

Ideas for taking action on global education

Here are some suggested actions you can take to help persuade the UK Government to fund the vital work of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).

1. **Write to the Foreign Secretary, Rt. Hon. Dominic Raab MP**, informing him why you believe new funds for GPE are essential to achieve Global Goal 4 ('quality education') and to meet the Government's commitment to girls' education. Use the talking points on page 2.

Contact details: Rt. Hon. Dominic Raab MP, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dominic.raab.mp@parliament.uk, cc Susanna Goshko, Ministerial Principal Private Secretary: private.office@fcdo.gov.uk. Or write to Rt. Hon. Dominic Raab MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Why this action? The Foreign Secretary is responsible for deciding how UK aid is spent. If you've recently contact your MP about the proposed aid cuts and think it's not too soon to get back in touch about education, why not ask them to contact the Foreign Secretary as well?

2. **Get your friends and family to write too.** You can share our [action materials](#) with them. Alternatively, if they aren't yet confident to write their own letter, you might ask them to send [this template letter](#) on the RESULTS website.

Why this action? Each advocacy letter has impact, the more personal the better, so do ask them to customise the online letter template before they send it, including their own reasons for supporting global education. And more letters = more impact!

3. **Visit your MP virtually.** Many of you have been trying to reach your MP asking them to oppose the recently announced aid cuts. If you do manage to get a virtual meeting on aid, why not use education as an example of why keeping aid promises is vital for achieving the Government's commitments on girls' education? Ask your MP to write to the Foreign Secretary, as above.

4. **Why this action?** Education is a powerful example of how UK aid programmes help people overcome poverty. And many MPs report that an in-person visit from a constituent is one of the most memorable ways to raise an issue with them. [Find your MP's contact details here.](#)

5. **Take to social media.** Social media can spread the message far more widely than a single letter. Why not post a photo of your letter, telling people what you have done? Sample tweets and social media ideas are on [Background Sheet 2](#).

Why this action? The more widespread the sources of support for GPE, the more persuasive the case for investment is to the Government.

6. **Know any teachers?** Send My Friend to School's '[Education Interrupted](#)' campaign engages schools and young people in highlighting the global risks to education for all.

Why this action? Young people's voices are powerful in engaging politicians and explaining first-hand what education means to them.

Talking points: using the 'EPIC' model

Here are some suggested points to use in a letter, structured using the EPIC model: **E** = engage; **P** = problem statement; **I** = inform; **C** = call to action.

Engage

- Having an education is an important route out of poverty, especially for girls.
- [If writing to the Foreign Secretary:] Thank you for re-stating the Government's commitment to improving girls' education around the world.

Problem statement

- Yet millions of children around the world don't receive an education, especially girls, children in conflict situations, and children with disabilities.
- Education is also being interrupted for millions of children around the world by unprecedented shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It is also interrupted because of the climate crisis. Flooded schools, heat-exhausted pupils and monsoon ravaged classrooms put children's rights, safety and education under threat.

Inform

- UK aid has had a huge positive impact on access to education around the world. For example, from 2015 - 2020, DFID supported at least 15.6 million children to gain a decent education. The recently proposed aid also the impact that the UK government can make on its commitment to girls' education.
- Education is severely under-funded. Without action now, the Government will fall short on its manifesto commitment to support 12 years of quality education for girls and its promise to millions of the world's poorest school-aged children.
- The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is the world's leading organisation that funds education programmes in many poorer countries around the world. If they meet their \$5bn target for funding, 175 million more children will be able to learn and 18 million people can be lifted out of poverty over the next five years.

Call to action

- The UK has supported global education before, investing £225 million from 2018-2020. It should continue to provide funding to ensure every child can go to school.
- With the UK co-hosting a funding conference for the Global Partnership for Education this summer, the Government should invest £600 million for the next 5 years.