NLG Tech Task Force: A model for collective impact

Launched in March, 2017 by NetHope and No Lost Generation initiative, with the support from Microsoft and TripAdvisor.

NLG Tech Task Force connects experts in humanitarian response with the private sector expertise and resources to address the needs of conflict-affected children and youth.

The Task Force is open to all global and local NGOs, private sector companies, academic institutions, entrepreneurs, and host governments. 70+ organizations joined since the launch.
Collaborative exchanges since March 2017

- Cross-sector information sharing
  - Recordings and resources are available publicly.

Private sector engagement

Private Sector Engagement Guide for the NLG initiative

Synthesis and advocacy
A repository of resources (solutionscenter.nethope.org/nlg). 2 newsletters. Sharing at key events such as SxSW EDU, NetHope Summit, ICT4D.
Today’s Webinar
NLG Pillar III - Youth: Challenges & Opportunities

**CHALLENGE 1**
Limited access to quality post-elementary education restricts the opportunities for young people to develop and limits employment opportunities. Young people are looking for vocational training and training in market-related competencies. Most certified learning opportunities are costly and inaccessible to the most vulnerable young people.

**OPPORTUNITY 1**
Provide young people with technical and vocational training resources that are easily accessible, relevant, and result in certifications which are recognized.

**CHALLENGE 2**
Access to dignified work is a challenge across the region which leads many young people and adolescents to be subjected to exploitative conditions in an attempt to achieve financial independence or contribute much needed cash or remittances to their families. The many young people who wish to set up their own businesses, lack access to expertise and advice.

**OPPORTUNITY 2**
Help us create solutions that (1) provide youth with access to meaningful employment opportunities, both in the locations where they live and remote/online work, and (2) support entrepreneurship through mentoring and other means.

**CHALLENGE 3**
Young people feel isolated because they lack a voice, they don’t have a say in important decisions that affect their lives or a chance to contribute to their communities. They are also missing out on opportunities to connect with their peers in a positive way. This sense of isolation is compounded by underrepresentation and misrepresentation in the media.

**OPPORTUNITY 3**
Help us connect youth with meaningful opportunities to get their voices heard, contribute to their communities, engage with their host communities, network among their peers in person and online, and drive positive representation in the media.

**CHALLENGE 4**
Discrimination against young women and girls remains widespread in homes, educational institutions and in the work place. Many girls and women are still barred from fully participating on civic, social, and economic platforms by social norms and economic considerations.

**OPPORTUNITY 4**
Help us provide young women and girls with opportunities to contribute - economically and socially - in their local community and beyond, including remote work.

Read more here: [https://solutionscenter.nethope.org/assets/collaterals/NLG_SV_Symposium_Challenges_and_Opportunities.pdf](https://solutionscenter.nethope.org/assets/collaterals/NLG_SV_Symposium_Challenges_and_Opportunities.pdf)
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