



Phone Calls for the GPE Replenishment

The Global Partnership for Education Replenishment Conference in Senegal is coming soon (Feb 2, 2018), and still Canada has not made its commitment.

Would you please take a minute to telephone the office of Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and the Francophonie and encourage her government to support the GPE Replenishment?

The number to call is **1-613-995-2024**. Please use (and personalize) this short script whether you reach a person in her office directly or are asked to leave a message. (You may also wish to place a second call and leave this same message at the Prime Minister's Office: 1-613-995-4211.)

"My name is _____. I live in _____. I am calling to urge you to commit \$260 million to the Global Partnership for Education for the three-year replenishment period 2018-2020.

I was delighted when Minister Bibeau released the Feminist International Assistance Policy last June. Its explicit support for human rights and gender equality and its promise of investment in women and girls demonstrates real leadership by Canada."

You can choose one of the following statements to add to your message or make up a message of your own.

- "Education is central to achieving the objectives of our Feminist International Assistance Policy. Tremendous potential would be unleashed if all girls and women had the right education and skills they need to realize their full potential and to find meaningful, well paid work."

- "The GPE has been remarkable in its ability to help build strong national education systems and provides funding so that countries can build schools, train teachers, and address the many barriers children, especially girls, face in so many areas to access a quality education."
- "Education is one of the most important investments a country can make in its people and in its future. Canada should turn its political commitment for education into tangible support. I believe committing \$260 million to the Global Partnership for Education would be a good and wise investment for Canada, and it would help shape the future we want for our world."

And close with...

"Education is a human right and women's empowerment begins with the right to education. Please commit \$260 million. Thank you."

Note:

For tracking purposes, please send a quick email to the GRAN email account -- grandmothersadvocacy@gmail.com -- to let us know that you have made a phone call.

Thank you!