

# Reimagining Accountability in Education - UNESCO GEM Report

A Presentation of Research Findings by Atishay Mathur



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# UNESCO 2017-18 GEM Report

- The year of education?
- Stagnating aid budgets for education since 2010
- The World Development Report 2018
  - LEARNING to Realize Education's Promise
- Global Partnership for Education - increased funding in education
- UNESCO 2017-18 GEM Report
  - Accountability in education: Meeting our commitments

# Linear Accountability

**Expectations and commitments**



**Results**

# Accountability is Complex

## Expectations and commitments

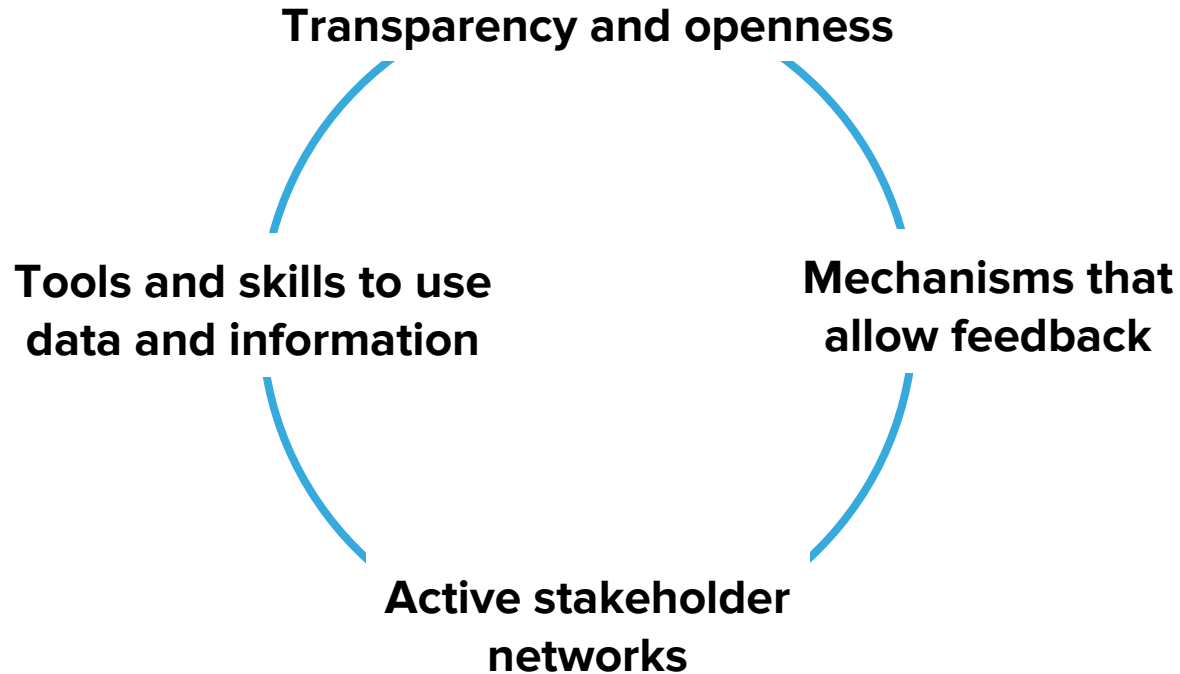
- Governments
- Donor Governments
- International Organisations
- Private Sector
  
- Schools
- Teachers
- Parents
- Students
  
- Media
- International Watchdogs



## Results

- Monitoring Data
- Impact Evaluation
- Country Surveys
  
- Self evaluations
- Independent evaluations
  
- Qualitative Data
- Quantitative Data
  
- Raw Data
- Analysis

# Accountability requires?



- How do we involve civil society? (press, elections, protests)
- Go beyond visible change?

# Considerations from Research on Effectiveness

- Parallel reporting mechanisms that allow triangulation of data
- Shift from measurement to assessment
- Supporting accountability structures
- Broadening open government data dissemination mechanisms
- Mutually beneficial models of development cooperation
- Publish annual monitoring reports

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