

Towards a Unified GASTPE Strategy in Basic Education

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Integrating three policy notes:

- Extending GASTPE TO K-6 (2023)
- Targeting and grant amounts in ESC (2025)
- Targeting and grant amounts in SHS VP (2025)

System Challenges Across All Levels



Access
gaps

Quality
crisis

Fiscal
inefficiency

Access Gaps: K–6 to SHS

Gross enrollment rate decline in K-6

1.5M out-of-school children aged 5-11

Affordability barriers in JHS & SHS

Systemwide Quality Crisis

Lowest rank in PISA & TIMSS

Private school learning advantage

Cumulative learning effects

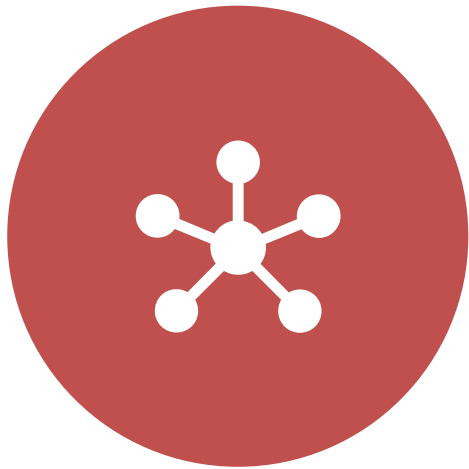
Fiscal Inefficiencies

Public provision costly

Private sector underutilized

Structural classroom shortages

Why a Unified K–12 Strategy?



CHALLENGES ARE
INTERCONNECTED



SOLUTIONS MUST BE
INTEGRATED

GASTPE for K–6: Access Rationale

COVID-19 learning losses, including GER down from 108% to 92%

1.5M out-of-school children in K-6

Private school capacity - 433k–867k private seats available

GASTPE for K–6: Quality Rationale



PRIVATE SCHOOL
ADVANTAGE



EARLY EXPOSURE
BENEFITS



WORLD BANK
FINDINGS

GASTPE for K–6: Financial Rationale



ESC COSTS 58% OF
PUBLIC JHS



SHS VP SAVES 33–
48%



₱3B+ ANNUAL
SAVINGS

ESC: Key Issues

2017 grants unchanged

26–39% fee coverage

Mis-targeting persists

Pricing behavior among GASTPE-participating schools

| | Maximum support values | Average school fees of participating schools | Coverage (support value as a % of school fees) | % of schools (ESC) or offerings (SHS VP) at or below the maximum support value |
|----------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| NCR | | | | |
| ESC | 13,000 | 49,408 | 26% | 1% |
| SHS VP | 22,500 | 43,029 | 52% | 32% |
| HUCs | | | | |
| ESC | 11,000 | 40,330 | 27% | 1% |
| SHS VP | 20,000 | 33,820 | 59% | 20% |
| Non-HUCs | | | | |
| ESC | 9,000 | 23,275 | 39% | 3% |
| SHS VP | 17,500 | 24,496 | 71% | 25% |

ESC: Proposed Reforms

Targeted criteria



Grant adjustments



Governance improvements



SHS VP: Key Issues

Stagnant
voucher levels

Declining
beneficiary share

Affordability
barriers

SHS VP: Proposed Reforms

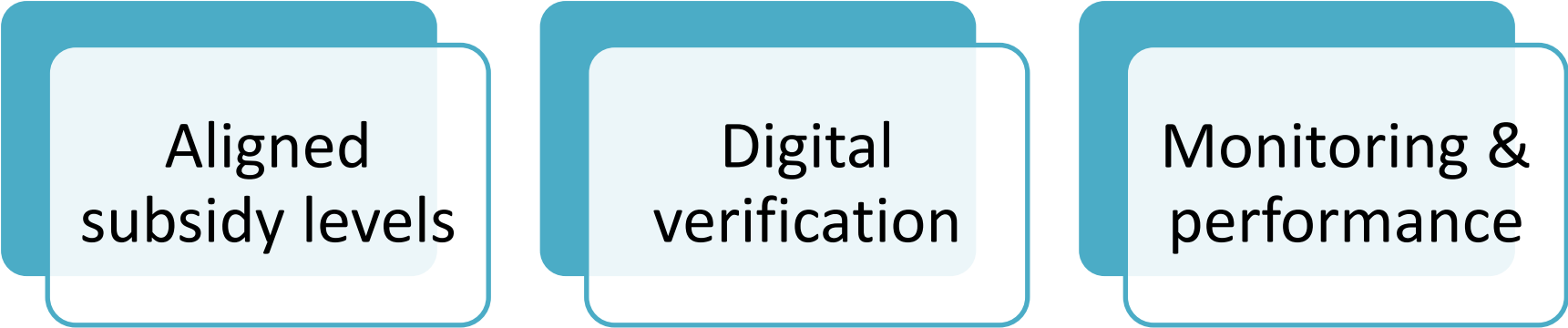


Inflation-
adjusted
vouchers



Quality
assurance

Cross-Cutting Reforms



Aligned
subsidy levels

Digital
verification

Monitoring &
performance

Final Policy Ask

Extend

Extend GASTPE to K–6

Adjust

Adjust ESC & SHS VP subsidies

Institutionalize

Institutionalize GASTPE

More Work to Do

Clarity/ Consensus on goal (congestion, access, equity, quality, choice)

Shift from access to quality

Stronger governance mechanisms – 3rd party NAT, publicly available school profiles, standardized selection processes, recognition et al.

Operationalize public-private complementarity

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