

Factsheet

KS2 & 3 - Education and Conflict



Education is a human right, but many children do not go to school because of violence. The United Nations Conference in August and September 2015 must put education for ALL children first.

Facts

- Of the 58 million children missing out on primary school, over half live in countries affected by conflict.
- One billion children live in conflict areas, of which 300 million are under the age of five.
- Between 2009 and 2014, schools and universities in 30 countries were attacked.

What are some of the challenges for children living with conflict?

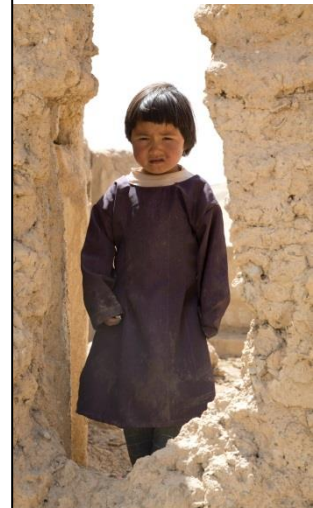
Conflict affects children in many ways: wars, natural disasters, and attacks on individuals and schools.

Wars

Many children are affected by wars. Children like six-year-old Sakaina from Bamyan in Afghanistan are at risk of being separated from their families.

Boys and girls may have to join armies, and they can get injured and even killed.

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Natural disasters

When a natural disaster hits a country, people often have to flee their homes and live in camps without schools.

After Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2014, over a million children stayed at home because their schools were destroyed.



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Attacks

Every year hundreds of students and teachers are threatened, attacked or killed. The shooting of Malala Yousoufzai in 2012 shocked the world. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman. Since then, Malala has campaigned for girls' education.



Malala is an inspiring speaker. Here she is speaking at the United Nations saying: "Education is our right – don't take it from us".

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Kidnappings

In the most extreme cases, groups have waged a war against what they call “western” education, and have killed and kidnapped students.

In Nigeria over 200 girls were kidnapped from their school in the town of Chibok in April 2014, and almost 50 boys were killed when a bomb exploded at their school in November 2014.



Meet Precious Luka from Manchock in central Nigeria. She set up a Girls Club to help girls be brave, and to use their voice to help others.

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What can you do to make school a safer place for ALL children?

58 million children are missing out on school – 2015 could change their future. Remind world leaders that they promised ALL children an education by 2015. Speak up for the right to education for every child.

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