As the conflict in Syria entered its seventh year in March, the number of registered Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries surpassed 5 million people of whom more than 48 per cent are children.

A total of 856,677 Syrian girls and boys across the region continued to have access to formal education in schools in camp and host communities, at the same time more than 31,000 Syrian boys and girls are enrolled in informal or non-accredited education. Also during this period some 13,623 teachers and education personnel received incentives.

Notwithstanding, as of December 2016, there were over 534,000 children out of school. Underfunding, even if not an exclusive factor, has a major impact in the number of out of school children, which includes 367,000 out of school in Turkey, 127,000 in Lebanon, and 40,000 in Jordan. In Iraq and Egypt, all Syrian children had been reached by either formal or non-formal education (however this does not necessarily mean that all are attending...