

Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Replenishment Pledge – UNHCR

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1. For the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, **education is essential to better protect refugees**. UNHCR is fully committed to implementing a comprehensive education strategy in refugee hosting countries in **collaboration with host country governments**.
2. UNHCR's education strategy is entrenched in **support for national education systems to enable them to include refugees, while also supporting local system strengthening**. Our approach to education is with a view to finding durable solutions for refugees, enabling them to return home once it is safe to do so; or to integrate within the host country; or repatriate to a third country.
3. Since 2010, UNHCR has enhanced its commitment to refugee education, further entrenching education as a core component of its protection mandate.
 - A **five year education strategy** is being implemented between 2012 -2016, with a central focus on enrolment, retention and completion of quality education for all refugee children.
 - UNHCR's **global education budget has more than doubled** from 2010 to 2014.
 - The presence of **dedicated field education staff has increased by 80% between 2011 and 2014**, covering approximately 30 countries.
 - UNHCR is undertaking a strengthening of refugee **education data collection and management**, and is working with partners for inclusion of refugee education data in **national education management information systems** and in **global education statistics**.
4. UNHCR pledges a **minimum of USD 150 million for refugee education in 2015**, and an **estimative budget of USD 150 – 200 million each year for 2016 and 2017**, a **minimum total of USD 450 million over the three years 2015-2017**.