Template for Country Commitments
/PAKISTAN/BALOCHISTAN/
/Ministry of Education/
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Recognizing the enormous pressures and significant uncertainties facing governments and policymakers at this time, and the need to ensure commitments are credible, the following principles are designed to guide their formulation.

VOLUME COMMITMENT

Basis for commitment (%)

Please select one of the boxes below (click on the box):

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Education expenditure as a share of total budget *(incl. debt servicing)*	Education expenditure as a share of total budget *(excl. debt servicing)*	Education expenditure as a share of GDP	Per capita education expenditure as a share of per capita GDP *(by sub-sector)*	Other % (please specify)

Description of education budget perimeter

Please list all line ministries responsible for elements included in the calculation of education expenditures. Ideally this description should identify where in the national budget relevant elements are recorded.

- Balochistan Secondary Education Department, Colleges Higher & Technical Education Department and Social Welfare, Special Education, Literacy, Non-formal Education & Human Rights Department.
- Budget data has been obtained from provincial budget books, PIFRA system and I-SAPS public financing reports for the years 2019 and 2020 (excluding projections).

Historical and projected expenditures (%)

Please include all available historical expenditures (executed budget), as well final projected value for the year in which your commitment ends. Inclusion of intermediate values are encouraged but not required. If your commitment ends before 2025 (the duration of GPE's new strategic plan) please provide a brief rationale below (eg. alignment of commitment duration with country MTEF).

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
17.7%	**17.4%**	**17.9%**	**18.4%**	**18.9%**		

Rationale (optional):	

OTHER INDICATIVE POLICY COMMITMENTS

Please describe here any significant policy commitments on equity and efficiency on areas of priority for your country. These might include gender, equality, better management of the teacher workforce, improvements in timeliness and accessibility of data for mutual accountability, national recovery stimulus spending targeting education, as well cross sector imperatives, including restoring/expanding school health and nutrition programs to leave no one behind etc. We also encourage commitments to strengthen the working relationship between Ministries of Finance and Education.

The Government of Balochistan is committed to ensuring access to all levels of education throughout the Province in line with Article 25/A, the Balochistan Compulsory Education Act, 2014 and Sustainable Development Goal – 4. For this purpose, the Government is making every effort to establish or upgrade Schools in equal numbers for boys and girls, as well as pay special attention to the communities living in far flung and remote areas of Balochistan. The Government is also committed to filling up all the vacant positions of teaching and non-teaching Staff in Schools to overcome the staffing issues at the earliest.

In the current Financial Year, the Government of Balochistan has approved a number of development programs for the improvement of education sector in the Province. These include purchase of buses for pick and drop of students and teachers of 141 Government Higher Secondary Schools throughout Balochistan with an estimated cost of 500 million PKR; and introduction of nutrition program in 132 Government Primary Schools (4 x Primary Schools from each District) in Balochistan with an estimated cost of 100 million PKR. Apart from it, the Government is committed to introducing a redress mechanism to tackle student

absenteeism and truancy in the Province. The system-wide mechanism to be developed and implemented has the potential to address the low retention and graduation rates in Primary Schools in Balochistan.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Finance and Planning & Development are closely working with Education Department for the improvement of education sector in the Province of Balochistan. Both the Ministries have endorsed the Balochistan Education Sector Plan (2020-25) as the main policy document for transforming the education sector in Balochistan.

OTHER MINISTRIES AND LEG

Please indicate if this commitment was endorsed by other ministries as relevant, including the ministry of finance, and has been shared with the LEG:

The Balochistan Education Sector Plan (2020-25) has been approved by the Provincial Cabinet in its meeting held in December 2020 as the main policy document for reforming the education sector in the Province. Furthermore, both the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Planning & Development along with Local Education Group (LEG) have endorsed the Balochistan Education Sector Plan (2020-25) as the Plan is informed by a comprehensive Education Sector Analysis (ESA).