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The Second Global Inter-Agency Consultation on Education in Emergencies and Early Recovery

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Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) and several of United Nations and NGO partners will host the second Global Inter-Agency Consultation on Education in Emergencies and Early Recovery. The first Inter-Agency Consultation, convened in Geneva in 2000 as follow up to recommendations made at the World Education Forum in Dakar, established INEE to facilitate collaboration and advocacy focused on expanding access to quality education for all people affected by crisis and conflict. INEE has since become a network of over 800 individual members, developed and disseminated guidance and technical tools, and actively engaged in advocacy with a broad range of stakeholders.

Although education is recognized as an essential component of humanitarian and early reconstruction efforts, much still remains to be done. Well over 60 million children and youth are estimated to be out of school due to conflict and hundreds of thousands more lack access to education due to natural disasters. With this in mind, it is essential that donors, practitioners, affected populations and education experts assemble to review INEE's purpose and direction, advocate for the right to education in emergency situations and share good practices and programme strategies.

The Global Consultation is open to all interested parties, with representation ranging from members of NGOs, UN agencies, academics and researchers, individuals, donors and governments and communities. The Consultation will provide a dynamic forum to:

- 1) Examine the current status and developments in the field of Education in Emergencies and identify emerging issues, with a focus on key concerns such as girls' education and the prevention of HIV/AIDS;
- 2) Identify gaps in both the responses of key actors and in available research;
- 3) Review INEE's key areas of work, such as advocacy, networking and information-sharing, and the development of the Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies;
- 4) Launch the final INEE Minimum Standards for Education in Emergencies and take next steps toward the promotion and implementation of the standards; and,
- 5) Develop INEE's strategic direction and priorities for its future work.

Participants will discuss and share information both at the global and policy levels and at the practice and implementation levels. Examples of issues to be discussed include, but are not limited to:

Global Policy and Strategy

- INEE—strategic direction and priorities for its future work
- Advocacy
- Coordination
- Prevention/Preparedness/Planning

Practice and Implementation

- Curriculum /Language/Certification/Accreditation
- School Feeding and education food programmes
- Demobilisation, Disarmament and Rehabilitation
- Education and protection
- Life skills and civic education, including education for conflict prevention

Additional details about the Global Consultation and registration information are available at http://www.ineesite.org/about/global_consult04.asp or you can contact the Secretariat at: coordinator@ineesite.org.

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