

# EDUCATION COMMITMENTS FACT SHEET

Education commitments cover a variety of issues from transparency in the delivery of school lunches to ensuring adequate funding for school repairs. OGP seeks to focus its attention on improving the quality of education for all, including for those most in need.

## Key Takeaways:

- Focus commitments on relevant education sector challenges and inefficiencies
- Involve the most relevant government and non-government stakeholders in the action planning process.

## Numbers at a Glance

**52** OGP members have included education commitments in their action plans to date.

**159** education commitments to date  
**63** are currently being implemented.

**105** commitments have been assessed by OGP's Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM).

- 4** have transformative potential impact.
- 5** are starred.
- 4** have shown significant early result in increasing government transparency, citizen participation, or public accountability.<sup>1</sup>

## How many OGP participants are doing education?

More than a quarter of OGP members (**28**) are currently implementing at least one education commitment. This makes it a fairly popular area for reforms, although not the most popular.

## What are OGP participants doing about education?

- **Citizen oversight of education:** The Philippines instituted social audits of textbooks and Mexico introduced parent safety report cards on preschools.
- **Open education and research resources:** Slovakia makes curricula and educational content free to the public.
- **Integrity in education:** Brazil and Indonesia make public contracts for school and university construction public.

<sup>1</sup>As of November 1, 2018. Since delays can occur between Action Plan submission, IRM report releases, and when data are updated in OGP databases, data may not reflect the most up to date information for every country/local entity. Scored Major or Outstanding on the Independent Report Mechanism's (IRM) Did It Open Government metric.



## So what?

The IRM assesses commitments for whether they are verifiable, relevant to open government principles, would create change on the ground, and are on their way to credible completion. We call these “**starred commitments.**” Based on these criteria, just **under 5%** OGP’s education commitments were starred, roughly average for all OGP commitments.

## Do we know anything about early results?

- Roughly one-third of education commitments are complete or near completion (**32 out of 105, 30%**).
- **4 of 39 (10%)** education commitments assessed for their impact demonstrated “major” or “outstanding” early results. This is **half** the overall average for OGP commitments on this measure (**20%**). Note, assessment comes at the end of the second year of action plan implementation

## What does it all mean?

- **Respond to system needs:** OGP commitments in education do not always correspond to the specific education sector challenges and inefficiencies of each OGP government such as increasing access to or improving the quality of public education. Members should design commitments that leverage elements of transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in order to address specific service delivery and quality issues. Some members would need to prioritize the provision of basic resources for primary and secondary schools. Others would need to focus on participation in education system administration by increasing citizen input and monitoring education sector projects.
- **Improve inclusivity of commitment creation:** OGP participants who want to prioritize education should proactively involve the most relevant government and non-government stakeholders in the action planning process.

## Notable Commitments

### Kigoma: Education sector transparency through data publication

Recognizing the crucial role that access to information plays in improving public services, the Kigoma Ujiji Municipal Council committed to regularly publishing data online and offline (using public notice boards) on school funding and expenditures, student and staff numbers, school labor needs, and school building infrastructure. Examination results and school rankings will be made publicly available to help identify and target underperforming institutions.

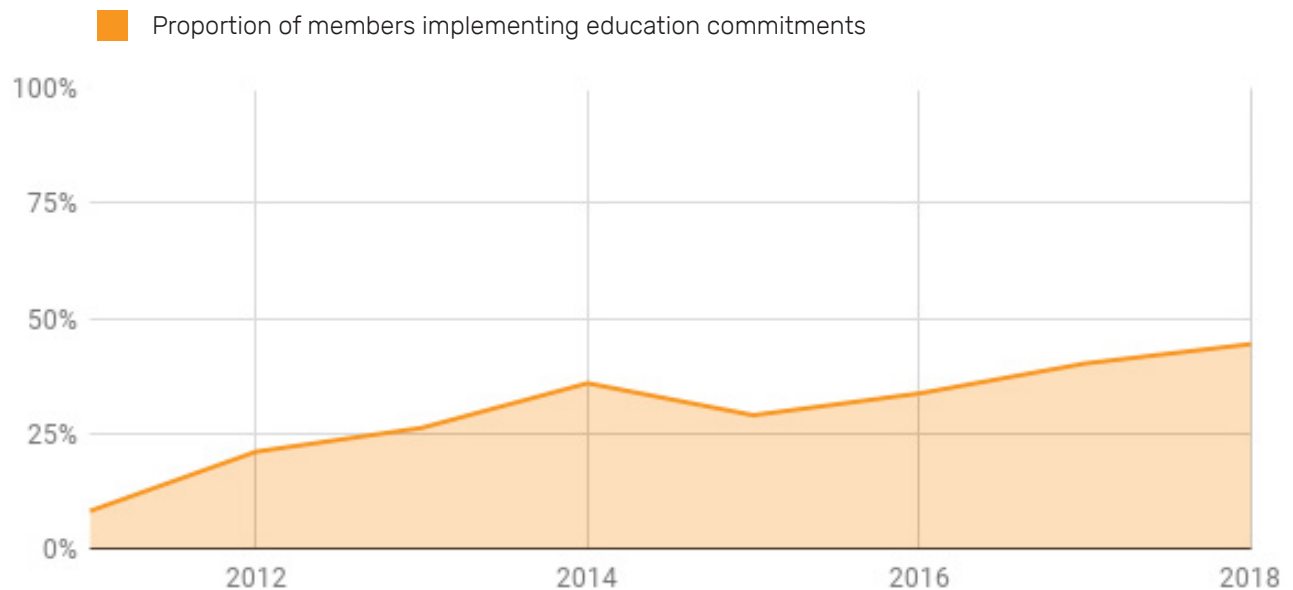
### Slovakia: Opening up research on education

Slovakia committed to creating a publicly available online repository for education resources. Slovakia will also require authors and publishers partnering with the Ministry of Education to publish all academic works under a public license.

### Buenos Aires: Public participation in education infrastructure projects

A new online interactive platform will allow citizens of Buenos Aires to access information and monitor the development of ongoing education infrastructure projects. Using the platform, citizens can submit feedback and receive responses directly addressing their input.

## Education Commitment Growth



## Members Working on Education

Members with Active Commitments in 2011:

- Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, United States

Members with Active Commitments in 2012:

- Albania, Colombia, Denmark, Honduras, Kenya, Lithuania, Macedonia, Tanzania, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, United States

Members with Active Commitments in 2013:

- Brazil, El Salvador, Hungary, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, South Africa, United States, Albania, Colombia, Denmark, Honduras, Kenya, Lithuania, Macedonia, Tanzania

Members with Active Commitments in 2014:

- Armenia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Lithuania, Macedonia, Spain, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Brazil, El Salvador, Hungary, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, South Africa, United States

Members with Active Commitments in 2015:

- Argentina, Colombia, Panama, Peru, Slovakia, Armenia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ireland, Lithuania, Macedonia, Spain, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay

Members with Active Commitments in 2016:

- Jalisco, Buenos Aires, Kigoma, Tbilisi, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Côte d'Ivoire, Mongolia, Paraguay, Romania, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Panama, Peru, Slovakia

Members with Active Commitments in 2017:

- Afghanistan, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Slovakia, Spain, Jalisco, Buenos Aires, Kigoma, Tbilisi, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Côte d'Ivoire, Mongolia, Paraguay, Romania, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Uruguay

Members with Active Commitments in 2018:

- Afghanistan, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Slovakia, Spain, Azerbaijan, Buenos Aires, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras,

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