



HOW FUNDERS CAN SUPPORT MORE AND BETTER COST DATA

Recommendations from the Global Costing Taskforce for Education and ECCE

Funders should use cost evidence to inform and justify funding allocation requests and investment decisions, including to:

- Compare alternative implementation models and delivery approaches through a lens of cost-efficiency, cost-effectiveness, equity, and scalability.
- Inform grant design, procurement, and contracting decisions.
- Monitor implementation efficiency and accountability for resource use.
- Support portfolio-level learning and comparative analysis across investments.

Call to action:

- Commit to generating, interpreting, sharing, and responsibly using high-quality cost evidence.
- Apply harmonized standards and terminology for cost data generation, analysis, and use.
- Require cost analysis as part of program design, implementation, and evaluation.
- Adequately resource and support capacity strengthening in cost data generation, analysis, and use.
- Require publication and dissemination of cost study findings that they fund.

