

Global Partnership for Education (GPE)

Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. Global Partnership for Education (GPE) hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

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2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.
3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.
4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to *support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions.*
5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.
6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, fo-

cused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.

7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance's reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.
8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

Financial support commitments

Global Partnership for Education (GPE):

Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of SDGs 1 and 2 and the Global Alliance's objectives:

GPE is committed to supporting partner countries in meeting global and national commitments to early learning. Many GPE partner countries, including Bhutan and El Salvador have prioritized investments in early learning through GPE support.

Building on its commitments under the Global Alliance's 2030 Sprint on Integrated Maternal and Early Child Interventions, GPE will:

- Continue to incentivize demand for early learning through financing quality, equitable, early learning programs.
- GPE will also drive innovations and evidence generation to sustainably scale national early learning policies and programs.
- Leveraging the collective strength of our partnership, GPE will continue to promote sustainable international and domestic investments for early learning with the ambition of reaching the SDG commitment to at least one year of pre-primary education for all children.
- In 2023, GPE's commitments to early learning were a total of \$272 million making up 10,7 % of the total grant portfolio. GPE is committed to supporting further investments through our partner countries.

Building on its commitments under the Global Alliance's 2030 Sprints on School Meals, GPE will:

GPE, working with the World Food Programme and the School Meals Coalition, launched the School Health and Nutrition Technical Assistance Facility to provide technical assistance to countries to implement increasingly sustainable, gender-responsive and nationally owned school meal programmes so that schoolchildren can have safe, diverse, nutritious foods that are locally purchased. GPE commits an initial amount of \$3 million to this Facility with potential to scale the pilot as part of collaborative efforts under the School Meals Coalition.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the destination, allocation and alignment of the use of its resources, including through coordination and cooperation facilitated by the Global Alliance, to support member countries to implement, improve, or scale-up the implementation of select programmes or policy instruments in the Alliance's reference basket to drive the fight against hunger and poverty, in line with sustainable country-led financing and implementation strategies.

Knowledge support commitments

Global Partnership for Education (GPE):

Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

[1] Informs its capacity and readiness to support Alliance member governments in implementing, improving or scaling-up the following policy instrument types, referenced in the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments:

As the world's only partnership and fund focused on providing quality education to children in lower income countries, GPE will continue to help countries build stronger education systems in 90 partner countries. GPE has mobilized more than \$11 billion for education and will continue working in partnership to support the Global Alliances'

work, especially related to the policy instruments on ‘access to basic education’ and ‘school meals programmes’ and ‘integrated programmes for gender equality and empowerment’.

[2] Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance’s objectives:

As listed above, GPE has made commitments to the Sprints on Early Childhood and School Meals, which are aligned to GPE’s wider work to achieve sustainable development goal 4, which is central to all the SDGs.

GPE believes that building stronger education systems is a springboard to stronger economies and fairer and more stable societies, able to withstand shocks and adapt to the challenges of the 21st century.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance’s other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.