

An estimated 1.1 million displacements were recorded in Syria the first half of 2017, at an average of 7,300 displacements per day, notably in the context of the Raqqa offensive. At the same time, there are more than five million Syrian refugees in the region. In Iraq the numbers of internally displaced exceed 3.m million. In these situations children and youth are struggling to remain safe, access quality education and find ways to positively engage in their communities.

The No Lost Generation initiative is an ambitious commitment to action by humanitarians, donors and policy makers to support children and youth affected by the Syria and Iraq crises. It comprises programming and advocacy under three pillars: Education, Child Protection and Adolescents & Youth. For more information please visit www.nolostgeneration.org.

The [No Lost Generation](#) newsletter 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](#). To subscribe or unsubscribe, please follow this [link](#).

From The Field: A Glimpse Into Two No Lost Generation Programmes

The Syrian Wellbeing Collective

'My name is Yusuf and I am internally displaced. Syrian Lights Organization is a source of happiness and gave me a sense of belonging. I joined the organization and participated in the marathon and came in in first place...I hope that these games are held again. I usually play football and help my dad with work to stay active.'

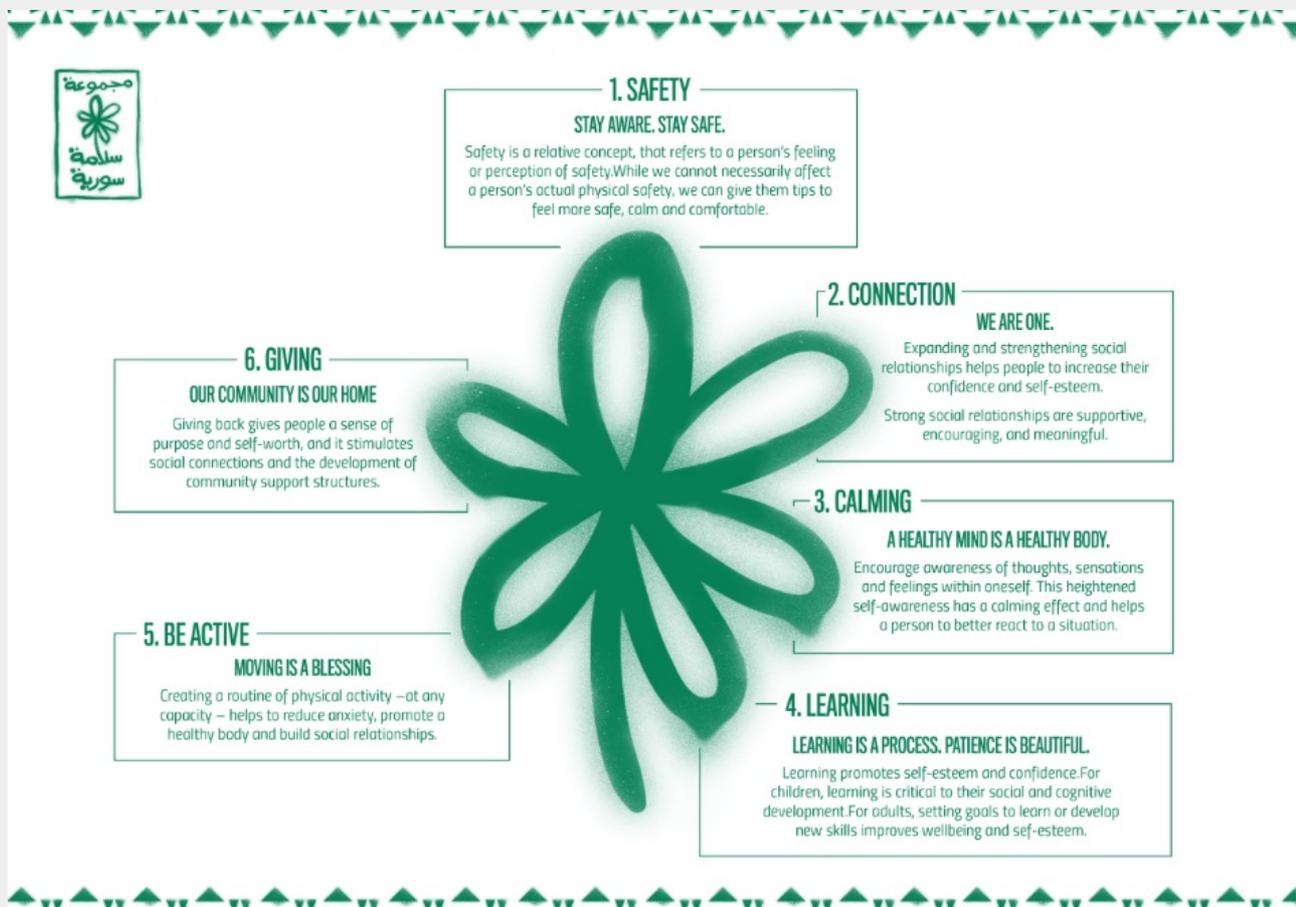
– Child participant in a sports Olympics, organized by Syria Lights Organization in Daraa, South Syria, as part of The Syrian Wellbeing Collective's self-care campaign. As part of the campaign, members of the Collective organize activities in their community to share and reinforce self-care messages. Being active is one of the six thematic elements of self-care in the campaign.



