German BACKUP Initiative – Education in Africa
Background

- German government prioritizes education
- **German BACKUP Initiative – Education in Africa**
  - one of four beacon projects of the BMZ Education Strategy
  - one component of the German support to the Global Partnership for Education

- **BACKUP** ➔ **B**uilding **A**lliances, **C**reating **K**nowledge and **U**pdating **P**artners
Facts

Start
2011, Launch February 2012

Donor ministry
On behalf of BMZ - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Objective
Supports African countries to better access and make more effective use of international funding for education such as the Global Partnership for Education Fund
BACKUP Education Principles

- Strengthening of education systems
- Demand-driven
- Acts as support facility responding to in-country needs
  (BACKUP Education fund and Knowledge Hub)

Special emphasis on:
- Civil society involvement
- Gender equality
- Conflict-sensitive approach
BACKUP Education Structure

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| Fast Access Mode | **One-off activities** e.g.  
- Conference & workshop participation  
- Blended-learning courses  
- On-the job training, etc.                                                                 | Up to 20,000 € |
| Consultancy Mode | **Commissioning of international and national experts** to provide advisory services, e.g. on national education strategies, policies, financial procedures, data collection, research, M&E etc. | Up to 50,000 € |
| Project Mode | **Larger-scale support** to mid-and long term processes related to the application for and implementation of international funding | Up to 200,000 € |
BACKUP Education Fund
Applicants

- Decision-makers in Ministries of Education
- Representatives of civil society organizations

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Advantages

**Flexible:** technical and financial support that is tailored to country-specific needs expressed by partners. Possible combination of delivery modes allow more flexibility.

**Fast:** quick processing of applications (as from the time of application max. two months)
BACKUP Education Fund Application Procedure

1. BACKUP Education receives application or request
2. Application check and clarification with applicant and other in-country education stakeholders
3. Decision on application
4. If positive – implementation of intervention
5. Closure of intervention, Final report
6. Follow-up in case of further need for support, etc.
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Pan-African Knowledge Hub
Pan-African Knowledge Hub

- Implemented by the „Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies“ (INEE)
- INEE has more than 8,000 members in 130 countries, especially in countries affected by crisis or conflict
What is the Knowledge Hub?

- Strengthening of south-south cooperation

- Acts as a forum for sharing knowledge and experiences across African countries on funding, planning and managing education
  - Focus on African countries affected by crisis and/or conflict
Who does the KH work with?

- Education stakeholders from all over Africa
  - Government institutions (e.g. Ministries of Education)
  - Regional, national and international civil society organisations
  - Local Education Groups or other sectoral coordinations groups
Example of support

Meeting of the African Board Constituency II
Abidjan, 21 - 22 May 2012

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