

### YOUTH AND TECHNOLOGY

As outlined in this interesting <u>blog</u> by Leila Toplic from Nethope, millions of young people in the MENA region have been forced, because of conflict, to drop out of school, work in difficult conditions to provide for their families or marry early; and abandon their hopes and dreams.

Yet, we hear over and over again from young people that they are eager to get back on track. They are optimistic, creative, and hungry to learn. They are eager to contribute to their communities as future social entrepreneurs solving challenges in their communities as artists, business leaders, and innovators.

So, where do we start? The No Lost Generation <u>Tech Task Force</u> has identified, in collaboration with youth and humanitarian organizations, concrete opportunities for the private sector, academic institutions and entrepreneurs to play a meaningful role in addressing the urgent and ongoing needs of conflict-affected youth. The task force's proposition is that tech has the potential not just to provide opportunities for young people to learn and connect, but also for them to feel empowered to inspire and lead change. This newsletter gives a glimpse into how that can happen.

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### FROM THE FIELD; A GLIMPSE INTO SOME NO LOST GENERATION PROGRAMMES

### RESOURCES

Your quarterly digest of resources produced by, or relevant to the NLG initiative. For all previously

## Tech for Food Projects Link Talented Youth to a Bright Future



#### Mon, 05/21/2018

Meet Anas, the first graduate of the World Food Programme's digital skills programme to find work in the global tech world. As an 18-year-old, he fled from Damascus to Beirut. Desperate to find employment to support his family back home, his lack of skills meant he ended up disappointed..

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#### Adobe Challenge: Defined Without Borders



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Defined Without Borders is an online challenge using the Adobe 1324 platform that was designed by Mercy Corps, a co-lead of the No Lost Generation (NLG) initiative with support from the NLG Tech Task Force. Project 1324 is an Adobe initiative that supports, connects, and amplifies a global.

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### No Lost Generation Tech Summit

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The NLG EdTech Summit hosted in Amman, Jordan on 21-22 February 2018 set out to be 'an innovation forum...

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#### No Lost Generation 2018 funding snapshot

#### mentioned resources, please see the NLG Resource Repository.

NLG Education report; We Made a Promise: Delivering on Our Commitment to the Education of Syrian Children and Youth in Syria and the Region

NLG Evidence brief: Hear the Voices of Syria's Adolescents and Youth

NLG Update January – December 2017

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The Global Compact on Refugees: A joint agency briefing & call to action on education for refugees

This is More than Violence: An Overview of Children's Protection Needs in Syria 2018

2018 Child Protection Syria Governorate Profiles

2018 Whole of Syria Child Protection Operational Strategy

Dangerous Ground: Syria's refugees face an uncertain future

MENA UN:NGO Group Adolescent and Youth engagement toolkit

Syria's Spontaneous Returns

An overview of NLG goals, strategy and programmatic targets for 2018

UNICEF assessment: 85 per cent of Syrian refugee children in host communities live in poverty

Youth Voices: Participatory action

Country	Sector	Funding Requirement 2018	Funding received	%	Funding Date
Syria	Education	\$ 281,214,256	\$ 76,500,000	27%	8-May-18
	Child Protection	\$45,900,000	\$ 9,700,000	21%	8-May-18
	Adolescents & Youth	900,977,671	\$ 86,200,000	10%	10-May-18
3RP	Education	\$ 766,000,000	\$ 260,781,119	34%	31-Mar-18
	Child Protection	\$ 122,239,877	\$ 39,843,791	33%	31-Mar-18
	Adolescents & Youth	\$ 271,946,002	\$ 37,648,213	14%	31-Mar-18
Iraq	Education	\$ 38,010,386	\$ 6,600,000	17%	8-May-18
	Child Protection	\$ 22,177,235	\$ 7,100,000	32%	8-May-18
TOTAL		US\$ 2,448,465,427	US\$ 524,373,122	21%	

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No Lost Generation programmes have received over US\$ 500m, or 21% of required funding for 2018.

See further analysis here.

### **NLG UPDATES**

#### High Level Panel Human Rights Council -March 2018

#### March, 2018

At the 37th session of the Human Rights Council Highlevel panel discussion on violations of the human rights of children in the Syrian Arab Republic, NLG champion Panos Moumtzis delivered the opening remarks. In his statement, he reminded participants that the ongoing conflict has not only denied millions of children their fundamental human rights, it has robbed them of their childhood. State representatives and NGOs had the opportunity to speak of their interventions to prevent violation of human rights of children.

In closing remarks, panelists emphasized that the failure of the international community to protect children in Syria was unacceptable and urged prompt action to put an end to atrocities. Closing the discussion, the moderator invited the participants to reflect on the following question: "What if these were your children, your son, or daughter raped, detained, starved to death, forcibly recruited to kill?" The panel was accessible to remote audiences in Damascus, Idlib, Aleppo or Afrin.



