Education International

Inclusion

We commit to action to support the inclusion of refugees in national education systems:

1.1 Maintain advocacy efforts to promote a child rights based approach to education. Develop awareness of education communities, through teacher unions, to promote the right to learn and to teach of refugee children, youth and teachers. Advocate for refugees to be swiftly included in formal mainstream education systems. Advocate for full access of refugees to early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education, including TVET. Advocate for the recognition of refugee teachers’ qualifications and support their professional development and that of teachers working with refugees.

Timeframe and/or implementation plan:

This commitment is to be renewed in July 2019 at the World Congress of Education International

Improvement

We commit to ensuring quality learning opportunities for all:

2.1 Maintain combined efforts to advocate for more opportunities for all, including refugees, to access quality education. In order to achieve this, promote strengthened institutional social dialogue and respect for international labour standards on freedom of association and collective bargaining. Support national education unions in reaching out to refugee teachers and academics to give them a collective organised voice. Collect and provide spaces for disseminating evidence from promising practices in and through education developed by education unions.

Investment

We commit to mobilising the funding to scale up quality learning for refugees:

3.1 Through awareness about the Global Compact on Refugees and its Programme of Action, advocate, at international level and with education unions at national level, for increased funding for comprehensive
education and transition to decent jobs in line with refugees’ skills and aspirations. Commit to support policies and programmes aimed at improving access to free quality public inclusive education for all by 2030 in line with the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Other

4.1 Support programmes and policies for the protection of refugee children, in the context of the prevention of human trafficking, slavery and/or child labour.