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## **NCE Nepal's Press Release regarding the commitment of Nepal Government towards Education financing in the GPE Replenishment Conference 2018**

National Campaign for Education Nepal (NCE Nepal), a national coalition of 339 member organizations including that of the INGOs, media, teacher associations, parents as well as the local level CSOs highly welcomes the commitment made by the developing countries towards increasing their education financing and also is gratified to the various developed countries who pledged to increase their contribution in the GPE education fund.

The third Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Replenishment Conference held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018 at Dakar, Senegal remained profoundly a significant turning point in education financing. The total pledges by the donors for the fund till 2020 was over USD 2.3 billion, which was well above than that was pledged in 2014 (last GPE Replenishment Conference). Besides, the most important commitments in the conference were those from developing countries which amounted overall to approximately US\$30bn in new funding.

Nepal, as a GPE fund recipient country also expressed its strong commitment to increase its budget in real terms on an annual base and ensure an upward trend towards the envisioned 20 % as well as spend additional 4.4 billion USD in the education sector. NCE Nepal highly commends this commitment of the government in this international forum and expects that the government will provide its greater attention on share, size, sensitivity as well as the scrutiny of the education budget. On this crucial moment of the transformation of the nation, NCE Nepal expects that Education will be taken into core of transformation so as to ensure the free and compulsory as envisioned by the constitution of Nepal whereas strongly urges the government to "Walk the Talk" so that the overall targets of education sector plan remains fulfilled and also the commitment made at this forum remains effective.

As a leading Civil Society Organization, NCE Nepal commits for providing the supportive hands to the government in fulfillment of the commitment made by the government via critical and constructive engagements. On the same hand, NCE Nepal is also committed to track the country's pledges made and monitor the spending of the education funds so as to ensure that the committed amount of fund has been allocated for the public education strengthening and also ensure that they are effectively and sensitively spent to advance inclusion, equity and quality in public education systems.

Regards,

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