



## Options for HLSG Engagement in ECW: Inspiring Political Support and Catalyze Financing

HLSG members are uniquely positioned to lend support to ECW in achieving strategic objective 1 and 2. They together can advance the global dialogue and resource mobilization efforts to bring equal and quality education to all children and youth in crisis. This note suggests the following ideas for how HLSG can contribute:

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1

Increase political support to education in crises

2

Increase financing for education in crises

**FACILITATE FINANCIAL PLEDGES FOR ECW:** Contribute to bridging the financial gap for supporting investments in contexts affected by emergencies and protracted crisis by making pledges to support ECW investments.

**SUPPORT THE ECW REPLENISHMENT EVENT:** An event is being planned during the 2019 UNGA week and HLSG members are invited to support by sponsoring, hosting, participating as speakers, and/or making a financial pledge for ECW on that day.

**CONDUCT JOINT MISSIONS TO ECW INVESTMENTS:** The ECW Secretariat stands ready to facilitate in-country missions to support ECW investments on the ground and increase visibility

**LEND VISIBILITY TO ECW APPROACH AND INVESTMENTS:** Increase visibility by giving ECW coverage in press releases, social media, and promote the fund in dialogue with partners, especially donors and the private sector. This could also include writing op-eds to support ECW replenishment. Would like to call on HLSG members to support EiE and promote ECW approach through their agencies and operations at country level.

**HOST EVENTS FOR PROMOTING EiE AND ECW:** Members may use their influence to convene dialogue and advocacy at national, regional or global levels to prioritize education in emergencies. The ECW Secretariat can support in organizing and promoting such events.

**BE ACTIVE CHAMPIONS FOR EiE AND ECW:** Members can play a pivotal role in advocating for policy reform and increased funding for education in emergencies and protracted crisis, linking to related issues of migration, gender equality, climate change, crisis prevention and peace building, and poverty eradication. The ECW Secretariat can support this by providing talking points and background material.

**ENGAGING NEW DONORS, INCLUDING PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS AND HIGH NET WORTH INDIVIDUALS:** HLSG members are encouraged to connect ECW to new donors including philanthropic foundations, businesses, and individuals who may be interested in supporting EiE and protracted crises. The ECW Secretariat can provide support materials and stands ready to meet with any new potential donors.

**ADDRESS PARLIAMENTS TO PROMOTE EiE AND ECW:** Conversations in parliament can help build an alliance for education in emergencies and ECW that transcends party politics and offers long term sustainability for funding EiE and protracted crisis.