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Title:

Scaling what works: innovative approaches to education in emergencies

Sponsors and Organizers:

Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, No Lost Generation, Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation

Date and Time: Thursday, 21 June 2018, 8:30 – 9:45

Place: Conference Room F, UN Secretariat, New York

This is one of the side-events to be convened during the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, in keeping with this year's theme: *Restoring humanity, respecting human dignity and leaving no one behind: working together to reduce people's humanitarian need, risk and vulnerability.*

Background and objectives

The No Lost Generation (<http://nolostgeneration.org/>) initiative is an ambitious commitment to action by humanitarians, donors and policy makers to support children and youth affected by the Syria and Iraq crises, as well as the refugee hosting countries in the region (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey).

Education Cannot Wait (ECW), the Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation (GAHI), the XPrize on Global Education (GLEXP), the Queen Rania Foundation (QRF) are working, together with UNHCR, UNDP, UNICEF, UNOCHA, Save the Children, IRC, CARE, BRAC, the Global Innovation Fund and the Global Partnership for Education to scale innovative approaches that support local learning.

NLG has built a series of innovative public/private collaborations to address the challenges faced by youth in the region in relation to education, employment, participation and gender. GAHI and its partners will work to leverage NLG's experience by:

1. Highlighting the potential for innovation and partnerships to provide better support to job skills and basic literacy and numeracy.
2. Highlighting how the international community is cooperating coherently to scale innovations, specifically by:
 - a. Investing in innovative solutions across the region, and globally. This will include open-calls for proposals, and committed funding announcements.
 - b. Using standardized evaluation frameworks to share learning transparently.

The objective of this side event is to demonstrate how the sector is moving forward to take innovative partnerships and ideas to scale, and offer better solutions. It builds on a series of global events, both the NLG summits in Amman and Silicon Valley, the recent Impact Summit in Washington (May 22, 2018) and leads up to future GAHI events.

This side-event will be composed of three concise segments followed by a Q+A session:

1. The first will bring the perspectives of young people affected by the Syria Crisis on use of technology to address their priorities, aspirations and needs. This component will be shared via video link or a pre-recorded video.
2. The second will see thought-leaders outline how this process leveraging partnerships, innovation and technology to deliver at scale is supporting young people in emergencies.
3. The third will outline how the process will carry on from here, and invite deeper commitments from the audience.

Discussion points

1. Needs of young people for greater support to education.
2. Opportunity for innovative approaches, including those based on technology and new ways of working, to accelerate learning for children and youth.
3. Need for collective action to leverage partnerships, innovation and technology to deliver support at scale
4. Clarity on a process to drive to scale.

Intended outcomes/conclusions/recommendations

1. Widespread knowledge and engagement with the GAHI/ECW scaling process;
2. A series of specific commitments to engage with the GAHI/ECW scaling process; and,
3. Launch of early-stage pilots in Jordan (confirmed) and other areas (tbc).

Format

- Co-Chair (EU-PR) will open (10 mins).
- Videos (voices of Jordanian and refugee children) (7 mins).
- Moderator will hold Q and A with panellists (15 mins).
 - We hope to circulate a call for questions from the floor PRIOR to the event, so that we can answer questions that are asked from attendees.
- Questions from floor (15 mins).
- Co-Chair (JOR-PR) will announce commitments in Jordan, and open the floor to invite more commitments (10 mins).
- Commitments from floor (15 mins).
- Closing (co-chairs) (10 mins).

Chair and moderator:

- *Co-Chair:* Permanent Mission of the European Union (tbc) and H.E. Dr. Sima Bahous, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- *Moderator:* Leila Toplic, Co-Lead of the No Lost Generation

Panel composition:

- *Rahul Chandran, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Humanitarian Innovation*
- *[tbc] – Adobe, Microsoft, or Reading for All.*
- *Haifa Dia al-Atta, Executive Director, Queen Rania Foundation*

Background Material

Background material will be available on the WWW and in print on the day. This includes:

Overview material (Queen Rania Foundation, GAHI, NLG, X-Prize for Global Literacy, Education Cannot Wait)

Overview of EiE Scaling Process (ECW and GAHI)

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