1. For the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, education is essential to better protect refugees. UNHCR is fully committed to implementing a comprehensive education strategy in refugee hosting countries in collaboration with host country governments.

2. UNHCR’s education strategy is entrenched in support for national education systems to enable them to include refugees, while also supporting local system strengthening. Our approach to education is with a view to finding durable solutions for refugees, enabling them to return home once it is safe to do so; or to integrate within the host country; or repatriate to a third country.

3. Since 2010, UNHCR has enhanced its commitment to refugee education, further entrenching education as a core component of its protection mandate.

   • **A five year education strategy** is being implemented between 2012 -2016, with a central focus on enrolment, retention and completion of quality education for all refugee children.

   • UNHCR’s **global education budget has more than doubled** from 2010 to 2014.

   • The presence of **dedicated field education staff has increased by 80% between 2011 and 2014**, covering approximately 30 countries.

   • UNHCR is undertaking a strengthening of refugee education data collection and management, and is working with partners for inclusion of refugee education data in national education management information systems and in global education statistics.

4. UNHCR pledges **a minimum of USD 150 million for refugee education in 2015**, and an **estimative budget of USD 150 – 200 million each year for 2016 and 2017**, a **minimum total of USD 450 million over the three years 2015-2017**.