



## ➤➤➤ Introduction and Call to Action



### Rights to Education in Emergency Situations

On this World Children's Day, we are honored to share with you the importance of Kawthoolei (Karen State), Burma/Myanmar, who find themselves in the midst of a turbulent storm of conflict and political instability. The significance of today, UNCRC Day, resonates deeply as it reminds us of our collective duty to protect and nurture the world's most vulnerable population—our children. In the face of adversity, the need to support Karen's children and youth becomes all the more apparent. They are confronted with severe challenges, including displacement, insecurity, and limited access to basic necessities, but above all, their fundamental right to education is under siege. Education, a beacon of hope, plays a pivotal role in shaping their future, breaking the cycle of poverty, and nurturing the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow. As we come together to celebrate UNCRC Day today, let us also unite to ensure that the right to education is not a distant dream but a tangible reality for every child in Kawthoolei.

### UNCRC Day and Its Significance

UNCRC Day, celebrated annually on November 20th, marks the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. This day serves as a global reminder of the commitment to protect and uphold the rights of children. The UNCRC sets out the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion, or abilities.

### The Right to Education (UNCRC Article 28)

Article 28 of the UNCRC outlines the right to education for children. It recognizes that education is a fundamental right and that states should make primary education compulsory and available to all. It also emphasizes that secondary education, including vocational and higher education, should be accessible to every child. Education should be directed to the development of the child's personality, talents, and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential.

Article 28 of the UNCRC emphasizes that children and young people have the right to education regardless of their race, gender, or disability, whether they are in detention or refugees. Education is the foundation of children's development as individuals and citizens. It also forms the basis for democratic societies and economic growth. All children should have access to a school environment that respects their rights and encourages regular attendance and an interest in learning.

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## Education in Crisis: A Fundamental Right

- Education is a fundamental right for all children, irrespective of the circumstances they find themselves in.
- Join us in emphasizing the critical role education plays during emergencies and the protection of this right.

## The Challenges of Education in Emergencies

- This section delves into the various challenges faced by children and educators when emergencies strike.
- From displacement to limited resources, these hurdles put education at risk for many children.



## Education as a Lifeline



## Preserving Normalcy Through Learning

- Education is more than just books and classrooms; it's a lifeline to normalcy and stability during times of turmoil.
- Discover how education programs act as a beacon of hope for children in emergencies.



## Stories of Resilience and Determination

- Real-life stories of children and educators who have persevered through crises to access education.
- These narratives highlight the indomitable spirit of individuals who value education as a lifeline.

## »»» Our Commitment and Initiatives

### Our Pledge: Education as a Right, Even in Emergencies



#### Our Unwavering Commitment

- Our organization remains steadfast in our commitment to preserving children's right to education during emergencies.
- This section reinforces our dedication to ensuring that education continues to be a beacon of hope.



#### Initiatives to Support Education in Emergencies

- Learn about the programs and initiatives we've implemented to support education during crisis situations.
- From emergency learning centers to resource mobilization, we are actively working to make education accessible in emergencies.

## »»» Your Support, Their Resilience

### Your Role in Securing Education in Emergencies

#### Join Us in the Cause

- We invite you to stand with us in championing the cause of education during emergencies.
- Your support through donations, advocacy, or spreading awareness can make a significant difference in the lives of children in crisis.

#### A Future of Resilience and Learning

- Our collective efforts can help create a future where education remains a beacon of hope for all children, even in emergencies.
- Together, we can work towards securing this fundamental right for every child, regardless of their circumstances.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to ensuring that education remains as a right, not a privilege, even in times of crisis. Together, we can be a force of positive change and resilience for children facing emergencies and ensure that they have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.