

GPE KIX FURTHERING IMPACT FUND

Guidance Note



Canada



Background

In its first phase, the Global Partnership for Education Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (GPE KIX) funded 41 applied research projects across 53 countries. While many of those projects have closed, there are ongoing opportunities to share the evidence they generated for uptake. The GPE KIX Furthering Impact Fund was established to build on the applied research project achievements of the first phase of GPE KIX and to support previous GPE KIX grantees in developing and implementing key activities to mobilize knowledge and to increase the uptake of the evidence generated during their project in education policy and practice, and to further the impact of project results.

Funding for these activities will be granted to previous KIX grantees who demonstrate that there is clear demand from education system stakeholders to use the evidence generated by their now-closed GPE KIX project and that the proposed activities will contribute meaningfully to strengthening education policy and practice. Applicants are encouraged to consider co-creating activities with key education stakeholders to increase the likelihood of uptake and sustainability. They are also encouraged to draw on the connections and insights into country-level evidence needs of the GPE KIX Regional Hubs where possible.

Budget

A maximum of CAD 50,000 will be granted for successful applications.

Eligibility

This fund is available to any former GPE KIX grantees, including lead grantees, consortium members, who can effectively demonstrate both the demand for and the likely outcomes of their proposed activities.

This fund **will** support activities such as:

- Providing technical assistance arising from GPE KIX-supported research
- Organising and hosting events to leverage a clear window of opportunity.
- Participation in conferences with demonstrated potential to further the uptake and use of GPE KIX-supported evidence in education policy and practice.
- Producing additional knowledge products and communications materials in response to a specific demand from knowledge users

This fund **will not** support activities such as:

- Conducting continued research
- Organizing knowledge mobilization activities without clear demand from knowledge users or demonstrated likelihood of outcomes for education policy and practice.
- Activities that were planned in the previous closed research.

Application process

When a window of opportunity arises, eligible organizations will submit an application form to their Program Officer for review, detailing the opportunity or demand to which the proposed activity responds, how the evidence generated by the GPE KIX project is positioned to address it, a description of the proposed activity, anticipated outcomes, and a plan for monitoring and reporting on them, as well as a budget. The GPE KIX team at IDRC will evaluate the application within one to two weeks and inform the applicant of the decision. If successful, the grant agreement process will begin.

We encourage potential applicants to reach out to their Program Officer whenever they have an idea of a possible opportunity, for guidance.

Please allow for one month at minimum between submission of the application and the receipt of funds.

Selection criteria

Members of the GPE KIX team at IDRC will assess applications using the criteria below.

Criteria	%
<i>Relevance and likelihood of impact</i> • The application demonstrates a clear window of opportunity or demand from a knowledge user. • The application demonstrates how the results of their GPE KIX project are positioned to address the opportunity or request. • The application proposes an appropriate plan to address the identified need, within the specified budget. • The application identifies realistic expected outcomes that will further the impact of the evidence they generated in their GPE KIX project.	40
<i>Previous results</i> • The applicant demonstrates a strong track record, having generated sufficient results within the timelines of their project to indicate that additional funding would be effective in furthering the impact of the evidence. • If the applicant has already conducted an activity/ activities through this fund (second-time applicant), they reported exceptional results.	30
<i>Monitoring and reporting</i> • The application includes a strong plan for tracking and sharing the outcomes of the proposed activity. • The application outlines an appropriate timeframe for monitoring and reporting on the proposed activity.	15
<i>Organizational capacity</i>	15

The applicant demonstrates sufficient team capacity to execute the proposed activity within the proposed timeframe.	
<i>Total</i>	100