



Indicative Milestones

This paper described indicative milestones for Year 1 operation and provides the basis for detailed work planning by the Education Cannot Wait Secretariat when in place.

At WHS

- High-level Steering Group Formed
- Website live
- Public Launch of Fund at WHS; Fundraising Campaign Starts

Start-Up Phase – July through to December 2016

- UNICEF hosting statement finalized, including contribution arrangements with donors
- Open Trust Fund/Special Acct; Pop-up fund established (when needed)
- Governance: High Level Steering Group TORs Established & Process for Key Decisions Agreed (Directly following WHS)
- Secretariat Director; Onboard & Hiring of Secretariat
- Develop Strategic Plan/Work Plan/Results Framework;
- Establish grant modalities including eligibility criteria, monitoring, reporting, evaluation processes
- Fundraising strategy developed

September 2016 – special event at the UN General Assembly (UNGA)

- High Level Steering Group Meets (face to face meeting)
 - Fundraising & resource mobilization announcements
 - First round of investments agreed (global and country level)

Q4 2016 - operations begin

- Disburse first investments
- Acceleration mechanism operational

Q1 2017

- Breakthrough & Acceleration Funds Fully Operational
- Strategic plan/work plan/results framework agreed
- Quarterly Report to HLSG
- Strategy: Multi-year funding criteria established

Q2 2017 - Breakthrough & Acceleration Funds Continue to Operate

- High-Level Steering Group Meeting
- Quarterly Results Report; Real-time evaluation findings
- Year 2 Strategy Drafted
- Selection of first multi-year funding recipients

Q3 2017 - Breakthrough & Acceleration Funds Continue to Operate

- Quarterly Report
- High Level Steering Group Meeting

Q4 2017

- Quarterly Report
- Year 1 Evaluation Starts, including assessment of longer-term hosting arrangements