Marathon in Daraa, Syria in May 2017, as part of a youth Olympics to promote the 'Be Active' element of self-care. Credit: Syria Lights Organization

Recent research by Save the Children on the impact of over six years of war on the mental health and psychosocial (MHPSS) well-being of children in Syria, has revealed painful accounts of the severe emotional distress children and their caregivers are under. Given the critical shortage of MHPSS services, investing in local capacities and in promoting self-care practices is critical.

The Syrian Wellbeing Collective is an innovative, south-cutting response to the issue. It is a network of 18 CBOs who have come together to build a Syria-based coordination platform, built on a framework of mutual trust and support which has been nurtured and developed since its launch in July 2016. By working together, members aim to increase access to psychosocial support in Syria and to improve their work through cross-sector coordination, integrated programming, community mobilization and awareness raising. When interviewed about the relevance and usefulness of this initiative, members of the Collective agree that collaboration increases their capacity as organizations, which subsequently reflects positively on the community. The Collective is supported by Lapis Communications and UNICEF.

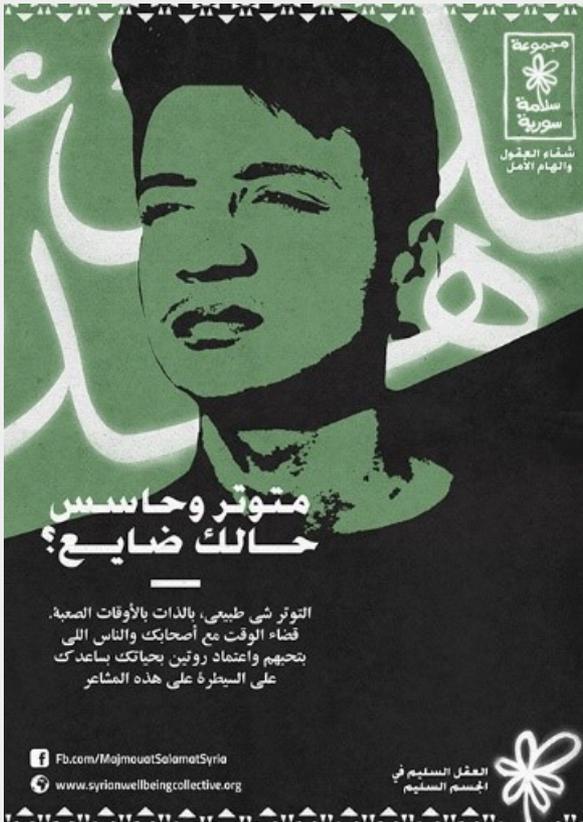


The Collective gave us the opportunity to learn about many organizations who

work in the same field, and helped us a lot in our work, by developing our experience, especially in psychosocial support and in planning and implementing awareness raising campaigns.

