

# ICE FIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE REFUGEE EDUCATION

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# HC's statement during release of the 2016 report on Education

“Refugees have skills, ideas, hopes and dreams... They are also tough, resilient and creative, with the energy and drive to shape their own destinies, given the chance.”

Filippo Grandi

# Some statistics on Refugee Education

Country	School aged		Attending PE			Attending SE		Attending TE		
	general population	refugees	general population	refugees	female	general population	refugee	general	DAFI scholar refugees	female
Djibouti	186 950	5835	61 755	2999	nA	61 284	71	nA	0	0
Eritrea	1 142 150	937	361 684	540	nA	245 806	260	12 554	0	0
Ethiopia	21 063 140	364,150	16 198 047	118275	47,607	5 028 678	3980	757 175	512	81
Kenya	14 092 302	232643	8 168 710	79572	nA	nA	5468	nA	247	80
Uganda	8 417 509	413,967	nA	115784	50,590	1 284 008	10203	165 396	219	81
Somalia	nA	3935	nA	541	nA	nA	52	nA	0	0
Sudan	8 284 894	168586	nA	27208*	16325	nA	3865	632 377	122	81
South Sudan	2 658 817	115526	1 273 852	10219*	4203	164 135	nA	nA	14	3

\*Educate A Child en

## Global Figures

Refugees (2016 UNHCR)						Global (2015 UNESCO Institute for Statistics)						Comparing out-of-school rates, we conclude that:  Refugees are 5x more likely to be out of school:
Education Level	Refugees Enrolled	Refugees out of school	Total number of refugees aged 5-17	Enrolment rate	Out-of-school rate	Education Level	Non-refugees Enrolled	Non-refugees Out of school	Total number of non-refugees of school-age	Enrolment rate	Out-of-school rate	
Primary	2,300,000	1,500,000	3,800,000	61%	39%	Primary	633,000,000	61,000,000	694,000,000	91%	9%	449%
Secondary	600,000	2,000,000	2,600,000	23%	77%	Lower Seco	316,000,000	62,000,000	378,000,000	84%	16%	469%
Total	2,900,000	3,500,000	6,400,000	45%	55%	Total	949,000,000	123,000,000	1,072,000,000	89%	11%	477%

## **Magnitude of the problem of teaching refugee students globally i.e. the sheer volume of demand and the critical shortage of teachers**

- The statistics we just saw give us a picture on where we stand with refugee education .
- The needs for education in Africa for UNHCR are enormous.
- **Challenges faced:**
  - Lack of resources
  - Shortage of teachers
  - Integration of refugees into national systems
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# Need to look at education as a long-term strategic challenge rather than a short-term emergency fix.

- For UNHCR, Education is an important protection tool. Having a child in school or getting a refugee child to be trained will save him/her from negative activities or illegal ones.
- Education is also a solution to forced recruitment of children into military activities.
- Education is also a healing tool for many children who are traumatized by conflicts, especially at the early stage of flight. Education builds a community, a society and a nation.
- Education is a tool to mitigate secondary movement as well as migration flows
- In EHA, education is this first activity followed when one considers the budget. That is why it is one of the key strategic objectives of the Bureau.
- This illustrates the importance the Bureau and UNHCR attach to this sector.

## Collaboration and delivering education in emergencies by the actors.

- No need to reinvent the wheel, but to build on existing systems and knowledge
- Collaborating in emergencies and beyond
- Putting resources together
- Using the 'savoir faire or know how' of all
- UNHCR recent CRRF initiative offers such an opportunity to bring all stakeholders working in education.
- For example in Djibouti e.g. key ministries, development actors such as World Bank, UNDP, UN agencies such, UNHCR and other partners are working together for the integration of refugee into the national system.

In conclusion:

Lets us all strive for refugee education to be our priority during emergencies and beyond. Let us do our part.....

Even if

Opportunities to learn diminish greatly when children are forced to flee their homes and as they grow older.....

Thank you