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Abstract

This chapter discusses education as currently provided in Zambia with the focus on highlighting key stakeholders who have partnered with government in the provision of education. The chapter also examines the current policy context within which this provision is made. Quantitative issues and indicators relating to the number of institutions, enrolments and teachers are dealt with. Further, qualitative matters regarding education efficiency are also considered. In order to give the aggregate picture of the current provision, education financing is discussed in general terms so as to understand the current allocation. Finally, two issues to which attention is seldom paid are considered: the current status of community schools and demographic factors especially relating to population growth and its impact on the education system as a whole.

Key Words: Education, Current Provision, Zambia

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