

Children in different parts of the world have very different education experiences. Changing this situation and improving the lives of children in low-income countries will require more funding and the use of it in more equitable and efficient ways.

# VAST DIFFERENCES IN SPENDING LEAD TO VASTLY DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES

Low-income countries

#### \$1,300\*

(\$900 for teachers)

#### 8 YEARS

of schooling

#### 90%

of children in learning poverty

High-income countries

#### \$110,000\*

(\$66,000 for teachers)

#### 13 YEARS

of schooling

#### 9%

of children in learning poverty<sup>†</sup>

\*Overall government spending on educating a child

†Unable to read a short story by end of primary school

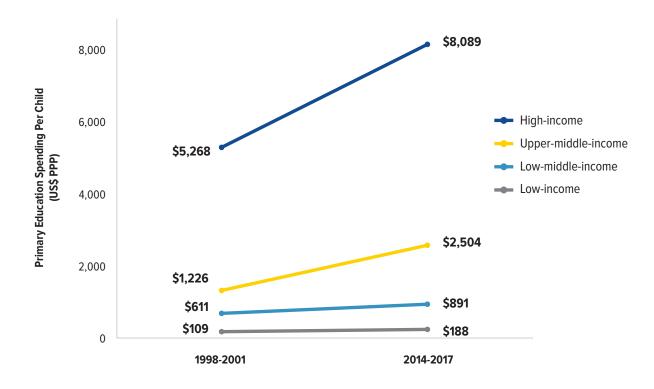




## EDUCATION FINANCE CHALLENGES

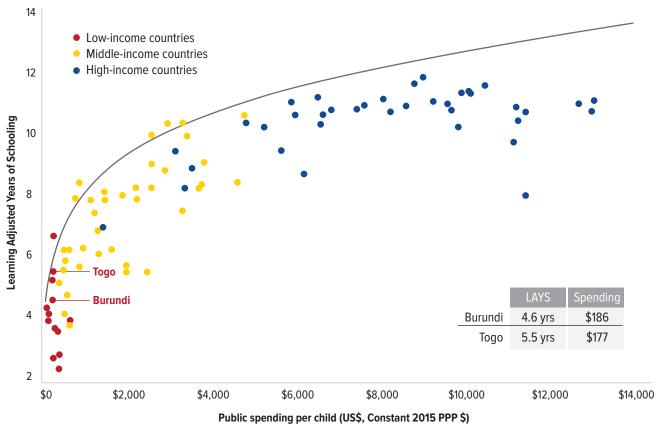
- Mobilizing more resources
- Making spending more efficient and equitable

## DISPARITIES IN PUBLIC SPENDING ON EDUCATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES ARE VAST AND GROWING



In many countries, spending is inefficient. **While Burundi** and Togo spend a similar amount per school-aged child, in Togo it results in one additional **Learning Adjusted Year of Schooling.** 







It is not only that resources are used inefficiently but there are also huge differences in how much households contribute to total spending on education in low- and high-income countries

Share of Total Education Spending From Households



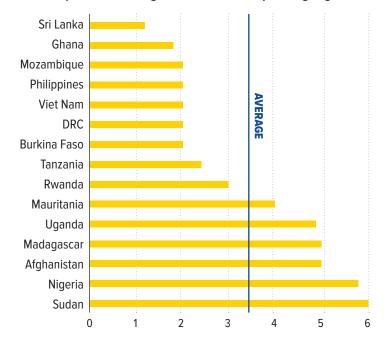
**LOW-INCOME** 



#### **Public spending within countries is also unequal:**

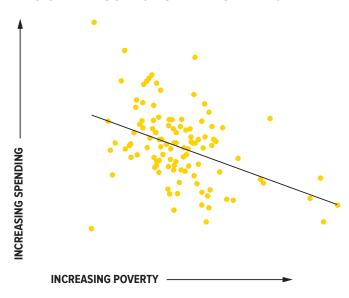
A child living in one part of a country can go to a school that is provided with three times as much funding as a school in another part of the same country.

#### Multiple between highest- and lowest-spending regions



Poorer households are **not getting their** fair share. You might expect poorer regions in a country to get more education funding because providing services in remote regions can be more expensive and children from more disadvantaged backgrounds need more support. Yet the wealthiest households capture on average twice as much government **education funding** as the poorest households.

#### **REGIONAL EDUCATION SPENDING AND POVERTY**



- Over half of developing countries with data spend significantly more on education per capita in wealthier regions
- Few spend significantly more on education in poorer regions



# A MISALIGNED FINANCING SYSTEM LEADS TO WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY.

SUFFICIENT FUNDING USED IN AN EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT WAY CAN ENSURE THAT THE FIVE KEY DRIVERS OF LEARNING ARE PRESENT.



#### **LEARNERS**

are prepared and motivated to learn



#### **TEACHERS**

at all levels are effective & valued



#### **CLASSROOMS**

are equipped for learning



#### **SCHOOLS**

are safe & inclusive



# EDUCATION SYSTEMS

are well managed

A WELL-FUNCTIONING FINANCING SYSTEM IS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THE KEY DRIVERS OF LEARNING ARE PRESENT



A GLOBAL
PLATFORM TO
STRENGTHEN
EDUCATION
FINANCING
SYSTEMS

# FOUR PILLARS MAKE UP THE WORLD BANK'S NEW GLOBAL EDUCATION FINANCING PLATFORM



Matching sustainable financing with needs



Improving
equity,
efficiency,
and financial
management



Strengthening accountability with better data and monitoring



Building capacity and knowledge

#### **IMPROVED LEARNING**

Strengthened education financing systems

Greater resource mobilization for education

Improved spending equity and efficiency

Matching sustainable financing with needs

- Greater mobilization of domestic and external resources for education
- Better policy actions to improve spending quality
- Financing strategies
  for 10 countries and
  toolkit
- Minimum package costing tool
- Certification/TA for further 5 countries

Improving efficiency, equity and financial management

- Strengthened financial management systems
- Improved spending equity and efficiency
- Better resource tracking
- PFM for results toolkit
- PFM action plans in 10 countries
- Certification/TA for further 5 countries

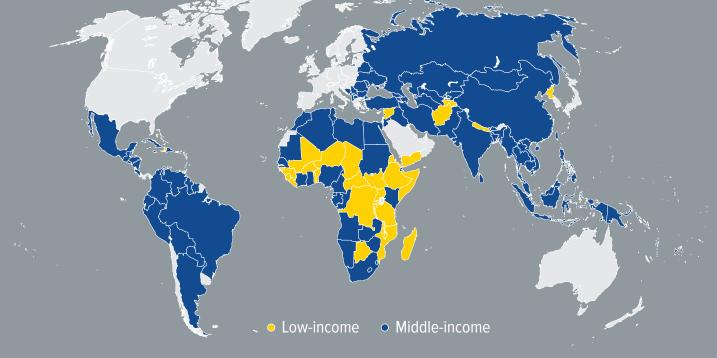
- Strengthening accountability with better data and monitoring
- Improved transparency and accountability
- Better information for decision making
- Integrated NEA & BOOST data
- Annual Education Finance Watch
- Global Expenditure Database for all countries
- Certification/TA for National Education Accounts (NEA)

- Building capacity and knowledge
- Improved knowledge and capacity on finance in client countries and Development Partners
- Application and use of evidence base by client countries and DPs
- Competition/calls/ commissioned research
- Blended finance course
- Community of Practice





The Global Education Finance Platform will prioritize activities in basic education in low- and middle-income countries where funding needs are greatest.



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