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Around the world, the number of girls and boys missing out on an education because of armed conflicts, forced displacement, climate-induced disasters and other protracted crises is increasing drastically.

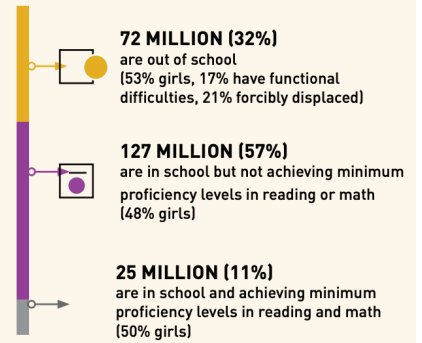
Disruption to education has an enormous effect on children and adolescents in crises. Children who are out of school are at much higher risks of abuse, exploitation, forced recruitment by armed groups, child labor, child marriage, gender-based violence and more. Education offers protection, empowerment and hope to those left furthest behind in crises.

224 MILLION

SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AFFECTED BY CRISES GLOBALLY:



(50% GIRLS)



In spite of education being recognized as the foundation for all other human rights and a necessity for development, education has traditionally not been prioritized in humanitarian responses. The importance of collective action has never been greater, nor more urgent. This is why Education Cannot Wait was created.

ABOUT EDUCATION CANNOT WAIT

Education Cannot Wait (ECW) is the global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises within the United Nations. [Note: While hosted by UNICEF, ECW is a unique, multilateral dedicated Fund and operations are run by ECW's own independent governance structure.]

Where does ECW work?

ECW funds are invested in countries affected by emergencies and protracted crises – including armed conflicts, forced displacement, climate-induced disasters and epidemics. To date, ECW has invested in [46 crisis contexts](#) around the world.

Who does ECW reach?

ECW investments aim to [reach](#) those left furthest behind in crises – including refugee, internally displaced and other crisis-affected children and adolescents, as well as teachers/school administrators, and other crisis-impacted groups and communities.

ECW'S MISSION

ECW works to generate greater shared political, operational and financial commitment to meet the educational needs of millions of children and youth affected by crises – with a focus on more agile, connected and faster response that spans the humanitarian-development-peace continuum to lay the ground for sustainable education systems.

ECW'S VISION

A world where all children and youth affected by crises can learn free of cost – in safety and without fear – in order to grow and reach their full potential

JOIN ECW'S MISSION!

Stay up to date with Education Cannot Wait's latest news, stories and campaigns – follow and familiarize yourself with ECW's website and social media platforms, key to our advocacy efforts!

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ECW CAMPAIGNS

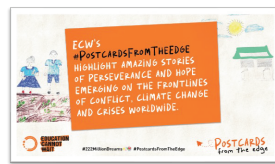
#AfghanGirlsVoices:

In Afghanistan, the de facto authorities continue to deny girls their human right to an education past primary school. This campaign shines a light on young Afghan girls deprived of their basic right to education, featuring quotes from girls inside of Afghanistan today. Join our campaign and help us lift their voices globally!



#PostcardsFromTheEdge

To highlight the amazing stories of perseverance and hope emerging on the frontlines, we asked girls and boys benefitting from ECW investments to tell us, in their own words, what education means to them. These "Postcards from the Edge" are a living testament to the remarkable power of education to transform lives.



#RightHereRightNow

Since 2020, 62M children and adolescents affected by climate shocks are in desperate need of education support. This campaign highlights ECW's emergency appeal calling on donors to urgently mobilize \$150M in new, additional funding to scale up ECW's response to climate change – and reach an additional 2M girls and boys most impacted by the climate crisis with holistic, quality education.



#222MillionDreams ✨🌍

ECW's flagship campaign highlights the dreams of crisis-affected girls and boys around the world, while calling on world leaders to make substantive funding contributions to ECW. The campaign has reached 1.6 billion individuals across social media to date, and galvanized support to raise \$826 million during ECW's High-Level Financing Conference.



ECW'S NEWSLETTER

Join our network of newsletter subscribers – including government officials, heads of UN agencies, policymakers, CEOs of philanthropic foundations, private sector, civil society organizations – to get the latest ECW updates!



If you have any questions, ideas about how to support ECW's mission, or would like to share what you and your organization are already doing, reach out to the ECW Advocacy and Communications Team! [Contact: Jelena Borak, jborak@unicef.org]

If your organization isn't already a member of ECW's Student- and Youth-led Subgroup, get in touch to learn how to join! [Contact: Hector Ullua, hector@globalstudentforum.org]