

Lessons in Education Budget Advocacy in the Asia Pacific



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I. Critical Issues in the Budget Process

- Transparency - Access to Documents & Information
- Public Participation in Budget Process
- CSO Representation in Budget-Making Bodies/Committees
- Greater public awareness on Budget
- More substantial public debate on the Budget



II. Budget Advocacy Strategies

- Capacity building
- Planning and designing intervention strategies
- Information dissemination and media engagement
- Lobbying and intervention



III. In Pictures: Budget Advocacy Work in the Asia Pacific

PHILIPPINES – “Six will Fix” Campaign

6% of GDP for Education
will cover GAPS in Education



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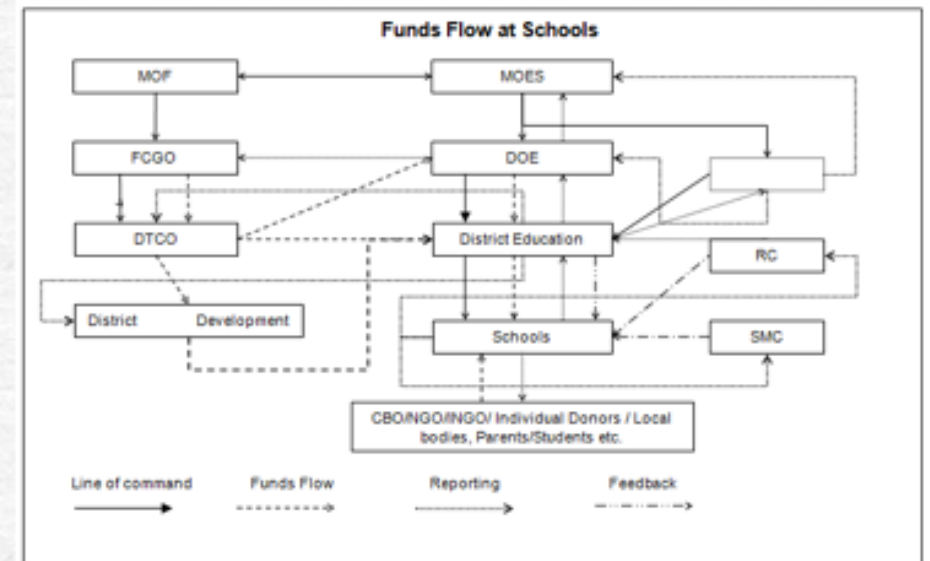
INDIA – Nine is Mine Campaign

6% of GDP for Education
3% of GDP for Health
= 9% to End POVERTY



NEPAL ... Budget Tracking Survey

Funding Flow in Nepal, 32 Steps MOES → Schools



IV. Lessons in Budget Advocacy



- ❑ There is a need to identify key actors in the budget process (Stakeholders Analysis/mapping)
- ❑ There must be concrete proposals with good basis
- ❑ Make budget proposals simple (“demystify” budgets)
- ❑ Must have credibility, with constituency, with machinery

IV. Lessons in Budget Advocacy

- ❑ Must have champions or allies in the Government
- ❑ Intimate knowledge of the engagement terrain
- ❑ Must maintain flexibility in dealing with Government
- ❑ Must develop expertise and capacity in budget advocacy



Thank you!