– Farah Organization, member of the Collective in Quneitra, southern Syria

The Syrian Wellbeing Collective provides a channel for international organizations and donors to directly support Syria based organizations, to identify implementing partners, and to pilot, test and share PSS resources and materials inside Syria. They can be contacted at: info@syrianwellbeingcollective.org. Campaign updates and messages are shared through the Collective's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MajmouatSalamatSyria/>. All awareness raising resources on self-care, for children, adolescents and caregivers, are available for download in English and Arabic on the Collective's online portal: www.syrianwellbeingcollective.org.



Awareness raising poster for adolescents, related to the self-care element 'Calming', developed by the Syrian Wellbeing Collective.

School transportation in Azraq



Ahmed and his brother Mohammad. Credit: IOM

Ahmed, 12, is from Homs now lives in Azraq Camp in Northern Jordan with his parents and his brother, Mohammad. Like many other children in the camp, Ahmed has done his best to adapt to his new environment, far away from his old school, friends and home in Syria. He likes science and English more than he likes literature or Arabic, and dreams of becoming a doctor.

In accessing school, Ahmed has a particular challenge that is a lifeline at the same time: a wheelchair. It's a long walk to Ahmed's school in Village 6 – up to 45 minutes for some of the children. For children with disabilities, younger children and girls in particular, such distances are a serious challenge and can prohibit school attendance.

Since January 2017, a school transportation service with a wheelchair lift provided by IOM in collaboration with UNICEF has ensured that Ahmed and other children in his community are able to reach their school.

“The other children are nice to me. They help me in school and let me go in the bus before them. The bus escorts are also very nice and treat me kindly,” says Ahmed.

“Education is really important for Ahmed,” said his father. “The school buses are very useful. Now we feel more comfortable with Ahmed going to school on his own. The only request we have is to increase the number of buses in the camp so transportation could be provided to extra school activities in Makani centers, like computer courses. Unfortunately, Ahmed cannot always attend this kind of activity.”

During the two months of summer, children who were not enrolled in school during winter and spring have the opportunity to catch up with their peers, so the school transportation service continues. During the last six months, the figures showed that the school transportation project has positively contributed to school attendance rates of girls and children living with disabilities.

Funding Update

LACK OF FUNDS THREATENS PROGRAMMES SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

No Lost Generation programmes such as those above rely on the generous and sustained support of the international donor community. As of the end of August 2017, **education, child protection and youth programmes have received only a third of the amount requested for 2017** as part of the Syria HRP, the Iraq HRP and the 3RP. The percentage of funding committed at the mid year point was 8 points lower than in mid-2016.

By the end of last year, 71% of the funds required for No Lost Generation programming had been received. This

year's lower rate of funding at the mid-year point, raises concerns amongst No Lost Generation partners that education, child protection and adolescent and youth focused programmes will be significantly underfunded as part of the UN appeals by the end of 2017.

The early disbursement of funds, as well as flexible and multi-year funding, is essential so agencies can better plan interventions, allocate resources and provide consistent assistance to children and young people. A [statement](#) from the co-chairs of the 2017 Brussels conference on "Supporting Syria and the Region" echoed these concerns and called for donors to step-up their efforts in meeting the needs of vulnerable families in the region. Without immediate increased support, children will miss out on quality education, families will continue to struggle financially and resort to negative coping mechanisms such as child labour and child marriage; responses to violence and exploitation will be scaled back, and adolescents and youth will not have access to opportunities to learn, develop new skills and contribute in their communities.

The funds required for No Lost Generation programming in 2017, as expressed through the relevant components of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Syria, the HRP for Iraq and the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) for the refugee hosting countries in the region, are:

Education: \$ 1.17 billion

Child Protection: \$ 216 million

Adolescents and Youth: \$ 444 million

Total: US\$ 1.8 billion

Funding received so far this year (until end August unless otherwise specified) is as follows:

