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EDUCATION FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

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THE CHALLENGE

- ▶ Developing regions host **92% of the world's school-age refugees** (2017).
- ▶ **4 million refugee children** were out of school in 2017, an increase of half a million in one year.
- ▶ **20 years on average:** length of forced displacement due to crises and conflicts.
- ▶ Refugee children are **5 times less likely** to attend school than other children in the countries to which they have moved. Refugee girls are less likely than refugee boys to attend school.

EDUCATION CAN HELP

- ▶ Ensuring refugee children have access to education in their host countries gives them a **sense of normalcy** in the midst of chaos.
- ▶ Educating refugee children gives them **hope for a better future**, thereby giving them higher chances to break the vicious cycle of poverty and conflict.



GPE RESULTS



US\$23 M

IN ACCELERATED FINANCING to support education needs of Rohingya refugee children in Bangladesh, South Sudanese refugee children in Chad, displaced and refugee children in Cameroon, and children from surrounding communities



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TRANSITIONAL EDUCATION PLANS have been developed in countries facing crises between 2012 and 2018

For all sources visit <https://www.globalpartnership.org/data-and-results/education-data>

GPE APPROACH

- ▶ **GPE promotes the inclusion of refugee children in national education systems.** GPE partner countries are home to almost 4 million refugee children, about 45% of the world's refugee children population. Following the guidance from the Global Compact on Refugees, GPE works with governments to include refugees in education sector plans and helps strengthen capacity and resources to meet the education needs of refugees.
- ▶ **Collaboration with UNHCR.** In 2016, GPE and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees signed an agreement to support education for refugee children and youth, and raise global awareness of education needs during conflict and crisis.
- ▶ GPE's work **builds on the efforts of humanitarian partners** to improve linkages and joint planning between humanitarian and long-term development efforts and to avoid fragmentation of education planning and financing.
- ▶ GPE works closely with **Education Cannot Wait (ECW)** to ensure that education can be delivered effectively during conflict and crisis. Funding allocated through ECW complements and extends existing GPE support in Chad, Uganda and Yemen.
- ▶ GPE can provide **accelerated funding** to countries experiencing crises in as little as eight weeks, including to respond to the education needs of refugee and displaced children.

BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, 1.3 million people, including Rohingya refugees and surrounding communities, require humanitarian assistance. More than half are school-age children with urgent education needs. GPE partners have been working with the government to ensure that these children go to school. A ground-breaking learning framework, which outlines what Rohingya children should learn and how that will be assessed, was developed by GPE partners in consultation with the government – and is now the basis for all education interventions.

GPE approved US\$8.3 million in accelerated financing to Bangladesh in late 2018 to help 80,000 children get an education, most of whom have never been enrolled in school. Two thirds of them are Rohingya refugees located in camps in Cox's Bazar; one third are Bangladeshi children in surrounding communities. About 2,000 teachers will be trained. The funding also supports the building of classrooms in camps and surrounding communities and learning and teaching materials.

