Government to Government Programs to Improve Student Learning

Experiences from Nepal

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Presentation Outline

• Background on education in Nepal
• USAID/Nepal education investments over the past 10 years
• Objectives of Nepal G2G education programs
• G2G program approaches and tools
• G2G program key achievements
• G2G program lessons learned and future recommendations
Background on Education in Nepal

- Basic Education (ECD-Grade 8)
- Secondary Education (Grade 9- grade 12)
- NER at the Basic Level of Education is 93.8
  - Gender parity in NER has been achieved
- Persistent number of out of school children
- Specific “last mile” efforts are needed to reach remaining out of school children
- Quality of education is not at the expected level
- USAID tested models through its projects for scaling up by the MOEST
## USAID/Nepal Education Investments over the Past 10 Years

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| • Business literacy program | • National Early Grade Reading Program  
  • EGRP/EGRP II  
  • Joint Financing Arrangement  
  • NEGRP Red Book  
  • Emergency Education Response for Nepal | • Reading for All  
  • COVID-19 Response  
  • Reducing Child, Early and Forced Marriage (R-CEFM) | • Supporting the School Education Sector Support Plan (G2G/FARA)  
  • Equity and Inclusion  
  • Resilience in Education  
  • Early Grade Learning |
Education Sector Activities in Nepal
Objectives of G2G Program

Development Objective 3: Inclusive health and education systems strengthened

- Enhance the quality of education in the early grades
- Improve access to quality education for marginalized students
- Strengthen GoN education system to respond during crises and build resilience of the system
G2G Funding Modalities

• **Cost Reimbursement:**
  • Reimbursed based on cost incurred

• **Results-Based Financing:**
  • Payments based on achievement of results and milestones
  • Results are independently verified by the third party
G2G Program Approaches and Tools

- **AWPB preparation**
  - Bottom-up approach
  - Discussions with MOF
  - Program Implementation Manual

- **Funds Flow**
  - Earmarking funds
  - Funds follow functions

- **Financial Progress**
  - School Level
  - Municipal Government Level
  - Provincial Government Level

- **Physical Progress**
  - School Level
  - Municipal Government Level
  - Provincial Government Level
G2G Key Achievements

• **Education input**
  – Teaching and learning materials, teacher guides, student practice books

• **Teacher training**

• **Education Processes**: Improved teaching quality, early grade reading assessment process

• **Education Output**: 
  – Supported 14,000 public schools across 38 districts in improving reading outcomes of students

• Engaged parents and communities in supporting reading

• Built capacity of education units of local governments

• Institutionalized policies, standards, and benchmarks
G2G Lessons Learned and Future Recommendations

• Focus on few key strategic results
• Scale up activities that have been tested
• Align support with other Development Partners
• Let host governments propose result areas and milestones
• Ensure indicators are unidimensional in nature
• Use host government system to collect key information
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