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SCHOOL IN A BOX



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INTRODUCTION

Thirteen-year-old Ahmad has fled bombing, killings and chaos in Syria - but he says the worst thing has been losing his education. Like almost one in five schools in Syria, his school in Aleppo was destroyed, forcing him out of class for more than six months. As the situation deteriorated, his family made the heartbreaking decision to abandon their home and flee to Lebanon. Now, struggling with everyday life as a refugee in the Bekaa valley, Ahmad is looking to the future, devastated that his dream of becoming a doctor is in jeopardy. UNICEF is doing everything it can to get Syrian children back to learning - within Syria and in refugee communities in neighbouring countries. UNICEF and partners are running lessons in schools, community centres, camps and homes.

Ahmad has joined specialist catch-up classes run by a UNICEF partner organisation, Sawa, to try to help him gain a place in a mainstream school in Lebanon and gain the education he needs to set him on the road to his dream of studying medicine. He should not lose that dream, as well as losing his home, his school and the life he has known. But much more needs to be done to help more children. UNICEF is dealing with an escalating education emergency, behind the immediate humanitarian horror of the Syria crisis. The need has devastatingly grown for Syria's children. We need your support now to prevent a generation of Syrian children losing the chance to move towards to a brighter future.

THE CHALLENGE



In the wake of emergencies — whether violent conflicts, devastating earthquakes, or storms big enough to mow down entire villages — children desperately need a lifeline back to normality. They need help recovering from the trauma of all they've seen and experienced. They crave a renewed sense of security.

That's why Lions Clubs International and UNICEF work so hard to restart children's schooling immediately following disasters. Apart from their health and well-being, education is one of the top priorities for children whose lives have been upended. Back in the classroom, children get support from peers, the security of a steady routine, and a chance to express

themselves. They can have access to critical trauma counseling, if necessary. And — most importantly — they can continue the education that will help give them a bright future.

But what happens when schools and learning supplies have been destroyed by cataclysmic events or left behind when families are forced to flee their homes?

THE SUCCESS



The idea is very simple: School-in-a-Box is a portable aluminum container stuffed to the brim with hundreds of implements and supplies that enable 40 children and a teacher to create an instant classroom — no matter where they are. Originally developed by education experts from

UNICEF and UNESCO, School-in-a-Box has helped children learn in the toughest circumstances and the farthest corners of the globe.

The kits contain a variety of schooling and teaching tools including notebooks, pencils, tote bags, rulers, wooden blocks, posters, and in most cases even a wind-up solar radio. The large box-lids convert to blackboards. And kits are adapted to each region's specific needs and languages.

But beyond their obvious educational value, the box provide children with a refuge from the chaos around them. In fact, when kits arrive and classes begin, children who have never gone to school often ask to attend class.

THE PARTNERSHIP



Since 1996, Lions Clubs International have raised thousands of Pounds for School-in-a-Box program, giving children in emergency situations around the world the chance to continue their education and begin the process of recovering from trauma.

After Hurricane Katrina destroyed much of the U.S. Gulf Coast in 2005, Lions Clubs International & UNICEF delivered more than 2,000 School in a Box to the region, helping 160,000 children. Recent destinations for the Box have included, Europe Refugees, and Earthquake torn Mexico, War-torn Syria.

Where you are an individual, a group, a club, church, organisation or a business you can

partner with Lions Clubs and help raise funds and provide School in a Box programs. Each innovative School-in-a-Box costs just £155.

Partner with your local Lions Clubs, get started with your partnership pack.

Make your fundraising a huge success. You'll find inspiration, help with planning your activity, promoting it and support on collecting and returning your raised funds – your free partnership pack has it all.

Let's get started right now.

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