

## NEWSLETTER

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The [No Lost Generation](#) eNewsletter brings you stories from the field inside Syria, Iraq, and 3RP countries, as well as the latest developments and promising practices across sectors and partners. If you wish to nominate a story and/or programming example, please follow [this link](#).

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### Tackling Child Labour and Marriage in Lebanon and the Region

Eleven-year-old Ayman is registered in a Lebanese school but cannot attend regularly. He is the head of his household.

Ayman lives with his mother and 16-year-old sister in Lebanon, having fled the war in Syria where his father is still missing.

Until recently, Ayman worked 14 hours every day, returning home to a poor neighbourhood in Beirut where violence and bullying of Syrian refugees was widespread.. His older sister also stopped attending school, fearing a repeat of the harassment she had received on her way to and from school.

One day, Ayman came home from work to find his family locked inside the house because the rent was late. The landlord kept them inside for three days as neighbours passed them food through the window.

Ayman's story echoes the experiences of many young Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Boys and girls are frequently forced into exploitative, low-paying jobs, and also highly susceptible to child marriage.

Fortunately, Ayman came into contact with the [Makhzoumi Foundation's](#) case management programme, supported by the [International Rescue Committee's \(IRC\) capacity building efforts in Lebanon](#). Through this partnership, IRC provides Makhzoumi's protection staff with formal training, on-the-job coaching, and direct psychosocial support for the most vulnerable children and families.

Makhzoumi immediately issued emergency cash assistance to Ayman's family, and paid the outstanding rent. They then arranged for Ayman's family to relocate to a safer area.

To help relieve the ongoing financial burden on Ayman and his family, Makhzoumi helped the family apply to UNHCR's Protection Cash Assistance Programme, which was successful.

This additional source of income allowed Ayman to switch to a shorter working day, and he took on three-hour shifts in the morning at a juice stand. This meant Ayman could return to school in the afternoons, following a detailed safety plan for his work and commute to school.



The Foundation also developed a safety plan for his sister, identifying a trusted adult who could escort her to school. She has since recommenced her studies.

Ayman's mother was referred to [Basmeh & Zaitoneh](#), a local NGO started up by Syrian expatriates, where she now knits clothes for sale.

IRC and Makhzoumi also offered to help the family initiate a tracing process for their missing husband and father, but they declined for fear of what it might lead to.

Makhzoumi periodically follow up with Ayman and his family to ensure that the safety plans were implemented, and

that they are physically and financially secure.

Click [here](#) or the image below for a one-pager on IRC's capacity-building with local NGOs in Lebanon.



## *Events*



### [NLG EdTech Summit: Technology set to boost education for Syrian refugees](#)

**1 – 2 March 2017**

Learning tools, which harness technology to boost education for Syrian refugees, are set to receive funding to get the projects off the ground, following a pioneering summit in Amman, Jordan.

The [No Lost Generation \(NLG\) EdTech](#) summit held 1 – 2 March brought together the private, public, and development sectors to share knowledge. In all, over 70 organisations participated—from local and international NGOs to government and UN agencies, university departments, and technology giants Microsoft and Google.

This provided an unprecedented opportunity to share information and build partnerships across the region focussed on technological innovation in refugee education, which will be continued through the [NLG Tech Task Force](#), led by

[NetHope](#). The NLG Tech Task Force will work with NGOs, tech sector partners, and host governments encouraging and orchestrating greater collaboration with the focus on evidence-based, ICT-enabled solutions for refugee education

The best ideas from the event have been shortlisted and are now in the running for seed-funding grants of \$50,000 each.

Innovations include the use of mobile apps, video learning, tablet based literacy tools, online courses, gaming technology and data-management platforms remote teacher-training, online assessments and teacher-monitoring tools.

Mark Chapple from World Vision's Syria Response, who heads up No Lost Generation and spearheaded the EdTech summit, said: "During the two-day summit we heard bright and bold ideas from some of the biggest brains in technology.

"We've harnessed this talent and, through the summit, donors have given their backing with seed-funding. It means these projects can finally become a reality for refugees who are simply striving to catch up on their education – but can't because they no longer have access to a traditional classroom.

"We've been hearing from refugees themselves at this event, and we know education is a priority for children and their families. Over in Lebanon I met parents from Syria who were skipping a meal each day so they could afford the bus fare to send their children to school.

"More than half of children who fled Syria aren't in school, so we need to act swiftly to make sure we don't end up with an entire generation who lose out in the future through no fault of their own."

For those wishing to join the conversation about how some of the leaders in the technology world can support refugee education [NetHope](#) will be leading an [NLG Ed Tech task force](#) to follow up on the ideas generated at the summit and facilitate future collaborations.

