

## Call for Proposals

Right to Education Index 2017 Advocacy Partners

### Background

The Right to Education Index (RTEI), an initiative of RESULTS Educational Fund, is a global index designed to catalyze reform related to the right to education, leading to a multi-country advocacy campaign that will drive accountability and progress towards realizing the right to education. The project facilitates ongoing research, analysis, and advocacy in partnership with civil society in the North and South and unites education advocacy campaigns. RTEI reveals key areas in need of improvement, offers country-to-country comparisons, and tracks progress over time. RESULTS Educational Fund partners with organizations to develop country analyses to further interpret RTEI results and support national-level advocacy. RTEI is a research-to-action initiative that provides the means for coordinated advocacy campaigns across partners.

RTEI partners with civil society organizations, research institutions, and governments to collect data on a wide range of indicators explicitly derived from the international right to education framework. RTEI is designed to track progress on key right to education indicators in the areas of Governance, Availability, Accessibility, Acceptability, and Adaptability (the 4 As). RTEI further provides the means to monitor progress across additional issue areas, such as girls' education, children with disabilities, privatization, data availability, and more in order for civil society to strategically use such findings to support national-level campaigns around the world. For more information, see [www.rtei.org](http://www.rtei.org).

Following the release of the [2015 pilot report](#) of the RTEI, 82 organizations from 40 countries responded to the call of applications to become one of 15 partners for the 2016 RTEI implementation round. 2016 is the first official round of data collection and will be followed by one year of in-country advocacy. RTEI operates on a recurring two-year project cycle, with one year being data collection and publishing and the next year initiating deeper in-country advocacy work based on the findings. RESULTS Educational Fund is now offering an opportunity to support current partners to implement targeted in-country advocacy strategies based on 2016 RTEI findings.

### Call for Proposals Overview

RESULTS Educational Fund is requesting proposals from RTEI civil society partners in the Global South to develop and submit in-country advocacy strategies based on the 2016 RTEI findings. Proposals should be for advocacy activities conducted from February to September 2017 and should

seek to carry forward targeted advocacy around one or two of the most nationally relevant RTEI 2016 findings. Proposals may strategically build on partners' existing work or upcoming campaign areas.

Partners choose the issue area of their advocacy strategy based on RTEI 2016 findings and their national contexts. Partners also choose the strategic approaches most suitable for that issue and their contexts. However, RESULTS Educational Fund and its partners are additionally positioned to best support strategies with the following example tactics:

- **Engagement of education sector policy, planning, and review processes**
  - Partners could engage education sector policy planning processes to promote certain remedies to issues revealed by RTEI.
  - Partners could submit written or verbal testimony nationally about the right to education in Education Sector Reviews.
- **Parliamentary engagement**
  - Partners could use RTEI results and their findings to educate parliamentarians in regards to current educational needs in the country. (Please note that RESULTS Educational Fund cannot support lobbying activities.)
- **Media engagement**
  - Partners could work with journalists to discuss the implications of RTEI results and the general situation related to the right to education in country.
- **Citizen engagement**
  - Partners could work with community-based groups around specific issues revealed by RTEI and may take part in trainings offered by the RESULTS International Conference July 21-25, 2017.
- **Multilateral institution engagement**
  - Partners could advocate around education issues pertaining to the World Bank or Global Partnership for Education, including meetings with high-level audiences in Washington, DC.
- **Application of Right to Education Project's new monitoring guide**
  - Partners could use [Right to Education Project's new monitoring guide](#) to further explore key RTEI findings and use such research in relevant advocacy products and engagements.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Framework for Action shadow reporting**
  - Partners could use RTEI results and findings around specific themes to report on the status of SDG4 and provide recommendations.
- **UN Committee reporting**
  - Partners could use RTEI results and their findings to draft informational briefs and policy recommendations in coordination with UN human rights mechanisms operating at the national, regional, and international level as well as UN Universal Periodic Reviews.

RTEI partners may propose other strategies or a combination of the above tactics.

Proposals will be reviewed with the RTEI Advisory Group to coordinate with various right to education initiatives. Several of the above tactics draw on expertise from RTEI Advisory Group

members and global partners, and RESULTS Educational Fund will seek to match in-country partner strategies with additional global partner support. For example, strategies proposing SDG and Framework for Action shadow reporting may be additionally supported by the Global Campaign for Education or application and use of the Right to Education Project's new monitoring guide may be additionally supported by the Right to Education Project.

In your proposal, be sure to describe your advocacy strategies, including any of those listed above, and include an activity list with a timeframe for project completion. Consider the following guiding benchmarks:

- **February - September** - Implementation of in-country advocacy strategy
  - **March** - Orientation with selected civil society advocacy partner
  - **March** - Southern launch of RTEI 2016 report
  - **May** - Midterm status update (templates will be provided)
- **October** – Final report (templates will be provided)

## Eligibility

Applicants must be current RTEI 2016 partners based in the Global South.

## Language

English is the operational language of all RTEI interactions and exchanges during this period. This includes:

- Exchanges between RESULTS Educational Fund and partner organizations, via email, calls;
- RTEI materials from RESULTS Educational Fund;

Advocacy documents developed by Southern partners for in-country advocacy can be in local languages.

RESULTS Educational Fund knows the value and necessity for further language capacities around this initiative and regrets that those capacities are not available at this time. Translated materials and additional language capacities are anticipated in future years of RTEI.

## Funding Support

Selected advocacy strategies will be supported with up to USD \$20,000 disbursed in two installments, one at the beginning of the project and one in May 2017 upon successful completion of a midterm status update.

All funds must be spent within the grant period of February 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

## Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed with the RTEI Advisory Group, which will further seek to ensure coordination of selected strategies with other right to education initiatives and strategic strengths of RTEI global partners. Awarded proposals will be determined by the strength of the strategy, the partner's history of government engagement, and the partner's capacity to implement the proposed strategy. RESULTS Educational Fund will support one to four proposals, funding permitting.

## How to apply

Interested organizations should complete the [RTEI Call for Advocacy Partners Proposal Form](#) and [RTEI Budget Template](#) and submit them to [rtei@results.org](mailto:rtei@results.org) by **Monday, January 9, 2017**. Please put "RTEI 2017 Advocacy Proposal" in the email subject line.

## Deadline

The deadline for applicants is **Monday, January 9, 2017**.

## Notification of Decisions

Thursday, January 19, 2017

## Questions or comments

Please send questions or comments to [rtei@results.org](mailto:rtei@results.org).