NLG - 2017 Funding Data				
Country	Sector	Funding Requirement 2017	Funding received (August 2017)	%
Syria	Education	\$ 266,453,021	\$ 92,500,000	35%
Syria	Child Protection	\$ 84,000,000	\$ 28,500,000	34%
Syria	Youth	\$ 301,056,950	\$ 111,313,913	37%
3RP	Education	\$ 841,000,000	\$ 238,204,282	28%
3RP	Child Protection	\$ 117,800,065	\$ 24,320,937	21%
3RP	Youth	\$ 143,044,572	n/a	n/a
Iraq	Education	\$ 69,946,877	\$ 23,700,000	34%
Iraq	Child Protection	\$ 22,910,375	\$ 11,133,289	49%
TOTAL		\$ 1,846,211,860	\$ 529,672,421	29%

Notes:

- Funding levels for 3RP and for Child Protection inside Syria are until June only.
- Youth funding is clearly tagged now in 3RP and Syria HRP, however this was not integrated into the Iraq HRP, and UNICEF is working with OCHA and UNHCR in Iraq to tag for the Iraq HRP 2018.

To fund No Lost Generation programmes, please consult the [HRP for Syria](#), [HRP for Iraq](#), and [3RP](#); or click on any of the No Lost Generation partner logos at nolostgeneration.org.

Updates

- **Syria Crisis Education Response Information Management (IM) Workshop:** Jointly organized by

Save the Children, UNHCR, UNICEF within the framework of the NLG, the workshop brought together regional partners, donors and country delegations from Syria, the five host countries of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, as well as representatives from the State of Palestine and Yemen, to finalize and endorse the Syria Crisis Education IM Package and explore its adaptation in other MENA crisis contexts. The Education IM Package provides a coherent and comprehensive list of EiE indicators accompanied by an elaborate guidance on activities and methods of calculation, with a specific focus on comparability and alignment with national data collection and data management systems. The participants also engaged in discussions around linkages of the EiE indicators toSDG4 indicators. With the participation of some donors on the last day of the workshop, the meeting took a deep dive into thematic issues in the emergency response(early childhood education, learning assessments, technical and vocational education and training, and higher education) that need further attention, in terms of definition, targeting, data collection and reporting. Stay tuned for the workshop report coming up soon on the [Whole of Syria \(WoS\) website](#)



- **Child Labour in Emergency and Crisis settings - Consultation in Lebanon:** On 1-3 August 2017 Plan International Lebanon and the International Labour Organization (ILO) Regional Office of the Arab States co-hosted a two-day Child Labour consultation workshop in Beirut, under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour in Lebanon. The event brought together child labour practitioners, representatives of Ministries, humanitarian and development agencies from Lebanon and the wider region including Syria, Iraq and Jordan to discuss child labour in emergencies and crisis situations. It hosted the regional launch of the new Inter-Agency Toolkit for Supporting the Protection needs of Child Labourers in Emergencies, developed by the global Child Labour Task Force under the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian. The good practices and recommendations resulting from the expert level discussion in the workshop will be integrated into a regionally contextualized version of the Child Labour toolkit. The development process will start in fall 2017 and will be led by ILO and Plan International, in consultation with regional actors.
- **No Lost Generation on World Refugee Day:** On 20 June (World Refugee Day), in addition to a well attended [No Lost Generation World Refugee Day webinar](#), the NLG Tech Task Force work was highlighted in several other communications, including the [Twitter chat co-hosted by Tent Partners and Microsoft](#), in the presentation to Microsoft employees hosted by Microsoft Philanthropies, and in this [blog post from NetHope](#).
- **Case Management Supervision and Coaching Training Programme:** 25 child protection case

management staff from Syria, Iraq and Turkey have been selected to participate in new blended learning based training initiative to improve their skills in supervision and coaching. The programme is being supported by the Global Child Protection Case Management Taskforce and the structure and has three compulsory phases: 1) self-paced learning phase; 2) face-to-face regional training; and 3) in-country roll-out and follow-up. More news on this will follow in forthcoming newsletters.

