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Learning for Life

Early Childhood Development and Education for Displaced Children

In 2018, LDS Charities provided the seed funding for Learning for Life, a large multi-country program designed to meet the Early Childhood Development (ECD) and education needs of children affected by the South Sudan and other regional refugee crises. UNICEF is working with host governments and other partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda.

Learning for Life is providing children with a chance to attain the skills and life opportunities they need to break cycles of poverty and violence. Quality ECD services provide children with the nutrition, stimulation and protection they need for optimal brain development. ECD and education also have immediate benefits, providing children with a sense of stability and normalcy and safe spaces to learn and play.

In partnership, LDS Charities and UNICEF are working towards four key outcomes. In each country, refugee and vulnerable host community children from the ages of 0-8 are being provided with ECD services, in newly constructed spaces, to meet their cognitive, physical, and emotional health and developmental needs. Further, teachers are trained on child-centered learning and inclusive education using core curriculum, life skills, conflict sensitive education and psychosocial support. Engaging families is improving the quality and sustainability of the program. UNICEF is encouraging nurturing, care and education at home by providing community trainings.

UNICEF is also helping to build the capacity of NGOs, local governments and other



partners, providing them with the tools, resources and expertise to sustain program interventions. UNICEF is working with governments to ensure that ECD and education services benefit all children — including refugees.

Truly sustainable development starts in early childhood and must include investments in the rights of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Thanks to LDS Charities, this program, with its focus on ECD and education, will enable meaningful development progress with long-lasting returns for generations to come. ●

Results To Date

- 36,741 children have benefited from access to education and ECD activities
- Over 10,000 parents have been reached with training on child development and caregiving practices
- 1,343 teachers have received training to improve learning outcomes
- 694 teaching and learning kits have been procured and are benefiting students

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