Secretariat’s Response to the Effective Partnership Review

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An opportunity to reinforce GPE’s country level objectives:

1. Costed, credible education sector plans
2. Mutual accountability for results
3. Finance that leverages results
Areas highlighted in the Results Report

1. A call for action on learning and equity.
2. Sector planning: good improvement in overall quality but need for better focus on achievability.
3. Sector monitoring: not enough consistency in JSR processes - focus on use of evidence to monitor plan implementation.
4. GPE financing: a need to shift focus from inputs to outcomes in learning and equity; lower transaction costs.
Three types of “next steps”:

1. Actions already underway.
2. Quick wins: actions that can be undertaken and delivered by December.
3. Areas that need new strategies.
Work that is already underway

1. Country engagement strategies that differentiate secretariat support.

2. Lower QA transaction costs.

3. LEG and JSR best practice guidance, tools and support.

4. Regional funding approach – responding to need to adapt to fragile contexts.
Quick wins

1. Development of terms of reference for:
   - Country leads
   - Grant agents
   - Coordinating agents

2. Communication and uptake strategy: so that our country operating model and roles are widely understood.
Areas needing new strategies:


2. **An Action Plan to Reinforce Country Level Capacity:**
   - An approach to capacity self assessment that country partners can use to define their needs;
   - Secondary analysis and consideration of potential financing for Coordinating Agencies;
   - Use of KIX platform to create learning modules and best practice tools on partnership functioning (e.g. LEG and JSR).
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### Summary of key areas for improvement

#### Clarify Roles and Responsibilities and Lower Transactions
- Define GA role and clarify accountabilities and oversight. Create guidance on capacity building in grants.
- Look at CA role and possible financing in certain contexts
- Define Secretariat/CL role and offer differentiated levels of support.
- Lower transaction costs around small grants and in QA processes.

#### Strengthen Country level Capacity
- Assess and refine the country level GPE’s approach to strengthening national capacity through grants, support to sector planning, CA, GA and Secretariat roles.
- Create processes for assessing, supporting and monitoring partnership and DCP capacity needs.
- Develop new framework for GPE work in conflict affected settings.
- Create tools, guidance and support core partnership levers – LEG, JSR.
- Enhance partnership learning and communication including on operational model.