We encourage those wishing to continue the conversations and collaborations started at the Summit to join [NLG Tech Task Force](#).

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**What I want for every child of Syria: Donors hear directly from youth and children affected by the Syrian crisis**  
**24 – 25 January 2017**

As advertised in NLG's inaugural newsletter, UNICEF hosted an event on 23 January at the Scandic Marina Congress center in Helsinki to raise the voices of children affected by the Syrian humanitarian crisis. Titled, What I want for every child of Syria, the event showcased photos from Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon of Syrian refugee and host community children and young people who are benefiting from the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian crisis (the Madad Fund). Video clips and 'Tiny Stories' written by children from the region were shown to hear directly from the children about their dreams and hopes for the future.

It was an advocacy and networking moment which provided the Finnish audience as well as donors and humanitarians convened for a conference on the Syria crisis a glimpse into the lives and aspirations of children and young people from Syria and the region and how the global community can best support them. Speakers included UNICEF Regional Director, Geert Cappelaere, who thanked host communities, partners and donors such as the EU for their humanitarian support for children affected by the Syrian crisis through education, protection against harm and giving them a say in their futures. Syrian Humam Alasaad, from Palmyra, spoke about his dream of having his 16-year-old brother in Turkey return to full time school, while Elina Kalkku, the Under-Secretary of State at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, spoke about the importance of ensuring that war does not give way to a lost generation. The event was covered on the evening news by the biggest commercial TV-Station in Finland, MTV.



Click [here](#) for key findings and quotes from the event

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## Updates



### **Regional strategic framework to respond to the worst forms of child labour**

**By Peter Matz ([consultant.matz@gmail.com](mailto:consultant.matz@gmail.com))**

Widespread child labour continues to be one of the most prevalent and persistent forms of violence and exploitation facing Syrian refugee children. Many Syrian refugee children start working before the age of 12 and become increasingly involved in work that is hazardous and limits their right to education. The consequences of harmful work for children are widespread and long-lasting.

In order to respond to the worst forms of child labour in the Syria crisis, a multi-sectoral regional strategic framework has been developed jointly by UNHCR, UNICEF and ILO, in consultation with international and national NGOs

working in this area. Based on an initial stocktaking exercise of current initiatives, successes, and challenges in the response, the strategic framework was drafted by an international consultant, shared with NLG stakeholders, and discussed at the inter-agency Regional Child Labour Workshop in Amman in November 2016. [A webinar on the strategic framework was held in January 2017.](#)

### [The Strategic Framework](#)

The strategic framework intends to guide the development of policies and programmes that can substantially contribute to preventing children from engaging in child labour, mitigating the risks they face and addressing their immediate needs while working towards the elimination of child labour, particularly in its worst forms. It is aligned with the 3RP and SDG Target 8.7 on the elimination of child and forced labour.

The strategic framework proposes an integrated approach to the worst forms of child labour in the Syria refugee crisis, focused on four strategic outcome areas:

1. Focus on educational needs and aim to reduce barriers to access and offer alternative options including TVET and workplace learning (WBL), apprenticeships.
2. Advocate with governments to provide families access to work, social protection and livelihoods programs.
3. Focus on community-based protection interventions, engaging children and families through holistic programs.
4. Ensure coordination, advocacy and knowledge management are in place to support multi-sector responses.

Recommendations for stakeholders in the 3RP countries include disseminating the strategic framework, reviewing existing coordination mechanisms on child labour, and adapting the strategic framework to develop country-specific action plans.

The official launch of the regional strategic framework will be in March 2017.



The No Lost Generation initiative has finalised a step-by-step guide to provide direction and support for anyone working outside of the humanitarian response to the crisis, to inspire and effect positive change for the children and youth affected by the Syria and Iraq Crises.

Since 2015, 49 universities in the United States and two universities in Abu Dhabi, UAE and Berlin, Germany have been formed through a network of students seeking to take action to promote education for refugees. This campaign kit is designed to help them achieve their primary goal: supporting and expanding the No Lost Generation Initiative by promoting education, child protection, and support for adolescents and young refugees across the globe.

Click [here](#) to access the campaign kit.



### **Summer Course on Statelessness**

Applications to the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion's annual Summer Course on Statelessness are currently open. The Statelessness Summer Course provides participants with new knowledge, tools and skills to address statelessness and enforce the right to nationality.

The curriculum is taught by lecturers from a variety of backgrounds, both professionally and geographically. The Course considers statelessness and the enjoyment of nationality from various angles. Beginning with a reflection on the concept of statelessness, the Course will deal with legal and policy issues associated with statelessness. The Course will address the status of stateless persons, their human rights and right to international protection.

