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Expression of interest

Gpe multiplier

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 **What is this document?**

QUICK START

Each partner country has a [pre-determined ceiling](https://www.globalpartnership.org/funding/gpe-multiplier) for potential funding through the [GPE Multiplier](https://www.globalpartnership.org/funding/gpe-multiplier). This expression of interest notifies GPE that the funds sought are within that ceiling, allowing the country to progress to a Multiplier application.

**Who is eligible?**

**All** partner countries are eligible and grant ceilings are available on [GPE’s web site](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/list-countries-and-grant-eligibility).

**What do I need to do?**

Through this form, you specify the new cofinancing **(additionality)** unlocked by the availability of the Multiplier, how that third-party support will be delivered **(cofinancing modality)**, whether there will likely be any impacts on public debt **(debt sustainability)** and how it will advance reform objectives **(focus areas)**.

Note that most countries will have completed the diagnosis, assessment and planning phases that precede GPE funding (see figure 1 in the Introduction). These include assessment of the [**enabling factors**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/draft-guide-enabling-factors-analysis-gpe-system-transformation-grants) for education system transformation by the [**Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP)**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/terms-reference-independent-technical-advisory-panel)**,** and completion or advanced development of a [**partnership compact**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/partnership-compact-development-guidelines-draft), specifying the priority education reform to be supported by GPE funding.

**What do I provide?**

You can include as annexes to this form any **documents that support your answers** regarding cofinancing additionality, modality and debt sustainability, as necessary.

**How do I submit this form?**

You can sign electronically and send it **by email,** copying your GPE country team lead, via: gpe\_grant\_submission@globalpartnership.org

**What’s next?**

Within **2 weeks**, the GPE Secretariat will review this submission and approve the amount sought for use in preparing the Multiplier application, approve it with clarifications, or make a request for clarifications. If clarifications are requested, the amount sought is not confirmed and the country may be asked to submit a revised expression of interest.

For more information and help with this form, see the [**GPE Multiplier guidelines**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/gpe-multiplier-operating-guidelines-2021-2025-draft).

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| Introduction |
| Overview |
| Country or territory | Click here to enter text. |
| Cofinancing in US dollars expected to be mobilized (total of Section 2) | Click here to enter text. |
| Coordinating agency | Click here to enter text. |
| Grant agent | Click here to enter text. |
| Total amount in US dollars that will be sought from the Multiplier | Click here to enter text. |
| Expected date for submitting Multiplier grant application | Click here to enter text. |

About the Multiplier

The GPE Multiplier is an innovative finance instrument that catalyzes education system transformation by crowding in **new and additional external funding** for implementation of countries’ priorities for system transformation as identified in their [**partnership compact**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/partnership-compact-development-guidelines-draft) or, in its absence, an education sector plan or similar planning document.

The Multiplier works alongside other sources of external funding. It can be employed as a grant or used to lower interest rates on concessional lending (for example, from multilateral development banks or bilateral donors). It can also work alongside other, non-traditional sources of development finance.

Multiplier grants are **supplemental** to any other GPE support and do not affect existing grant amounts. GPE encourages countries to implement the Multiplier alongside the **system transformation grant** to leverage the greatest financial support to prioritized education reforms and minimize transaction costs. Similarly, eligible countries can access additional funding through the [**Girls’ Education Accelerator**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/funding/girls-education-accelerator).

Each partner country has a [**pre-determined ceiling**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/funding/gpe-multiplier) for potential funding through the GPE Multiplier, set by the GPE Board. The **actual amount** it receives is largely determined by the **type of cofinancing** that unlocks the grant: the Multiplier provides US$1 for every U$3 from all development partners, while funding from foundations and the private sector is matched dollar for dollar. GPE asks for specific confirmation that both the source of cofinancing and the education program it supports have been endorsed by **the country’s local education group.**

**Obtaining the Multiplier**

All [**partner countries**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/where-we-work/partner-countries)can access a Multiplier grant. Countries applying for the Multiplier will have **already completed** the diagnostic and planning phases that precede GPE funding (figure 1). These involve analyzing the [**enabling factors**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/draft-guide-enabling-factors-analysis-gpe-system-transformation-grants) for education system transformation and assessment by the [**Independent Technical Advisory Panel (ITAP)**](https://www.globalpartnership.org/content/terms-reference-independent-technical-advisory-panel)**.** It is expected that the country will also have completed, or be nearing finalization, of a **partnership** **compact** specifying the priority education reform to be supported by GPE funding.

