

Executive Summary

The 7th Equitable Education Alliance (EEA) Meeting: Budgeting and Financing Mechanisms for Increased Equity in Education

27th April 2023

Zoom Meeting

I. [Summary of Discussion](#)

1. The EEA Secretariat announced the inauguration of the [Equity and Inclusion in Education Online Course](#), financed by EEF as one of the initiatives for professional development, especially towards decision makers, education leaders, implementers through mechanisms and areas to enhance equity in education.
2. The EEA Secretariat acknowledged and introduced new EEA members as follows:
 - a. UNICEF Nepal
 - b. Pratham Education Foundation
 - c. Save the Children Nepal
 - d. UNHCR Asia Pacific Region

II. [Status Updates of EEA Identified Activities & Discussion](#)

3. **VVOB** - Progress on Mapping Exercise
 - a. Drafted an excel template with columns that capture the key information for EEA members to input research materials.
4. **AERO** - Capacity Building
 - a. For each of our initiatives, AERO has project advisory groups comprised of policymakers or trusted advisors from several departments of education across Australia to support policymaking and provide evidence.
5. Breakout room discussion. See detail in Annex I

III. [Action Points](#)

6. EEA Members to input research work to [Mapping Exercise](#) for consolidation.
7. Side discussion for members interested in co-organizing a workshop with AERO.
8. The 8th EEA Meeting is scheduled on 31st August 2023.
 - a. Speakers and a facilitator for the webinar part are yet to be determined.

Annex I: Breakout Rooms

1. What tentative outputs shall we aim to achieve by the 8th and 9th Meetings?
2. What pre-meeting activities do you recommend we undertake before the 8th and 9th Meetings in order to attain these outcomes?

Activities	Lead Organization	Interested Members <i>(please input)</i>
Share practices and innovations in learning loss and learning recovery for marginalized groups. ¹	Pratham Education Foundation	●
Global Refugee Forum ² - EEA to provide documentation on how countries could support refugees for inclusion, advocacy, and educational quality.	UNHCR Asia Pacific Region <i>(may carry out following the 8th EEA in terms of materials that we can disseminate through the EEA network)</i>	●
Promote labeling and branding for the EEA through a national conference to increase EEA visibility.	EEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WOB ● UNESCO
Organize a technical meeting for specialists to discuss and share the needs of children.	AERO	●
Program for border schools. Online courses on EiE and emergency response solutions in online courses for disadvantaged groups.	SEAMES <i>(EEA members to contribute and share resources related to these 2 proposed programmes)</i>	●
Involve children and youth to the root causes and problems and develop strategies and solutions.	EEF <i>(during one of peer to peer learning sessions, invite youth representative to share their POV)</i>	●

¹ Best practices implemented during the pandemic related to well-being, SEL, and other supports for vulnerable groups e.g. children with disabilities.

² Six states, Colombia, France, Japan, Jordan, Niger and Uganda, together with UNHCR will [co-convene the Forum](#). Co-hosted by UNHCR and Switzerland, it will take place in Geneva on 13 to 15 December 2023, with an advance day for side events on 12 December 2023.