



ACCELERATED EDUCATION
WORKING GROUP

Key Programme Definitions¹

Accelerated Education Programme (AEP)

(Replaces Accelerated Learning Programme [ALP] and other terminology as the standard descriptive term)

A flexible, age-appropriate programme, run in an accelerated timeframe, which aims to provide access to education for disadvantaged, over-age, out-of-school children and youth. This may include those who missed out on, or had their education interrupted by, poverty, marginalisation, conflict and crisis. The goal of Accelerated Education Programmes is to provide learners with equivalent, certified competencies for basic education using effective teaching and learning approaches that match their level of cognitive maturity.

Accelerated Learning

Approaches to teaching and learning, informed by research in the cognitive and neuro-sciences, that provide more engaged, proficient and faster development of learned knowledge and basic skills.²

Catch-up programme

A short-term transitional education programme for children and youth who had been actively attending school prior to an educational disruption, which provides students with the opportunity to learn content missed because of the disruption and supports their re-entry to the formal system.

Bridging programme

A short-term, targeted preparation course that supports students' success taking various forms such as language acquisition and/or other existing differences between home and host education curricula and systems for entry into a different type of certified education.

Remedial programme

Additional targeted support, concurrent with regular classes, for students who require short-term content or skill support to succeed in regular formal programming.

¹ All definitions appear in the INEE term bank.

² Although Accelerated Learning is a desirable goal for Accelerated Education Programmes, in reality most AEP teachers in humanitarian and development contexts use standard teaching-learning methods due to limited specific Accelerated Learning training and experience. Accelerated Education Programmes are able to accelerate learning by condensing the curriculum, concentrating on basic skills and competencies, having smaller classes and allowing more time on learning tasks.