efficient and effective way.

The VETSS provides the direction and priorities, taking into account the different key policy areas such as teacher quality, school subsidies, inclusive education, plurilingualism, infrastructure, curriculum, minimum standards, evidence-based policies, management systems, monitoring and evaluation, rationalization of resources, devolution, governance, partnerships and communication.

It also provides direction for various Directorates and Work Units to focus their efforts to ensure that all commit to delivering on the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Education and training sector strategic plan 2020-2030. Vanuatu | Documents | Global Partnership for Education
The Ministry of Education & Training is also to respond to the Vanuatu Recovery Strategy 2020-2023 “Yumi Evriwan Tigeta”.

Microsoft Word – TC Harold and COVID-19 Vanuatu Recovery Strategy V3 130820 (reliefweb.int)

OTHER MINISTRIES AND LEG

The commitment towards Education is endorsed by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, it is endorsed by the Conseil of Ministers and approved in Parliament.