- **NLG workshop on Early Childhood Care and Development:** On the 23rd of August Plan International Jordan hosted a regional NLG workshop on Early Childhood Care and Development in Emergencies (ECCDiE). The workshop was attended by 39 participants from 19 different organizations responding to the Syrian and Iraqi crises. The workshop saw a presentation by the Bernard van Leer Foundation of a mapping of ECCDiE interventions in NLG countries; a report by the Arab Resource Collective on regional coordination; and multiple panels on topics ranging from the importance of ECCD programming in Syria and Iraq, coordination and inter-sectoral collaboration, and the future of ECCDiE coordination. The recommendations from the workshop included the establishment of country level coordination platforms for ECCD (in Jordan Plan International will facilitate and the Arab Collective Resources will facilitate in Lebanon); collective advocacy to enhance support for ECCDiE; and finding ways to ensure that going forwards NLG more clearly articulates and delivers against an ECCDiE agenda.
- **Conflict-Sensitive Education (CSE) Training of Trainers:** From 10 to 13 July, the Department of Education at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) hosted this INEE workshop. The event, which marked the first stage of a global capacity-building programme to enhance the delivery of conflict-sensitive education, brought together over 30 senior education practitioners, policymakers and academics from UN agencies and NGOs around the world. The training in Amman is the first stage of a cascaded training model that is estimated to reach around 800 education practitioners and policymakers. On the last day, the group was joined by Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait (ECW), a new global Education-in-Emergencies initiative.
- **Training of Trainers on the Teachers in Crisis Contexts (TiCC):** with support from No Lost Generation and INEE, the Norwegian Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee, Save the Children International and World Vision International hosted a five-day training of trainers in TiCC for teacher training practitioners across the Middle East. The 25 participants were from NRC, IRC, SCI, WVI, UNRWA, UNESCO and UNICEF. The training was facilitated by IRC's Regional Education Adviser, Paul Frisoli, and NRC's Education Project Manager, Kathleen Denny in Amman, Jordan from 23-27 July 2017. The training pack is open source (available from INEE) and was developed through an inter-agency effort. It consists of four modules based on the following core competencies: Teacher's Role and Wellbeing; Child Protection; Well-Being and Inclusion; Pedagogy; and Curriculum and Planning. Multi-agency country level roll-out plans are under development as a result of this training.

TiCC ToT | Teachers in Crisis Contexts (TiCC) Multi-agency Training of Trainers (ToT)



23-27 July 2017
NRC Regional Office
Amman, Jordan

- **Y-PEER 3 days of peace activism:** Y-PEER, an NLG partner and youth collective, conducted a joint regional campaign on promoting the culture of peace through advocating for gender equality and reducing gender based violence, called “Three Days of Peace Activism,” from July 11th-13th and aimed to reach 10,000 young people and 500,000 people from 15 countries in the MENA region through social media and other methods. Find out more about the campaign [here](#).
- **Malala visits Iraq:** Malala Yousafzai visited Iraq in July on a trip organized by several NLG partners and met with key stakeholders as well as refugee and displaced girls in KRI. Malala called upon world leaders to invest in education for children in conflict stricken countries and met with several Iraqi and KRG officials, including Iraq’s Minister of Education, the KRG PM and his Chief of Staff, Foreign and Deputy Foreign Ministers, the KRI Minister for Education, and the Federal Minister for Education, to discuss investment in education. The PM gave Malala a commitment to boost funding for education, which was then matched with commitments from Iraq’s Minister of Education.



Malala and Anwar Ahmad Ayesha at a school in Hasansham camp

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Update from Voices of Youth: This Arabic language platform (www.voicesofyouth.org/ar) helps young people to amplify their voices and share opinions on important matters around the MENA region. Since VOY A platform was launched, it has supported youth and organizations working with youth by providing them with different manuals and tools on writing and videos. As well as feeding into No Lost Generation discussions, the platform has produced two Public Service Announcements; communication and visibility materials; and a Community Manager Manual. Posts on have now reached more than 700,000 people partly thanks to amplification on different social media platforms. Posts so far from Jordan, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia and Iraq. With of 49% Males and 51% Females writing, gender differences are starting to emerge. Top topics of interest for males are Education, Human Rights and Employment; for females these are Education, Human Rights and Violence.

