What is Building Evidence in Education (BE²)?

Building Evidence in Education (BE²) is a donor working group, launched in 2012, with the aim to engage bilateral and multilateral organizations and foundations. The objectives of BE2 are to:

- Increase the quality of education research;
- Promote the use of evidence in education programming; and
- Strengthen donor research collaboration.

Membership

- Institution-based: multilateral and bilateral donors and independent foundations working in the education sector. Over 30 donor institutions represented.

Governance

- Steering Committee: DFID, USAID, the World Bank Group; rotating UN agency (currently UNESCO IIEP)
- Activities guided by Steering Committee and general membership
- Supported by BE2 Secretariat
Key Activities:

• **In-person and virtual meetings**

• **Research Mapping:** on-going and future member research, to facilitate coordination and collaboration.

• **Publications:** *Generating Evidence in Education: Impact Evaluations* and *Assessing the Quality of Evidence in the Education Sector*.

• **BE2 Interest Groups:** current include post primary education for girls, education in emergencies, youth employment, cost effectiveness, etc.

**Why a “donor” working group?**
Proposed new BE2 interest group “Education Data”

- Gather information and communicate to BE² members on ‘big picture’ SDG 4 monitoring practice and progress
- Undertake a mapping of BE² member support to education data initiatives (global, country, etc.)
- Develop a stocktake of support to national, regional and international learning assessment systems
- Develop consolidated understanding of what works and common challenges in education data and learning assessment initiatives (across a spectrum of initiatives)
- Harmonize donor approaches and standards for education data platforms and measurement
- Develop BE² products such as: ‘Education Data Platform Best Practice’ and ‘Learning Assessment Best Practice’

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