In the face of a very real crisis, we envision a shift from business as usual so that our collective efforts transform the learning experience and drive nations forward. We need, therefore when considering the next strategic plan to crowd in more and better financing (including ensuring its effectiveness), use technology, think unconventionally, intensify our focus on delivering learning and target the marginalized.

GPE is uniquely positioned to step up its role and evolve from a focus on good planning to driving good implementation and improved outcomes. Also ensuring a sustained focus at country level on equity, efficiency and learning. We therefore call on the GPE Board, when considering the new strategic plan, to:

**Be bold and** ambitious in our vision to transform education to be inclusive, fair, data and evidence driven and delivers a quality learning experience for all children, including the most marginalized.

**Champion GPE’s unique role in strengthening national education systems and governments’ ability to deliver education,** which is the most sustainable way to ensure the education of all children – now and in the future.

**Leverage the partnership and take a more deliberate and purposeful approach to development effectiveness at global and country level,** by tangibly moving towards more aligned, systems-focused support and maximize the impact on education outcomes. It is critical that external support aligns behind our own national plans, reinforces and strengthens our systems and national capacities.

**Be innovative in finding and scaling solutions that address common education challenges facing developing country partners;** promote innovation in leveraging domestic financing for better education outcomes, including cross sector efficiencies in country programming to address the needs of the whole child.

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