Upcoming Events

- **No Lost Generation in Silicon Valley:** on 12 September Microsoft in San Francisco will host a symposium organised by Nethope, World Vision and UNICEF to focus the interest of tech and private sector actors wishing to support NLG on the third pillar of the initiative: Adolescents and Youth. It is the first step in a process which will see specific companies partner on a project basis with specific humanitarian actors responding to the Syria and Iraq crisis to support in delivering solutions to identified issues facing adolescents and youth. For more information please contact Leila Toplic on leila.toplic@nethope.org.
- **No Lost Generation side event at the UN General Assembly opening week:** on 21 September from 9-10am at UNICEF House in New York UNICEF and Save the Children will host a high level event NLG event

entitled: Standing Strong with the Children of Syria and Iraq. The event will acknowledge and celebrate the immense support that refugee hosting states, donors and others have provided to children and youth since the start of No Lost Generation, and motivate policy makers and donors to redouble efforts going forwards. Video and the latest portal technology will bring the voices of children into the room and demonstrate the strength of children and young people as the champions of positive change. For more information please contact Omar Sawan on osawan@unicef.org.

- **Summit on Psychosocial Support programming for children and youth:** On 22 and 23 November in Amman Mercy Corps and War Child will host a regional event focusing on psychosocial support programming for children and youth affected by the Syria and Iraq crises, under the NLG banner. The event will bring together humanitarian actors and researchers to explore and discuss proven and promising psychosocial support practices and to show-case evidence and innovations from the region covering the spectrum of psychosocial support programmes from the individual to the community level. The concept note is attached. For more information please contact Ingrid Sheridan at IngridS@warchild.org.uk.
- **NLG Tech Task Force Webinars: Throughout the Autumn Nethope are** planning a number of webinars featuring NLG related programs and solutions by Microsoft, Worldreader, Learning Equality and others. Sign up for the Task Force [here](#) to be invited to future webinars. And help Nethope make the NLG Tech Task Force webinars relevant to your needs by proposing topics, programs and solutions [here](#). The next webinar, *Microsoft Resources for Refugees* will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 11:00 ET I 17:00 CET. In this session, you will hear about Microsoft's [Resources for Refugees](#), and how these resources are being used today as part of skills training programs for refugees. The webinar will feature [Habitat Association](#), and [arcenciel](#), two nonprofit organizations currently supported by Microsoft Philanthropies, and implementing digital skills curriculum from Microsoft's Resources for Refugees with refugee populations in Turkey and Lebanon. [Register here](#).

New Resources



- [The Economic and Social Consequences of the Conflict in Syria](#): This World Bank report on the toll of the war in

Syria was developed with the support of several NLG partners and presents an important perspective on the conflict.

INTER-AGENCY GUIDANCE: SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION NEEDS OF CHILD LABOURERS IN EMERGENCIES



- New [Inter-Agency Toolkit for Supporting the Protection needs of Child Labourers in Emergencies](#), The global Child Labour Task Force under the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action is field-testing this new global resource which provides guidance on emergency preparedness, coordination and programming in the child protection, education and economic strengthening sectors. The webinar ‘Introducing the Child Labour toolkit’ can be found [here](#). For more information please contact Plan International or ILO in your context. These organisations are co-leading the global Child Labour Task Force under the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action. Members of this global Task Force include global child protection and child labour agencies and individual experts working on child labour issues in humanitarian settings.
- [An Unbearable Reality](#): Published on July 5th, Save the Children’s new report is the largest of its kind. Through 500 interviews, it uncovers a mental health crisis among conflict-affected children in Iraq. The escalation of conflict since 2014 – following the takeover of territory by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria – has forced children and their families to witness unspeakable violence first hand. Prioritising the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents is a key step to achieve the vision of long-term peace and stability in Iraq. This report puts forward key recommendations to humanitarian agencies, donors, the wider international community, and national and local authorities. The underpinning study which used focus group discussions and questionnaires to consult with more than 500 children directly affected by this conflict, provides powerful evidence.
- The Syrian Wellbeing Collective, a platform for Syrian NGOs and CBOs working in southern Syria on psychosocial support issues (please see article above), has published several very helpful and multilingual resources for child protection. These include a [training workbook](#), flipbook, several [videos](#), 6 posters ([Arabic](#) and [English](#)), coloring pages ([Arabic](#) and [English](#)), a comic called “The Collective” ([Arabic](#) and [English](#)), a brochure for caregivers in [Arabic](#) and [English](#), and a brochure on preventing separation ([Arabic](#)).
- A recording of Nethope’s webinar on [Expanding economic opportunity to Syrian refugee youth in Turkey](#) is available now, giving an overview of a collaboration between IMC and HP on Maharat Center in Turkey that offers skills-training (27 courses in 6 languages provided by HP) complemented with mentorships, internships,

and apprenticeships designed to empower youth and adults to gain employable skills.

