

Annual Report on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments - No Lost Generation Student Initiative 2016



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name No Lost Generation Student Initiative

Focal Point Name Grant Smith Region Middle East

Academia

Organisational Type

City and Country where Headquartered Washington D.C., United States of America

Twitter ID



(3A) Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
No Lost Student Initiative commits to have 20 supporters groups help refugee populations around the world.	Operational	Leave No One Behind

Core Commitments

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Acknowledge the global public good provided by countries and communities which are hosting large numbers of refugees. Commit to providing communities with large numbers of displaced population or receiving large numbers of returnees with the necessary political, policy and financial, support to address the humanitarian and socio-economic impact. To this end, commit to strengthen multilateral financing instruments. Commit to foster host communities' self-reliance and resilience, as part of the comprehensive and integrated approach outlined in core commitment 1.	Leave No One Behind

Where did your organization stand on these issues prior to making these commitments

Our organization is a network of like-minded student groups that work together to assist refugees through advocacy, fundraising, and in-kind participation. These groups began in the U.S. and have now spread overseas. When we presented at WHS, we had just two student groups. We felt that expanding our network would give us a brand new grassroots mechanism to engage the public in assistance for refugees and migrants. We set a goal for ourselves of establishing 18 new chapters of our organization, bringing our total number of grassroots groups to 20.

Achievements at a glance

We've grown more than 200% faster than anticipated. We have 50 student chapters of the No Lost Generation Student Initiative in 23 U.S. states, Germany, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai. Our fundraising impact has grown from USD 3,000 to USD 35,000+ in 9 months. We have created virtual internships with the assistance of the U.S. Department of State for 70 students in the U.S. to lead our project on their university campus. We've begun volunteer service with refugees resettled in the U.S. and are working with multilateral institutions, NGOs, IOs, and community based organizations to develop strategic partnership where possible.

How is your organization assessing progress

We track fundraising totals, are beginning to track volunteer hours, and are identifying expansion by number of grassroots groups.

Challenges faced in implementation

We are a de-centralized student network, led by interns from across the United States. This makes it difficult to fundraise for a central goal, develop programming for the full network, and maintain our relationships with organizations so that we can enhance our impact on the lives of displaced.

Next step to advance implementation in 2017

We will be expanding our network further in 2017 and have begun to develop a program for the next generation of interns. We will be formally tracking fundraising and volunteer hours in a more comprehensive format and will work with consistent messaging across all platforms.

If you had one message for the annual report on what is most needed to advance the transformation Reduce and address displacement , what would it be

Embracing non-traditional actors in the response to the global displacement situation is a sustainable way to create new programs and support systems for the displaced. By utilizing grassroots organizations to address the after-effects of displacement in



innovative ways, public perception and narrative surrounding refugees and migrants can be changed.

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Keywords

Humanitarian principles

Specific Initiatives

Education Cannot Wait

☑ New Way of Working

Agenda for Humanity

☑ 3F - Enable adolescents and young people to be agents of positive transformation

 \square 4A - Reinforce, do not replace, national \square 5A - Invest in local capacities and local systems