



PARTNERSHIP FOR REFUGEES

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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

ACCESS

TAKE ACTION

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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