

# 2013 at a Glance

## Strengthening education systems through partnerships

The Bank collaborates with United Nations (UN) agencies and other development partners to support countries in achieving their education goals, including progress toward the MDGs. The Bank is a member of the UN Secretary-General's Global Education First Initiative, which aims to put every child in school, improve the quality of learning, and foster global citizenship.

In support of this initiative, the Bank co-hosted in April 2013 the Learning for All Ministerial event, which brought together ministers of education and finance from a number of countries, along with global development leaders and other partners, to accelerate progress toward schooling and learning for all children. A follow-up meeting re-convened ministers of finance in October 2013 alongside the World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings.

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) has been a critical partner in basic education since 2002, when the Bank was instrumental in creating this multi-donor partnership.

The Bank partners with a number of bilateral donors as well, including Australia, Russia, and the United



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Kingdom, which have been strong supporters of our SABER work; and other donors such as the European Commission, Ireland, Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Japan, and Spain have provided generous support for operational and knowledge work in education.

Private foundations such as the Children's Investment Fund Foundation have also been important partners for our knowledge work. The Bank is also working with new partners including Teach for All, the Arab World Initiative, the Early Childhood Consultative Group, the Building Evidence in Education (BE<sup>2</sup>) Group, and the Global Compact on Learning Donor Network to help these learning-focused programs have a global impact.



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