

FTI PROCESS CHART

1 Initial Information and Communication

FTI Secretariat provides information to the Local Education Group (LEG) to ensure clear understanding at the country level about the FTI partnership and processes.

2 Government Declaration of Interest

The government expresses interest in engagement with the FTI through a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the Local Donor Group (LDG) or to the Coordinating Agency, who immediately communicates this to all members of the Local Donor Group (LDG) and the FTI Secretariat.

3 Taking Stock of the Education Sector

a The Local Education Group considers the status and needs of the country's education sector and what further work will be required to achieve FTI endorsement of the country's Education Sector Plan (ESP).

b In this context, the Local Education Group decides on a division of roles and responsibilities, (including fiduciary assessment, which will in most cases be led by the World Bank, and a mapping of current and future aid to the education sector). The Coordinating Agency then communicates these decisions to all members of the LEG.

4 Education Sector Plan (ESP): Preparation, Appraisal, Endorsement

a The ESP is developed / updated by the government in consultation with the Local Education Group (including Civil Society representation). EPDF support may be requested by the government. The ESP should be fully-costed with links to the PRSP or equivalent, and should include a detailed implementation and monitoring framework for at least the first year.

b As one element of continuing dialogue and partnership, a draft Appraisal Report of the ESP is prepared by the LDG, using the FTI Appraisal Guidelines fully, with input from Civil Society representatives, and with the involvement of donor HQs as appropriate.

c The FTI Secretariat supports and advises the LDG on the need for any further work on appraisal. This may be an iterative process, depending on the readiness of the ESP for endorsement as a credible sector plan, fully owned by the country, and of plans to harmonize, align and scale up support for it.

- d The Government finalizes the ESP, which is approved at the highest appropriate level.**
- e The LDG reviews the ESP, finalises the Appraisal Report, and recommends FTI endorsement, which is approved at the highest appropriate level in country by the donor organisations.**
- f The Government and LDG agree a common action agenda in support of the endorsed ESP. Donor organisations, at the appropriate level, confirm commitments, and plans to scale-up and align support around the ESP, including through General Budget Support.**

5 Responses to Endorsement of ESP

- a Any remaining financing needs are identified, factoring in additional domestic and external contributions.**
- b Where application to the Catalytic Fund will be necessary, agreement is reached on the Supervising Entity (SE) and the most aligned modality for CF support.**

6 Joint Annual Review of ESP Implementation

This is the agreed mechanism for monitoring implementation of the ESP.

A. Catalytic Fund (CF) Program Proposal

Based on the endorsed ESP, and taking into account the appraisal report (including fiduciary assessments) and common action agenda, the government develops a CF program proposal for CF funding in consultation with the LDG and Civil Society representatives. The proposal should outline funding priorities, include the first year's implementation plan, and identify CF modality and SE.

B. Review of CF proposal by the Catalytic Fund Committee (CFC)

- a The CFC calls upon an independent, desk review of the proposal to aid decision-making.**
- b The CFC agrees CF modality and supervising entity (SE) and decides on CF allocation.**
- c The implementation plan may be adjusted to correspond with the CF allocation decision.**

C. Monitoring of Implementation through Joint Annual Review
See (6) above)

D. Closing of CF grant and Re-application for CF (if necessary)

Agreed by SC and CFC in Paris September 2008.