Countries that **already have a partnership compact** need only an approved expression of interest to apply for the Multiplier.

Figure 1. Stages in obtaining a GPE Multiplier, highlighting the expression of interest

Countries without a partnership compact are encouraged to develop one in parallel to completing this expression of interest. If a compact is not yet in place, a country can base the focus areas in this expression of interest on an education sector plan or similar high-level plan (see table 1). **However, the country will still need to seek an assessment of the enabling factors by ITAP.**

To determine the amount of each Multiplier, the GPE Secretariat confirms the **additional and new cofinancing** set out in this document.

As such, the expression of interest is not a grant application. Rather, it allows the partner country and GPE to assess three criteria central to the Multiplier achieving its goal of crowding in funding: **additionality, cofinancing modality** and **debt sustainability**. GPE also asks for a description of the **focus areas** and **education subsectors** supported by the cofinancing and the Multiplier.

Cofinancing to be used to unlock the Multiplier does not have to be disbursed or formally committed when submitting this expression of interest. It must, however, be credible and likely to be mobilized.

Table 1. Central considerations in determining the Multiplier grant amount

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| **Additionality** | The cofinancing is **unlikely** to have been mobilized or mobilized as quickly for education if the Multiplier funding were not available. |
| **Focus areas** | The Multiplier and the cofinancing will support **programs** that target education outcomes or areas of work identified in the country’s partnership compact or, in its absence, an education sector plan or similar high-level planning document.  |
| **Subsectors** | The intended sectoral apportioning of the Multiplier and its cofinancing target GPE’s priority subsectors of **pre-primary, primary, lower and upper secondary education.**  |
| **Modality** | The amount and the modality of the cofinancing. The cofinancing should be to the **same program as GPE’s funding or a common funding mechanism,** such as a pooled fund.  |
| **Debt sustainability** | Where proposed cofinancing is in the form of a **loan**, the proposed lending should be consistent with the IMF’s Debt Limits Policy and/or the World Bank Group’s Sustainable Development Finance Policy, as applicable. |

Moving to a Multiplier Application

After confirming the Multiplier amount through this expression of interest, partner countries prepare a **Multiplier grant application** to secure and implement the funding.

The Multiplier amount allocated in this process is secured for **one year** from the end of the month in which the expression of interest was approved; for example, an approval received on December 10, 2021, “ringfences” the allocation until December 31, 2022.

Countries are expected to submit a Multiplier grant application **before the end of that 12-month period**. Extensions may be possible but are not guaranteed.

Submitting the expression of interest

In completing this expression of interest, **please limit answers to 500 words** in relevant sections. Any supporting documentation can be included as annexes.

**Electronic signatures** are considered valid; typed signatures in Section 8 are sufficient.

In endorsing the expression of interest, the coordinating agency and the ministry ofeducation are alsodeemed to beproviding an assurance that the document has been **discussed and agreed** with the local education group.

Please submit all completed forms **by email**. Completed applications can be returned to: gpe\_grant\_submission@globalpartnership.org, with a copy to the relevant GPE country team lead.

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| SUBMISSION |
| 1. Context |
| Is the intention to prepare a program that integrates funding from other GPE grants? If so, please indicate whether these are the system transformation grant, the Girls’ Education Accelerator, or both. |
|  Please enter here the grants that the country is also applying for, if any. |
| Eligible countries are encouraged to apply for their system transformation grant and Multiplier at the same time and with the same grant agent. If this is not the case, please explain the decisions to: apply separately; to separate the system transformation grant and the Multiplier between different programs and/or; to use different grant agents. |
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| 2. Sources and types of cofinancing |
| **#** | **Cofinancing partner** | **Amount** | **Instrument** (grant, loan, etc.)Please note if cofinancing uses other GPE cofinancing instruments, such as the GPE Match or Debt2Ed.  |
| 1 | Click here to enter text. | Amount in US$ | Click here to enter text. |
| 2 | Click here to enter text. | Amount in US$ | Click here to enter text. |
| 3 | Click here to enter text. | Amount in US$ | Click here to enter text. |
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|  | **Total in US$** | Amount in US$ |

