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Solomon Islands returned to full interactive classroom education at all levels of education in June of 2022, less than one year after the compulsory closure of education institutions in the country.

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The delivery of education in Solomon Islands has been transformed through an all-encompassing vision espoused in our 'Education Strategic Framework 2016 to 2030' which states...

"Our vision is that all Solomon Islanders will develop as individuals and possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to earn a living and to live in harmony with others and their environment. We envisage a united and progressive society in which all can live in peace and harmony with fair and equitable opportunities for a better life. Parents and members of the community develop a sense of ownership of all educational institutions."

Our long-term strategic education framework is delivered through respective five-year 'National Education Action Plans' which each have a strong focus on ensuring a better education management system, access, and inclusion in education for all children. It also focuses on supporting teachers with the resources and training needed to provide quality and relevant learning support to children.

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the digital divide and participate in digital transformation through universal access to reliable, accessible, affordable, and timely information. This policy will empower our education and health institutions to reach all students and all people in the rural and remote areas of Solomon Islands.

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With the digital transformation policy now in place and coordinated through a digital transformation authority, our challenge is on its roll-out and implementation. The Solomon Islands government welcomes development partner support to help it expand the reach of digital transformation opportunities to all our students in all our education institutions throughout Solomon Islands within the next five to ten years.

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The Solomon Islands government invests between 20 – 30 percent of its national budget in education annually. However, to fully realize the aspirations espoused in MDG 4, the government of Solomon Islands welcomes support from our partners, so that

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To conclude