What is No Lost Generation?

The No Lost Generation initiative is an ambitious commitment to action by humanitarians, donors and policymakers to support children and youth affected by the Syria and Iraq crises. It was launched in 2013 and is now entering phase III, which will cover the period 2019-2022.

No Lost Generation is a regional level initiative. Country-level programming for children and youth which relates to the three No Lost Generation pillars of Education, Child Protection, and Adolescents & Youth is embedded in the country level joint humanitarian / resilience response plans, reports and coordination mechanisms.

Following an independent evaluation of No Lost Generation conducted in 2019 and discussions amongst key stakeholders and partners, a phase III of No Lost Generation will be initiated in September 2019. The geographic and thematic scope of will be maintained, and this phase will last for 3 years.

What’s new in phase III of No Lost Generation?

- A sharper focus on effective, joint advocacy on funding, policy and programmatic issues (such as promotion of good practice);
- Clearer and stronger connections to the country level to ensure that this advocacy is as relevant and impactful as possible;
- A clearer role for donors and governments; and
- Continued focus on achieving positive change for vulnerable children and young people in the areas of Education, Child Protection, Adolescents & Youth and the intersection between these themes;

Products and events: what to expect

- Annual report on the situation of children and youth affected by crisis, with key recommendations;
- Annual multi-stakeholder meeting to review the recommendations of the report and agree actions, and 4-5 working group meetings convening operational partners at the regional level for decision-making on issues arising;
- Advocacy priorities (key data and asks) on issues of central importance to children and youth in advance of major events such as pledging conferences;
- 4 newsletters sharing funding updates and examples of best practices from operational partners’ programming; and
- A schedule of workshops, symposia and summits led by partners to explore and promote good practice in the areas of Education, Child protection and Adolescents & Youth.

Who can engage and how?

Humanitarian and development organisations, donors, governments and private sector are all essential to ensuring the protection, development and wellbeing of children and youth. For this reason new partners, suggestions and ideas are always welcome. To share your perspective or discuss how your organization can be part of No Lost Generation please contact Catherine Barnett at cbarnett@unicef.org, or Caroline Anning at caroline_anning@wvi.org; or visit the No Lost Generation website.