Education Out Loud, GPE’s fund for advocacy and social accountability provides support for civil society to become active and influential in shaping education policy to better meet the needs of communities, especially the most marginalized.

Education Out Loud supports civil society organizations to effectively advocate for education on behalf of the public interest, by funding adaptive and learning-oriented practices to strengthen transparency, accountability and civic participation in education.

**How will Education Out Loud contribute to GPE’s mission?**

- Education policies that are more responsive to people’s needs
- Increased political and civic support for education
- Stronger voice from the most marginalized communities
- Improved, more informed and responsive education sector planning, implementation and monitoring
- Good governance of education systems leading to better alignment and better outcomes

**What will Education Out Loud fund?**

With an overall funding envelope of US$55.5 million, Education Out Loud is the biggest education advocacy fund in the world available for civil society. Oxfam IBIS manages the funds on behalf of GPE. Education Out Loud offers three different funding windows to support civil society organizations. Grants are available for national and international civil society organizations and networks in eligible countries worldwide between January 2020 and December 2024.
**Component 1**

**STRENGTHEN NATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION PLANNING, POLICY DIALOGUE AND MONITORING**

**Grant size:**

**US$100,000** to **US$300,000**

(over 2 years)

**Eligible applicants:**

This call for proposals (issued in August with a deadline in October 2019) was by invitation only and to be eligible for funding, national education coalitions should be:

- previous recipients of CSEF grants
- based in countries eligible for GPE funding, which are either currently partner countries, or actively seeking to join the partnership.

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**Component 2**

**STRENGTHEN CIVIL SOCIETY ROLES IN PROMOTING THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION SECTOR POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION**

**Grant size:**

**US$450,000** to **US$1.2 million**

(for 2 to 3 years)

**Eligible applicants:**

National civil society organizations based and working in one or more GPE partner countries on local and national education policy and implementation. National chapters of international NGOs, and national education coalitions (funded under component 1) are not eligible for component 2 funding.

*First call launched December 2019. A second call is expected July 2020*

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**Component 3**

**CREATE A STRONGER GLOBAL AND TRANSNATIONAL ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR NATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY ADVOCACY AND TRANSPARENCY EFFORTS**

**Grant size:**

**US$450,000** to **US$1.2 million**

(for 2 to 3 years)

**Eligible applicants:**

Global, regional or multi-country civil society alliances, which include at least one national civil society actor in GPE partner countries, may apply. Grant activities must take place in more than one country, as part of a strategy to influence global and regional policy frameworks.

*First call launched April 2020. A second call is expected September 2020*

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**A strong focus on civil society capacity development**

Education Out Loud emphasizes grantees’ learning and provides each grantee with up to one year of preparation time to analyze their context and build skills, and to develop strategies for monitoring, evaluation and learning before starting implementation. To strengthen grantees’ capabilities, Education Out Loud will match them with learning partners to provide mentoring and training.

**What’s next?**

Education Out Loud issued its first call for proposals for Component 1 in August 2019. Calls for Components 3 and 2 were launched in December 2019 and April 2020 respectively. Further calls are expected as indicated above.

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