#### Webinar: NLG in 2018

#### Mon, 05/21/2018

The No Lost Generation co-leads, in coordination with Nethope, held a webinar on 12 April, providing an overview of the No Lost Generation in 2018. The webinar covered;

#### research with

adolescents affected by the Syria crisis in Egypt and Lebanon (Save the Children)

Education under Attack 2018: A Global Study of Attacks on Schools and Universities and their Students and Staff, 2013-2017

Inter-Agency Guidelines: Programming with and for Young People in Humanitarian Settings

Arab Youth Survey 2018

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NRC, UNHCR – Guidance note: Civil documentation for education sector; English/ Arabic

### **EVENTS**

22 May 2018 NLG Tech Task Force webinar: Insights from ICT4D Conference and AI for Good Global Summit

20 June 2018 World Refugee Day – watch this space for a potential NLG webinar to mark the day.

- The challenges facing children and young people affected by the Syria and Iraq crises.
- The No Lost Generation initiative: who is it, what is it and what will we see from it in 2018?
- Multi-sector, tech-enabled collaborations in support of adolescents and youth: what is in the pipeline, what are we learning and what comes next?

Listen to a recording of the webinar here.



#### **Brussels conference**

#### Mon, 05/21/2018

The European Union (EU) hosted the second Brussels conference on "Supporting the future of Syria and the region" on 24-25 April 2018. The three main objectives of the conference are to: (i) reaffirm EU and international support to a political solution...

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#### Theirworld #YouPromised campaign

#### Mon, 05/21/2018

To generate support for education and the Brussels conference on Syria and the region, the NGO Theirworld have launched a new film - made by the award-winning magician and Theirworld Ambassador Dynamo...

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### Launch of new No Lost Generation Website

#### April, 2018

A Jordan based company was selected in Q4 2017 to

develop a new <u>No Lost Generation website</u> and work on the design phase began immediately. The new site, which was launched in April 2018, is dual language (English / Arabic) and supports No Lost Generation communications and advocacy by showcasing progress and success stories in programming; crediting donors and other partners; providing quarterly updates on funding levels and gaps; and producing regular newsletters. The site also supports the important knowledge management function of the No Lost Generation initiative through the inclusion of a searchable resource repository. Within the first week of its launch the website had 310 new users, and a total of 1,396 page views.



#### Global Compact on Refugees 05/21/2018

No Lost Generation champion Muzoon Almellehan spoke at the meeting "Let them learn: access to education for...

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# Jobs make the Difference: Regional Stakeholder meetings

#### 05/21/2018

UNDP and the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) organized consultations in Jordan and Turkey, in partnership with Microsoft, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Food Programme (WFP). The consultations were held to build upon the recommendations made in the <u>Jobs Make the</u> <u>Difference: Expanding Economic Opportunities for Syrian</u> <u>Refugees and Host Communities</u> assessment published in 2017.

## NLG student initiative virtual teach-in at Rutgers University

#### 05/22/2018

Rutgers University held a virtual teach-in under the NLG student initiative, to discuss how college students are energizing refugee relief. Among the topics discussed were how other students can start an NLG initiative at their own university and advocacy campaigns.

#### Watch the teach-in

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## Syrian refugees in Jordan: girls say no to child marriage

#### 05/22/2018

Seven years of war in Syria have taken their toll on the lives of millions of young Syrian refugees. Seeking shelter in neighbouring countries, they face extremely precarious situations. The number of girls leaving school and becoming child brides is on the rise. Fatma, who lives in Jordan, was almost one of these girls. Thanks to Terre des hommes (Tdh), she learned that marriage could wait.

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## Regional Accountability Framework of Action to End Child Marriage in the MENA Region

#### 05/21/2018

UNICEF MENA Regional Office and UNFPA Arab States Regional Office held a 2nd consultation on the Regional Accountability Framework of Action to End Child Marriage in the MENA Region (RAF) on the 16-19 April 2018 in Amman. The meeting was a follow-up to the 1st consultation on the RAF held in November 2017 and brought together...

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## NLG donor briefing hosted by Germany and the UK on Gender Based Violence

#### 05/09/2018

On 9 May 2018, the UK and Germany co-hosted an NLG donor briefing, which brought together NLG partners working with adolescents in the Syrian crisis. Under the coordination of UNFPA, NLG partners UNFPA, UNHCR, Plan International and World Vision International shared with the donor community the evidence to date derived from existing documentation, programming experience and recent assessments, on GBV against adolescents. A dynamic discussion saw the group in the room agree on a set of key messages for each to take forward in their networks.

#### **Arab Youth Survey**

#### 05/09/2018

Annually, ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller conducts the <u>Arab</u> <u>Youth Survey</u> which provides interesting evidence-based insights into the Middle East's largest demographic, namely the population under the age of 30, which make up 65 percent of the region...

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Inter-Agency Guidelines: Programming with and for Young People in Humanitarian Settings

#### 05/22/2018

As part of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, under Task Force one, a global set of guidelines document is being developed on working with and for youth people. In the past 3 months, consultations with youth and practitioners have been taking place in 32 countries to get their feedback on the draft guidelines. Last month, UNFPA, NRC and UNICEF in Jordan held consultations with Jordanian and Syrian youth as part of this process.

#### More information here



### Adolescent and Youth Engagement training workshops in MENA

#### 05/22/2018

Through March - May 2018, UNICEF delivered the first four in a series of planned workshops to scale up Adolescent and Youth engagement in MENA through building capacity of partners based on the recently developed Adolescent and Youth Engagement toolkit developed by the MENA regional UN:NGO group. It is available in both English and Arabic and includes...

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