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| 3. Showing that funding is new and additional |
| To access the Multiplier, the cofinancing mobilized (listed in the preceding Section 2) should be **new and additional.** This means that external funding is unlikely to have been mobilized or mobilized as quickly for education if the Multiplier funding were not available. Please explain briefly **why the additional funding would not have been mobilized** or mobilized as quickly for education **without the incentive of the GPE Multiplier**. Supporting documents should be annexed to this expression of interest. These could include signed memoranda from cofinancing partners confirming that the Multiplier was critical in mobilizing their support.  |
| **#** | **Cofinancing partner** | **Please list any supporting documents submitted with this expression of interest.** |
| 1 | Click here to enter text. | Click here to enter text. |
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| **#** | **Cofinancing partner** | **Please briefly summarize the justification for additionality** |
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| 4. Scope of work |
| The Multiplier grant and cofinancing should support (or complement) the priority reform identified in a partnership compact. As one of GPE’s implementation grants, the Multiplier should be used for evidence-based investments that unlock system bottlenecks with a view to supporting system transformation. Countries yet to do so at the time of preparing the expression of interest are encouraged to develop their partnership compact to identify the priority reform and key system bottlenecks. A partnership compact is **required** if the country is seeking to access **a system transformation grant** or the **Girls’ Education Accelerator** at the same time as the Multiplier. If the country is seeking **only** to access the Multiplier and does not yet have a partnership compact, the scope of work can be based on a **national planning document**, such as an education sector plan or equivalent.Please explain the scope of work for the Multiplier and cofinancing. |
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| 5. Subsector focus |
| In principle, the cofinancing should target or benefit subsectors that are consistent with GPE’s Strategic Plan 2025, specifically **prioritizing at least one year of pre-primary education and 12 years of education and training.** Please briefly indicate the subsectors that will benefit from this cofinancing  |
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| 6. Grant modality |
| Sector pooled or budget support | Click here to enter text |
| Project pooled/cofinanced | Click here to enter text |
| Project/standalone | Click here to enter text |
| The cofinancing should be provided to the same program as GPE funds or to the same funding modality, such as a pooled fund. If the modality of the cofinancing is not through the same program (or, if not confirmed at the time of this expression of interest, is not likely to be) or funding modality as GPE funding, please:* Justify the choice (or expected choice) of modality. In particular, please explain why a different program or funding modality is to be used.
* Indicate the scope of work to be funded by the cofinancing. This should be complementary to the scope of work the Multiplier will support: for example, by financing similar activities in different regions or for different grades.
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| Click here to enter text. |
| **7. Debt sustainability (if applicable)** |
| If one or more of the instruments listed in Section 2 **creates a financial liability** for the government (for example, a loan), please outline the implications for debt sustainability.The cofinancing should be consistent with the terms of the IMF’s Debt Limits Policy and the World Bank Group’s Sustainable Development Finance Policy, as applicable. Include as an annex any documents that confirm that the cofinancing will adhere to these policies. If applicable, please also include the grant element of the cofinancing instrument.  |
| **#** | **Cofinancing partner** | **Implications for debt sustainability, if any** |
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| 8. Supplementary material |
| **Additional information**Please list below any other documents you are submitting as part of this expression of interest; for example, as evidence that the funding mobilized is new and additional.  |
| Click here to enter text. |
| **Endorsement**Please provide an **electronic signature** below. It is not necessary to hand-sign and scan this document. |
| The signatures of the partner ministry and the coordinating agency representatives endorse the expression of interest. The signatures of the cofinancing partners’ representatives confirm that the cofinancing is expected to be mobilized as set out in this expression of interest. |
| **Signature of partner ministry representative** |
| **Name of signatory:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Job title/Ministry:** | Click here to enter text. |
| **Email:** | Click here to enter text. |
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| **Signature:** | Click here to type signature. |
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| **Signature of coordinating agency representative** |
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| **Signatures of cofinancing partners** |
| 1. **Cofinancing partner representative**
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