

# EDUCATION AND SKILLS FACT SHEET<sup>1</sup>



## EMPOWERING PEOPLE'S FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION AND JOB-RELEVANT SKILLS

Education and skills are powerful drivers of development, key building blocks for good jobs and the surest way out of poverty.

The World Bank is the largest external financier of education and skills in the developing world. We provide technical assistance and financing for cost-effective, innovative solutions in low- and middle-income countries to address education and skills challenges, focusing on systemic reforms across the education cycle to ensure that all students acquire foundational skills, develop job-relevant skills, and are prepared for lifelong learning and jobs.

<sup>1</sup> Covers only the programs and projects managed by the Education and Skills Global Department as of March 2026.

### OUR VISION

To ensure that all individuals are equipped with the education, skills, and opportunities to access jobs and fulfill their potential.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

The World Bank Group is committed to scaling up streamlined programs based on "what works" and tailored interventions across country income levels to get children off to the right start, ensure that all students learn and stay in school, build job-relevant skills, and put skills to work.

As of March 2026, the World Bank Education and Skills Global Department provides implementation support to

## 151 PROJECTS

for a total commitment of **\$26.2<sup>2</sup> BILLION**

This includes:

**96** IDA credits/grants  
(\$16.08 BILLION)

**42** IBRD loans  
(\$9.7 BILLION)

**13** Recipient-Executed Trust Funds  
(\$411.2 MILLION)

In addition, the World Bank continues to be an administrative agency of Global Partnership for Education (GPE) grants. Since 2015, the World Bank has managed approximately 48.5% of the total grant amount for GPE project implementation grants (\$3.60 billion).

<sup>2</sup> All dollars are in US\$.

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## IMPACT OF WORLD BANK-SUPPORTED PROJECTS

### 324.03 MILLION STUDENTS

reached through our active projects.

### \$21.08 BILLION

in total active commitments to projects focusing on low- and middle- income countries (LMICs).

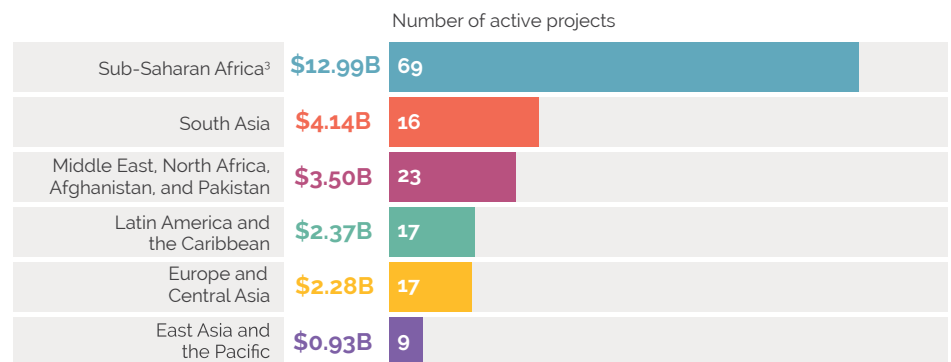
### \$8.50 BILLION

in total commitments to projects in countries affected by fragility, conflict, and violence (FCV).

### 232 COMPLETED ADVISORY SERVICES AND ANALYTICS

to support institutional capacity and provide technical assistance in 101 countries in the last 4 years.

#### World Bank Education and Skills Investments Around the World (US\$), as of March 2026.



<sup>3</sup> Including Eastern and Southern Africa and Western and Central Africa.

#### Total Commitments for Education Portfolio as of March 2026.

