

Invitation to a Theme Day

Children and Youth in Crisis: Education in Emergencies

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017, 9.15 – 17.10

Conference venue: Berne University of Teacher Education, Fabrikstrasse 8, CH-3012 Berne

An event organized by the Swiss Network of Education and International Cooperation RECI, supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC and Swiss Solidarity.

Since the year 2000, the world has seen important progress towards the right to education for all. Nevertheless, too many children and youth are still denied their right to quality and relevant education. The most precarious situations are observed in the context of humanitarian crises: More than 50% of the «out-of-school» children and youth are living in countries and regions affected by conflicts or war. For millions of children and youth education is interrupted by natural disasters. Offering education to these children and youth means preventing lost generations and giving a chance to build perspectives for their future.

Today, the international community recognises “Education in Emergencies – EiE” as a priority issue on the agenda of “Education 2030”; and hence, a majority of RECI’s members are engaged in educational programs in the contexts of emergencies.

The conference will present an overview of the international EiE discussions as well as concrete experiences of RECI members and partners. The following questions will guide the day:

- What are the needs of children and youth in emergency situations?
- How do actors in the field respond to these needs and what are the experiences of RECI member?
- Can the 2030 SDG Education related goals on “quality education for all” be integrated in the EiE responses?
- Who are the actors involved and what are their respective roles and responsibilities?
- How can RECI as a Swiss network contribute to the advocacy efforts of promoting EiE?

With the participation of the International Committee of the Red Cross ICRC, the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies INEE and the Global Education Cluster GEC. *For more details please refer to the program.*

Conference fee (including food and beverages): CHF 90 | CHF 50 for RECI members and partners.

Information: info@reseau-education.ch | Program and registration: www.reseau-education.ch



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Program – (tentative schedule)

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| 9:15 | Arrival and registration Visit of the exhibition* |
| 9:45 | <u>Introduction</u> Relevance of Education in Situations of Emergencies Fabienne Lagier, RECI Ernst Lüber, Swiss Solidarity SDC (to be confirmed) |
| 10:00 | <u>Inputs</u> A Commitment to Provide Quality Education in Emergencies Laura Davison, Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies INEE Actors in the Field of Education in Emergencies Maria Agnese Giordano, Global Education Cluster GEC Learning in Times of Crises Beatrice Rutishauser Ramm, Caritas Suisse / RECI |
| 11:00 | <i>Coffee break / exhibition*</i> |
| 11:30 | <u>Workshops</u> : Four different workshops in parallel sessions with presentation of projects and discussion Two workshops will focus on contexts : <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) EiE in humanitarian crises after natural disasters / Terre des Hommes Suisse (2nd NGO to be confirmed)(2) EiE in war and post-war situations / Save the Children, Vivamos Mejor Two workshops will focus on groups of concern : <ol style="list-style-type: none">(3) Youth education in emergencies / RET (2nd NGO to be confirmed)(4) Forgotten and especially vulnerable children in emergencies / Caritas Suisse |
| 13:00 | <i>Lunch break / exhibition*</i> |
| 14:30 | <u>Panels</u> Panel 1 : Workshop presentations of results and conclusions Panel 2 : Reflections on the level of strategic and political perspectives Sabina Handschin SDC, Geoffrey Loane ICRC, a representative of the University of Teacher Education (to be confirmed) and the two representatives of INEE and GEC (see above) |
| 16:45 | Conclusions and outlook |
| 17:10 | End of the conference |

* There will be an exhibition in the hall, presenting projects of RECI members. During the breaks, representatives of the respective organisations will be available for further information.

Language: English | Workshops: multilingual