

# QUALITY EDUCATION



## ACCESS TO INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION

### THE CHALLENGE



At 360 million, India has the largest youth population in the world, and will be the world's youngest country in 2022



Total enrolment in higher education stands at 23%



India has achieved universal primary enrolment with an adjusted net enrolment rate of 98%, but 6 million children are still out of school



27% of India's population is illiterate



Only 59% of children in class 3 can read a grade-appropriate passage, and only 57% are able to answer questions related to division



Public spending on education as a proportion of GDP was flat at around 3% from 2008-09 to 2014-15, and stands at 3.8% in 2016



Less than 5% of India's workforce has undergone formal skills training

### THE OPPORTUNITY



122 million new workers will join India's labour force by 2030 and it is critical they possess the necessary skills to contribute productively to the economy



Skill and entrepreneurship development are among the government's top priorities, especially in core sectors identified under the Make in India campaign

#### Government Initiatives

National flagship schemes include:

- Skill India, to train 500 million young people by 2020
- Digital India
- Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aims to achieve universal quality education for all Indians
- National Career Service

# POTENTIAL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Improving learning outcomes by complementing schooling with ICT tools and life skills
- Strengthen monitoring of learning outcomes and the quality of schooling
- Enable internet connectivity to bring education and skills to the farthest first
- Develop child-friendly learning spaces and schools that can accommodate the multidimensional needs of children and adolescents as learners
- Improve access to educational resources and invest in quality teaching

## CONNECT TO LEARN

Ericsson partnered with Columbia University and Millennium Promise to launch “Connect to Learn” to provide ICT technologies to schools in remote, impoverished areas in 22 countries, which has reached 50,000 students. The project deployed 3G networks to eight sites in Northern Ghana, and was launched in 11 Millennium villages in sub-Saharan Africa. Ericsson partnered with Mobitel and Open University of Sri Lanka to provide teenage girls in Sri Lanka’s farming communities with ICT and computer literacy education.

### SDG Goals

