



Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies

Membership - Terms of Reference

What is the Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies?

257 million school-aged children are not in school and almost half – 127 million - live in countries affected by crises. The COVID19 pandemic has even worsened this situation, interrupting education for more than 1.6 billion students, or over 90 per cent of the world's student population in over 200 countries. The urgent need to respond to the global education crisis is why the co-signatories have committed to making Geneva a Global Hub for Education in Emergencies via a physical and virtual platform. The 2019 Global Refugee Forum pledge was co-signed by Education Cannot Wait (ECW), the Global Education Cluster, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNHCR, the Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and the University of Geneva. These organisations are the 'initial co-signatories'. The Hub will be a catalyst for joint action among members and increased collaboration with other sectors to prioritise education in emergencies. For more information, read here: <https://bit.ly/3oeyYF3>

Can anyone join?

Membership is open to any government¹, non-governmental organisation, civil society organisation, UN agency, networks, academic and other institution with a link to Geneva² who is committed to its vision and mission and fulfils the below criteria.

Membership criteria

Members must meet the following criteria:

- Adhere to and promote the guiding values of Humanitarian and Human Rights Principles, Partnership, Localisation and meaningful child and youth participation.
- Endorse, adhere to and use the [Sphere Standards](#), the [INEE Minimum Standards](#) for Education in Emergencies, the [Child Protection Minimum Standards](#) as well as other inter-agency standards, guidelines, and tools when relevant; and
- Have a proven track record of active engagement in education in emergencies (EiE) activities (policy, advocacy work, operations, research, etc.) and/or working in another related field (e.g. migration, human rights, peace, health, protection or others);
- For Non-Governmental Organisations: provide proof of registration or other means of official recognition by relevant authorities or entities; and
- Promote an organisational culture based on accountability and zero tolerance of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment; have child safeguarding measures in place or at a minimum a code of conduct signed by all staff members.

¹ For governmental bodies, the Hub Steering Group will make a final decision on the membership.

² Examples of 'links with Geneva' include but are not limited to a strong relationship with Geneva actors or activities; a leading membership role of a Geneva-based organisation or initiative; active participation in Geneva's policy dialogues or human rights mechanisms, events or advocacy with Geneva actors; and/or having staff physically present in Geneva.

Membership responsibilities

Members have the responsibility to:

- Provide a focal point for their engagement with the Hub and keep contact details up to date;
- Support one or more activities of the Hub;
- Participate, whenever possible and relevant, in calls and other events organized by the Hub;
- Encourage and support work to be guided by the needs and voices of crisis-affected and displaced communities, promoting diversity and equity in the global policy dialogue.
- Share technical knowledge, research, evidence and information on lessons learned, successes and promising practices, case studies, policy approaches, and program results that support preparedness and strengthen education in emergencies responses; and
- Whenever relevant and possible, mobilise and commit organisational resources to support the work plan (this can be financial, technical in-kind, or human resources).

How can my organisation become a member? The application process.

Interested entities that meet the membership criteria should submit an application via the following online form: www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSCLL77

If the application meets the approval of the Steering Group, the new member will be requested to submit a letter of commitment, signed at Principal/Senior Level.³

³ See a letter template here: <https://bit.ly/2LxRxFW>.