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Letter writer urges Congress to keep Africa education funding

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Partnership for education is simply too important to cut

Imagine you are a dedicated 4th grade teacher in Chad with 100 students in a dirt-floored classroom with poor training, no books. Even though you are the only hope for 100 young people to learn writing and math and thus lift themselves and their families out of poverty, 50 percent of your students still cannot write their names.

Now, imagine that because your government, your local school district and community leaders have teamed with international programs like UNICEF in the global partnership for education, you have books, classrooms, running water and good training.

The U.S. has contributed to the global partnership for education since 2011. Thanks to the global partnership for education, many millions more children are being educated since the beginning of this collaborative and successful effort.

Yet, the administration has proposed drastic cuts in the global partnership for education budget. Urge your member of Congress to speak out in support of an increased U.S. pledge to the Global Partnership for Education.

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