Children on the Move
provision of Services and Basic Material Needs

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The world on the move

65.6 million forcibly displaced people worldwide

50 mil children
on under UNHCR mandate
on Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

28 mil due to conflict

22 mil better life

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Where the world’s displaced people are being hosted

- Americas: 16%
- Europe: 17%
- Asia and Pacific: 11%
- Middle East and North Africa: 26%
- Africa: 30%
Concerns expressed by the participants of the STM

• Basic material needs;
• Language as limiting factors;
• Education; oblivious to their responsibilities and circumstances
• Stereotyped due to their cultures and religions and discriminated;
Clarity of the international standards on the obligations of the host governments,

Art 22-CRC; “...host countries have a moral and legal obligation to ensure children their right to an education ...”;
Article 27-CRC: Right to a standard of living adequate for the child's development

2. The parent(s) or others responsible for the child have the primary responsibility to secure, within their abilities and financial capacities, the conditions of living necessary for the child's development.

3. **States Parties, shall take appropriate measures to assist parents** and others responsible for the child to implement this right and shall in case of need provide material assistance and support programs.
Clarity of the international standards on the obligations of the host governments,

SDG 4 also;”..ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education to all children, including displaced children, as reflected in other legal rules and commitments...”;}
World leaders were expected to come to the summit and announce the actions they will take to end the suffering of millions of women, men and children displaced by armed conflicts and disasters.
“….We commit to empowering affected people to drive their own response to crises, in particular to **strengthen the voice, choice, and control of crisis-affected women and girls, children and youth, …**”
Core Commitment 2: Commit to promote and support safe, dignified and durable solutions for displaced persons and refugees... ”
What is the cost of inadequate, non-responsive, insensitive education?

• Putting education at the center of humanitarian response is catalyst for:

In Syria the loss of human capital through lost education due to the ongoing crisis was estimated at US$ 11 billion.

11 billion is 18% of Syria’s GDP!
Embracing the WHO definition of health as a:

“State of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity,”

WHO Constitution, 1948
More than 75% of the children on the move experience horrendous journey till they arrive on a safe shore. We MUST deliver!
THANK YOU!

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