

Sub-Saharan Africa is the global leader in spending on education as a percentage of total government spending

UNESCO's Education For All Global Monitoring Report (2013/14) measures governmental financial commitment to education by assessing governments' budgetary expenditure allocations towards education. Sub-Saharan Africa's (SSA) expenditure on education, at 18.7% of total government expenditure, is the highest globally. This highlights SSA's strong commitment to improving education standards and quality.

The report further highlights that it is feasible for African countries to raise significant amounts of funds from tax collections which can then be spent on education programmes. Namibia, for example, generated tax revenue equivalent to 24% of its GDP and allocated 22.4% of government expenditure to Education in 2011. Tax revenue in SSA is equivalent to 18% of GDP (2012 World Average is 14.5%) hence through consistent tax reforms, significant amounts of money can be raised to support education expenditure.

