

# Learning For All: DFID's Education Strategy 2010 - 2015



## Our vision: Quality Basic Education For All



## Why is education important?

- Education is a basic human right
- Education is a very good investment
- Education is central to addressing 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges



*The UK is committed to the education MDGs and  
EFA goals*

## Our strategic priorities



**Access** to a basic education cycle of primary and lower secondary, particularly in fragile and conflict affected states

**Quality** of teaching and learning, particularly for basic literacy and numeracy

**Skills**, to link young people to opportunities, jobs and growth



## Priorities for Action: Access

- **Allocate most of our bilateral aid to education – at about 70%**
- **Expand investments in fragile and conflict affected states – to around 50% of our bilateral programmes**
- **Support the expansion of basic education to lower secondary**
- **Support supply and demand side strategies: the removal of school fees; construction of 15,000 classrooms a year; increasing access to water and sanitation**



## Priorities for Action: Quality

- Establish and protect cognitive functions in early childhood through a new nutrition strategy; we will reach 12 million children in the next 5 years
- Prioritise teachers and teaching; training 130,000 teachers a year
- Support learning assessments, using the results to improve learning outcomes throughout basic education
- Work with others to increase reading ability after two years of primary, and at the end of the primary cycle



## Priorities for Action: Skills

- **Work to improve the effectiveness of the whole education and training sector**
- **Support demand driven skills training in at least 3 more DFID priority countries**
- **Strengthen the capacity of over 200 higher education institutions through Development Partnerships in higher Education (DELPHE)**
- **Invest £1 billion on research to strengthen capacity for higher education and research in low income countries**
- **Provide scholarships for over 500 students per year through the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan**

## What we will spend and where

- We will meet our commitment to spend at least £8.5 billion over the 10 year period to 2015
- Annual expenditure will rise to £ 1 billion per annum by 2010, half of which will go to Africa
- We will allocate most of our aid to basic education – around 70%
- Increase the proportion and volume of bilateral education aid to fragile and conflict affected states – around 50%



## Delivering results and value for money

- **We will develop a stronger partnership with the UK public – schools, civil society, research partnerships with UK higher education**
- **We will focus insistently on results and value for money – supporting at least 5.5 million children in school per year**
- **We will help create a new global education partnership - to drive progress towards quality basic education for all**

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