No Lost Generation

A joint strategic framework to support children and youth affected by the Syria crisis
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Education
• Inside Syria, around 5.4 million children and youth are still in need of education assistance.
• In the five Syrian refugee host countries, there were 1.65 million registered school-age Syrian refugee children as of July 2016.

Child Protection;
• The context continues to deteriorate for children within Syria and in many of the surrounding countries, resulting in increased child protection needs.

Youth
• A total of 3.3 million Syrian youth are estimated to be inside Syria -
• In the five 3RP countries there were an estimated 823,527 registered Syrian refugees, aged 15-24 years.
• Most of these young refugees in Turkey, Lebanon and other countries are out of school
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• Initiative established in 2013
• Focus on sectors traditionally under-resourced in humanitarian crises: Education; Child Protection; Youth Engagement
• 20 active NLG partners at the regional level all working in different relevant sectors across the Syria and Iraq crisis affected countries.
• 100 partners from the 3RP and HRPs who work in the relevant sectors - mix of international & national NGOs and UN agencies with engagement from government agencies as key partners
3 CORE PILLARS

EDUCATION
Children and youth have access to certified quality education

CHILD PROTECTION
Children, including adolescents, benefit from a protective environment

ADOLESCENTS & YOUTH
Adolescents and youth are better able to contribute to resilience and social cohesion in their communities
Four (4) guiding strategies:

• scaling up the supply of and access to services for IDPs, refugees, host communities, and affected populations;

• strengthening the quality of these services;

• mobilizing and engaging communities in the protection and education of children, adolescents and youth, increasing demand for those services, and addressing barriers for them to access services; and

• advocating for and supporting legal and policy reform to strengthen national education and child protection delivery systems.
Added Value of NLG:

• Regional coherence – collaborative working
• Integrated programming
• Long term perspective on urgent needs
• Wider partnerships
• Increased visibility for key issues
• Engagement of boys, girls and young people experiencing the crisis
Partnership Working:

- Key benefit of the NLG initiative – bringing the lead agencies together to coordinate and support effective action and to give us a collective voice, as well as giving us a platform to exchange learning and knowledge, and encourage innovation.
- This year has seen the establishment of the NLG Advisor (coordinator) position by UNICEF and resourcing of NGO co-leads for NLG: Save the Children, World Vision and Mercy Corps.
- World Vision leads on the Working Group; Save the Children leads on Advocacy; and Mercy Corps leads on Knowledge Management.
- Co-leads don’t tell the whole partnership story – there are around 20 UN Agencies and NGOs actively engaged in the ongoing steering of NLG and creation of NLG products, including UNFPA’s YPEER network of young people.
Partnership Working:

Examples of regional level work under the NLG pillars:

• Education – TVET workshop & upcoming Education & Technology event;
• Child protection – child labour stocktaking and strategy;
• Youth – youth mappings in Syria and 3RP countries.
NLG Successes

Partnership
• Programmatic Cooperation & Joint Advocacy
• Funding

Education
• 700,000 targeted children in 3RP countries, and 250,000 inside Syria were enrolled in formal education (primary or secondary)
• 230,000 children in Iraq received education supplies

Child Protection;
• Reached over 700,000 girls and boys with structured, sustained child protection or psychosocial support programmes;
• Reached over 30,000 children with specialist child protection services;

Youth
• Inside Syria – NLG partners have supported more than half a million young people to remain positively engaged
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It’s critical that we remember why the NLG initiative is important;
• Children and their families
• Parents
• Young people

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