Find more information [here](#).

### **Priti Patel Visits the Region**

In February, one year after the Syria Summit in London, Priti Patel, British Secretary of State for International Development, visited Jordan and Lebanon with OCHA and UNHCR. She gave the following messages on NLG themes to the international community:

- deliver predictable, multi-year funding so host countries can plan their long term response that means ensuring



the 2017 UN appeals are funded, but also providing new loans to support jobs and growth in the region;

- governments in the region should work with key international financial institutions and UN agencies to develop a credible pipeline of job-creating projects;
- host countries should complete the reform of their economies to support business creation, remove remaining legislative restrictions on work, and attract investment;
- donors, NGOs and education providers should work with regional governments to improve the quality of education through support to teacher training, school management and standards;
- more support must be given to non-formal education, so children who have been out of school can catch up quickly before joining formal school; and
- the international community and host countries should jointly tackle barriers that are stopping children attending school, including child labour and adolescent marriage.



### **Makani & INTERSOS**

Since 2014, INTERSOS, with the support of UNICEF, is providing Syrian children and their families living in Informal Tented Settlements (ITSs) across Jordan with a wide range of services. Through the Makani approach, INTERSOS trained these on how to take photos and videos. This is the result of their initiative.

## **Resources**



NLG Pillar	Author/Organisation	Year	Title (with link)
All	Peter Matz (consultant to UNHCR, ILO, UNICEF)	2016	<a href="#"><u>Child labour within the Syrian refugee response: Stocktaking report</u></a>
All	Peter Matz (consultant to UNHCR, ILO, UNICEF)	2017	<a href="#"><u>Webinar on the Regional Strategic Framework to Respond to the Worst Forms of Child Labour</u></a>
All	Terre Des Hommes	2016	<a href="#"><u>Child Labour Among Refugees of the Syrian Conflict</u></a>
All	Centre for Strategic Studies (University of Jordan)	2016	<a href="#"><u>National Child Labour Survey in Jordan</u></a>
All	Women's Refugee Commission	2017	<a href="#"><u>Implications for women, children, and youth with disabilities</u></a>
CP	Child Protection Working Group	2016	<a href="#"><u>Toolkit: Responding to Child Labour in Emergencies</u></a>

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## ***ABOUT NO LOST GENERATION***



## What is NLG?

Since its launch in 2013, the No Lost Generation (NLG) initiative has done much to galvanise international concern around the plight of children and young people affected by the Syria and Iraq crises. As well as communicating the urgent need to address the effects of violence and displacement for this critical cohort as part of a strategic investment in the future, NLG developed a framework for critical interventions under three pillars: Education; Child Protection; and Adolescents and Youth. With the ongoing support of the donor community, NLG puts these essential programme areas front and centre of the response in Syria, Iraq and neighbouring refugee hosting countries.

The No Lost Generation initiative is led jointly by UNICEF, Mercy Corps, Save the Children and World Vision.

## NLG's Key Messages

No Lost Generation partners request that policymakers, donors, and advocates echo the following key messages wherever they are able, in support of the current generation of children and young people affected by the Syria and Iraq crises:

1. Parties to the conflicts inside Syria and Iraq should end indiscriminate attacks on civilian areas, which kill and maim children, and damage or destroy educational facilities.
2. All children and youth affected by the conflict should be protected and have equitable access to services in safety and with dignity.
3. Adolescents and youth should have access to civic and social engagement and networking opportunities and be able to influence decision-making processes.
4. Youth and refugee families should have access to decent, legal livelihoods opportunities
5. Children and youth should have access to accredited and certified safe formal and non-formal quality learning opportunities to develop and realize their full potential in life

## Get Involved with NLG

There are many ways to become involved with NLG and help secure the future of a generation of children, adolescents, and youth:

- Fund NLG programmes: go to [www.nolostgeneration.org](http://www.nolostgeneration.org) and click on the logo of the NLG partner you'd like to

fund.

- Start your own NLG group: download our campaigns kit from [www.nolostgeneration.org](http://www.nolostgeneration.org), find some likeminded friends or colleagues, and get going.
- Spread the word: share [#NoLostGeneration](https://www.facebook.com/NoLostGeneration) blogs and videos on your Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- Blog: if you are a young person check out [Voices of Youth](https://www.nolostgeneration.org/voices-of-youth) (in English, Arabic, French and Spanish) and share your insights and aspirations.
- Get informed: sign up at [nolostgeneration.org](http://nolostgeneration.org) to receive regular NLG newsletters
- Help steer the work: organisations working in three or more of the following countries are eligible to join the No Lost Generation Working Group and help steer the initiative: Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt.

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## NLG Partners



## NLG DONORS

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