



**EDUCATION
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Ensuring that refugee children and children from the communities that host them are able to realize their right to safe, gender-equitable, and inclusive quality education and achieve holistic learning outcomes.

At the 2023 Global Refugee Forum, Education Cannot Wait (ECW) pledged to step up its investments and work with partners around the world to ensure refugee and marginalized host community children have access to a safe, inclusive quality education.

With a view to supporting the [multi-stakeholder education pledge](#) and in line with the thematic pledges it endorsed on early childhood development, education in emergencies, gender equality, mental health and psychosocial support, secondary education and teachers, ECW pledges to invest at least \$500 million in refugee education over the next four years.² Aimed at reaching 5 million refugees worldwide, ECW's support will be geared towards addressing the most immediate and urgent needs through temporary education programmes, as well as supporting the inclusion of refugees, including refugee teachers, into national education systems, in ways that respect their diverse needs, abilities and capacities. With this pledge, ECW seeks to mobilise support for both refugee and host community children and adolescents to be able to complete their education, so they can successfully transition to becoming self-sufficient as adults.

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Support to the inclusion of refugee children and teachers in national education systems, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees, may require advocacy for policies and legal frameworks that support national inclusion and responses. Therefore, ECW will continue to use its voice to influence and advocate for improved policies and practices, while also contributing to relevant networks and working groups, and supporting technical advancements in the sector. ECW will also invest in efforts to generate, share, and use education financing data more effectively through a new Financing Observatory.

Expected impact:

Improved inclusive, gender-equitable holistic learning and well-being outcomes for 5 million refugee children worldwide.

1. A girl at an ECW-supported school in a refugee camp in Chad. ECW investments are ensuring access to quality education for forcibly displaced children and youth around the world.

2. This is contingent upon ECW raising at least \$1.5 billion for its new Strategic Plan.