

# TENT PARTNERSHIP FOR REFUGEES



Today, more than 65M people have been forcibly displaced worldwide. More than 50% of these people are children below the age of 18.

Below is information about the challenges refugee students face and how the private sector can help address them:

## CHALLENGE

**Refugees face significant barriers to receiving formal classroom-based and non-formal community-based education, including:**

- Physical Barriers: Refugee students may not have access to schools within walking distance that are safe and well-equipped
- Financial Barriers: Funding and scholarship sources are uncommon and frequently limit a family's ability to send their children to school
- Infrastructure Barriers: Even where formal classrooms are available, space constraints may restrict students from receiving formal education

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**Examples of how the private sector can help in collaboration with local stakeholders:**

- Provide infrastructure for temporary or permanent educational facilities and tools, including digital solutions and remote learning capabilities
- Establish scholarship funds and other financial support to enable refugees to access primary and secondary education
- Develop or facilitate access to non-traditional educational opportunities, including digital curricula, textbooks, and content

**75 million** children live in crisis and conflict and are in desperate need of educational support

**CHALLENGE****QUALITY****TAKE ACTION****Refugees have limited access to high quality education services:**

- The volume of teachers is limited in refugee communities
- Where there are teachers, there may not be access to sufficient and high-quality teacher training
- Double shift schools operating in the morning and afternoon accommodate more students, but provide students with less instructional time

**Examples of how the private sector can help in collaboration with local stakeholders:**

- Facilitate incentive programs, including merit-based stipends, to increase teacher retention
- Provide training, customized curriculum, and recruiting support for teachers or administrators
- Support age-appropriate remedial reading and writing classes for children who have had their education interrupted

Refugee children and adolescents are **5x** more likely to be out of school than their non-refugee peers

**CHALLENGE****SOCIAL COHESION****TAKE ACTION****Refugees are affected by social constraints and cultural differences that can hinder their ability to integrate and engage in a new community:**

- Students may be exposed to conflict that arise due to mixed classes, poor management of education services, and school-based violence
- Refugee children may experience abrupt transitions into new curriculums and face language barriers that are not addressed by their new schools
- Refugee students in camps attending temporary classrooms may have limited access to counseling services to combat mental trauma

**Examples of how the private sector can help in collaboration with local stakeholders:**

- Invest in infrastructure funding and training for safe environment programs providing structured learning and extracurricular activities to refugees within schools
- Invest in soft skills education, which can be a critical component of integration and peacebuilding, while providing continued learning opportunities to students that can help mitigate trauma of forced migration
- Develop innovative resources supporting refugees physiological development, including non formal curriculum, play-based content, or arts and sports therapy

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