



The global fund for education in emergencies

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Decision Paper

Background

The UN City in Copenhagen is a significant hub for internal collaboration with workstations for over **1,500 staff members** and hosting a number of UN agencies, including UNHCR, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNDP, WHO, WFP, IOM, UN Environment, UNIDO, UN Women and UNFPA.

Of particular relevance for ECW is the location of **UNHCR Education and UNHCR Private Sector**, who also hosts **GPE staff** and a strong **UNICEF** presence. The UN City is hence becoming a natural hub for engagement with the private sector and philanthropic donors in relation to education for children affected by crisis or emergency. Also based in Copenhagen are the MHPSS Collaborative and the ICRC PSS Centre as well as the GPE funded *Education Out Loud* initiative

Rationale for establishing a Copenhagen Satellite Office

ECW is strategically committed to continue to expand and deepen partnerships with the private sector and philanthropy. ECW's significant partnership in this regard is with the Lego Foundation, also based in Denmark, and the UN City is the ideal location to expand and deepen this work. UNHCR Education in Copenhagen has indicated their openness to hosting one ECW Staff member who would share office with the GPE seconded staff member to UNHCR.

The staff member in the Copenhagen satellite office will be an integrated part of the ECW team and additional to the responsibilities described in the job description, be responsible for liaising with the government of Denmark, the civil society organizations in Denmark and UN agencies based in Denmark.

All tasks will be addressed in close cooperation with ECW colleagues in New York, Geneva and Amman. The staffing of the Copenhagen satellite office will be one person initially, like the satellite office in Amman, and may grow over time. The office will rely on colleagues in other locations for administrative, financial and technical support.

There will be no costs associated with the establishment of the Copenhagen Satellite Office and possible contributions to running costs to be no-higher than those incurred for Geneva and New York.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark have indicated that they may be able to cover ECW relocation costs.

ECW requests ExCom to:

- To approve that ECW establishes a satellite office in Copenhagen