Tanzania’s Pledge to the GPE Replenishment Conference, June 2014

Over the past decade His Excellency President Jakaya Kikwete has prioritised education with a major expansion of basic and post basic education provision and the its inclusion as one of the priority sectors in the Big Results Now! initiative. This initiative seeks to adopt agile performance management and results based approaches to reform, measure and drive up learning outcomes for all Tanzanian children. We were delighted to join the GPE last year and undertake to make good use of the additional resources made available to support our vision of a prosperous middle income, skills rich nation. Specifically, we pledge the following:

1/ Domestic Finance

Tanzania for the past 5 years up to 2012/13 has consistently recorded actual expenditure of 18 – 19% of total Government resources on education. We commit as a minimum to maintaining this level of support and where possible will seek to increase the percentage to meet the proposed benchmark of 20% in future years. Our primary education expenditure has exceeded 50% of the total education spend in the past two years and we pledge to continue to do so.

2/ The Data Revolution

Tanzania is an African champion and early adopter of the Open Government Partnership. All school examination data is already online! We commit to releasing publicly online every school’s key enrolment and examination performance data, every year from 2015. Further, we have initiated a rigorous independent National sample of Early Grade reading and numeracy outcomes and seek to join the OECD PISA for Development initiative to also benchmark and track the competencies of our 15 year olds. This performance data will also be available online.