- A recording of Nethope's webinar on [Higher education opportunities for refugee youth and adolescents](#) is available now, giving an overview of a collaboration between Coursera for Refugees and Kiron focused on providing higher education learning opportunities to refugee youth and adults. Watch a demo of Kiron's digital campus, and visit Coursera's portfolio of 1,000 live classes including hundreds of specializations and career-relevant courses.



A Young Girl from the MENA region presents on her aspirations. Credit: IRC

Where to find No Lost Generation resources

The No Lost Generation [document repository](#) is up and running! Access it here to find evidence, reports, guidance on No Lost Generation related issues. This [one-pager](#) which can be shared with colleagues and partners explains how to access this user friendly virtual library designed to support NLG programming in the region.

About No Lost Generation



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 Engaged

There are many ways to become involved with No Lost Generation and help secure the future of a generation of children, adolescents, and youth:

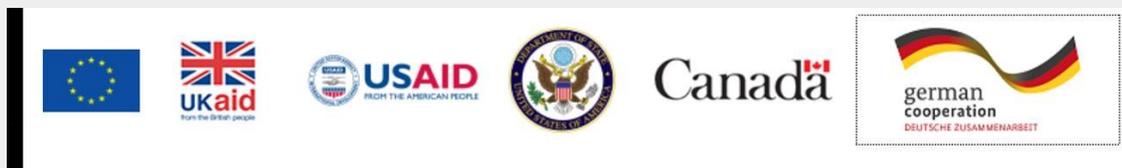
- Support No Lost Generation programmes: go to www.nolostgeneration.org and click on the logo of the organisation you'd like to fund.
- Start your own NLG group: download our campaigns kit from www.nolostgeneration.org, find some likeminded friends or colleagues, and get going.
- Spread the word: use #NoLostGeneration to tweet in support of children and young people affected by the Syria and Iraq crises.
- Blog: if you are a young person check out [Voices of Youth](#) (in English, Arabic, French and Spanish) and share your insights and aspirations.
- Get informed: sign up at nolostgeneration.org to receive regular No Lost Generation newsletters
- Take a leadership role: organisations working in three or more of the following countries can join the No Lost Generation Working Group and help steer the initiative: Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt.

Partners



Donors

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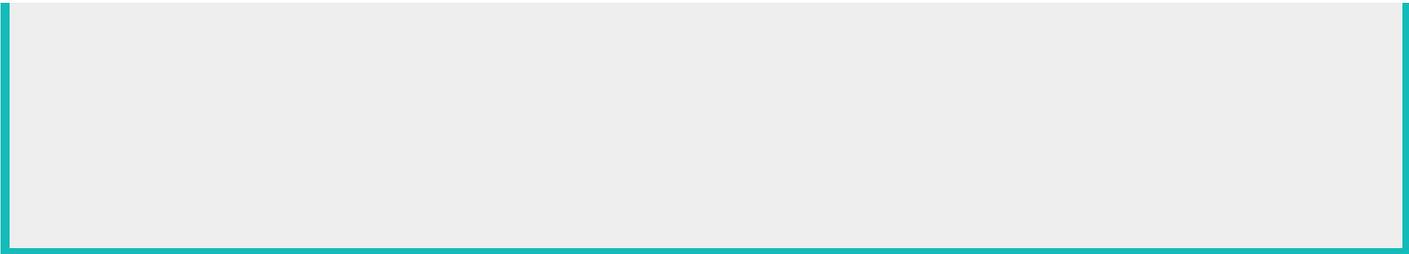


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