

Education Out Loud, the largest education advocacy fund, is extended for 3 years

Washington, DC, December 19, 2022. The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) approved the extension of the world's largest education advocacy fund, Education Out Loud. The extension runs through mid-2027 with an additional US\$60 million, bringing the total funding to US\$133 million.

The extension recognizes the importance of civil society organizations in shaping education policies that assure inclusive and equitable quality learning in low-income countries. While governments in those countries have made impressive strides to extend quality education to more children, civil society plays an important role in building public support and monitoring commitments. Civil society is also often better attuned to the needs of marginalized communities.

"Strong civil society engagement is critical to transform education systems," said **Charles**North, Deputy CEO of the Global Partnership for Education. "Through Education Out Loud,

GPE supports civil society in more than 60 countries, ensuring that governments are

accountable to their citizens."

Education Out Loud is managed by Oxfam IBIS, the Danish branch of Oxfam International.

"We're extremely proud to continue as grant agent for Education Out Loud. The GPE Board's approval is a strong recognition of the robust design of the program and the progress in its implementation, "said Lars Koch, Secretary General, Oxfam IBIS.

Four globally renowned research organizations have also joined Education Out Loud as global learning partners:

- Accountability Research Center (ARC)
- Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
- UNESCO's International Institute for Education Planning (IIEP)
- A consortium of Management for Development Foundation (MDF) and Australian Council for Education Research (ACER).



They will carry out strategic research across the entire portfolio of Education Out Loud and the outcomes of their research will inform the practices of Education Out Loud grantees and other advocacy and accountability practitioners.

ABOUT EDUCATION OUT LOUD

Working with organizations in more than 60 countries, Education Out Loud 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 aims to enhance civil society capacities to engage in education sector planning, policy dialogue and monitoring and to promote transparency and accountability of national education sector policy. Education Out Loud also seeks to create a stronger global and regional enabling environment for civil society advocacy and transparency efforts in education.

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ABOUT OXFAM IBIS

Oxfam IBIS is the Danish branch of Oxfam International and brings a track record of more than 50 years of civil society support in the education sector. Oxfam IBIS has extensive experience of transforming education so students can actively participate irrespective of their socio-economic status, and learn about their rights, democratic values and how to be active citizens by influencing policy makers.

Read more about Education Out Loud and Oxfam IBIS

ABOUT THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION

GPE is a shared commitment to ending the world's learning crisis. We mobilize partners and funds to support over 80 lower-income countries to transform their education systems so that every girl and boy can get the quality education they need to unlock their full potential and contribute to building a better world.

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