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Acting to Shape Education for Refugee Children and Youth

A Major Challenge

Education is an important vehicle to protect and improve physical and mental health, and provide access to a wide range of essential services. It is also a prerequisite for economic development, security and equal opportunities for all.

Staggering numbers demonstrate that significant challenges remain. This situation calls for urgent action.

The Global Refugee Forum (GRF) 2023 is a key opportunity for donors and hosting Governments, International Organisations, UN agencies, foundations and partners to engage with Education in Emergencies (EiE) in refugee contexts. Let's collectively commit to EiE for children and youth in both refugee and host communities.

Clear Solutions

Governments, donors and civil society should:

- » identify and remove legal, policy and administrative barriers that prevent refugee (as well as internally displaced) children from swiftly returning to learning and inclusion in national education systems.
- » make education an integral part of humanitarian responses, while also ensuring continuity by strengthening the resilience of education systems.

Donors should step up their support by providing higher amounts of predictable multi-year financing.

35M+
refugees worldwide.

41%
of whom are children or youth.

58%
of all refugee children are out of school.

Only
10-30%
of EiE funding appeals are met.

Engage With Us

- Collaborate around the GRF 2023 to scale up political, technical and financial support to enable refugee access to education – from the onset of an emergency and beyond.
- Take up leadership in a group of like-minded EiE partners and become a member of the EiE Hub.
- Raise your voice and support advocacy to increase the visibility of EiE in preparation for the GRF.
- Join other actors and commit to a GRF multi-stakeholder pledge on education which supports refugee children and youth, as well as refugee-hosting States and communities.



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Faced with the under-prioritisation and underfunding of education in emergencies, and given the magnitude of the challenge, the 44 members of the Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies (EiE Hub) form a strong alliance of like-minded states and organisations to step up visibility, political and operational commitment, and funding for EiE.



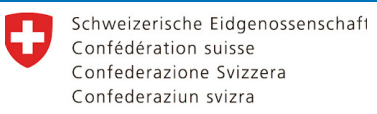
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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) aims to aid and protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people, and to assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement to a third country. UNHCR advocates for the specific needs of refugees of all ages to be considered within education in emergency responses and promotes response options that support inclusion in national education systems from the start of an emergency.



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Education Cannot Wait (ECW) is the first global fund dedicated to education in emergencies and protracted crises. Based on the recognition that continuous access to quality learning is a priority for children and families affected by conflicts, natural disasters and displacement, ECW comes as a ground-breaking initiative bringing together public and private partners eager to work together differently and mobilise the funding required to deploy immediate and sustainable programmes tailor-made to the educational needs of these children.



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Switzerland is the host country of the Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies. Together with 9 co-signatories, Switzerland originally pledged to promote Geneva as the global hub for education in emergencies at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum, and to create the EiE Hub.