INEE Reference Guide on External Education Financing
Defining financing-related terms

How would you define

donor,

funding mechanism,

good donor practice?
What are the goals of the Reference Guide?

To explain:

• What donors seek to achieve in the education sector
• How donors provide education assistance
• Constraints on donor funding
• How various funding mechanisms work
• Why donors choose one funding mechanism over another
Outline of the Reference Guide

Part I. How Donors View Education Funding
• Education funding needs
• Good donor practice
• Donor goals in education
• Role of national governments in education
• Challenges to good donor practice

Part II. What Organisations Fund and Delivery Education Services?
bilateral and multilateral donors, global education initiatives, private sector donors, international and local NGOs

Part III. Funding Mechanisms that Support Education
(humanitarian assistance—pooled funds, humanitarian assistance—UN appeals, project support, programme support/pooled funds, sector budget support, general budget support, debt relief)
What the Reference Guide is NOT

• an analysis of the pros and cons of different funding mechanisms

• a “how to” guide for applying for education assistance
Which countries will find the Reference Guide relevant?

• *Low-income countries* that struggle to deliver education services to their entire populations

• *Countries in fragile situations*, defined as situations of crisis, post-crisis, or the risk of crisis
  . . . caused by conflict, natural disaster, or challenges to a government’s legitimacy
  . . . where a government is unable to deliver core services
Target Audience

National education policy makers:

...to help them better understand donor funding mechanisms and navigate country-donor relationships more effectively

NGOs, CSOs and in-country education stakeholders:

...to help them better comprehend donor goals, strategies and funding mechanisms, and thus hold governments and donors more accountable
Funding Mechanisms
Funding Mechanisms that Support Education

- Humanitarian Assistance–Pooled Funds
- Humanitarian Assistance–UN Appeals
- Project Support
- Programme Support/Pooled Funds
- Multi-Donor Trust Funds
- Sector Budget Support
- General Budget Support
- Debt Relief
For more information . . .

Find the Reference Guide on External Education Financing as well as other materials, readings and resources at:

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