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Global Action Week 2013: Every Child Needs a Teacher

Report of activities organized with UNESCOs support



Global Action Week (GAW) is a worldwide annual campaign organized by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), a worldwide coalition of civil society organizations and teachers' unions, to advocate for Education for All (EFA). UNESCO actively supports the campaign by disseminating information and resources; mobilizing its networks; encouraging EFA partners to participate; and organizing activities together with other EFA partners, in particular ministries of education and NGOs active in the field of EFA.

Under the slogan "Every Child Needs a Teacher", the 2013 Global Action Week (21-27 April 2013) focused on the crucial role of teachers in reaching the EFA goals.

A special 2013 [GAW webpage](#) was set up under the UNESCO EFA website to disseminate materials and resources, and to link to GAW activities in the different regions. The webpage also includes links to further resources available on the [GCE website](#). A number of materials and resources were produced to support advocacy activities at regional and national levels. Many of the materials are available in four languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish).

Video messages from the [UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon](#) and from the [UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova](#) are available on YouTube and have been shared on different websites and by email.

UNESCO's Regional Bureaux for Education and field offices organized activities in collaboration with EFA partners in a number of countries (see below)¹. GAW activities were organized in over 100 countries, drawing a lot of media attention on teachers and quality Education for All in local and national media across the world.

Africa

UNESCO's Regional Office in Dakar together with the National Commissions for UNESCO in Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger and Senegal supported national EFA Coalitions and committees and the Africa Network Campaign on Education For All in their advocacy activities and awareness campaigns, including conferences, testimonies, documentary film production and distribution, radio broadcasts and contests. Some of the activities in the region are listed below.



¹ This report is a work in progress. If you have information on GAW 2013 activities, please send it to gaw@unesco.org for inclusion in this report.

CAPE VERDE

Organised in collaboration with teachers' unions and other civil society actors, the GAW activities in Cape Verde culminated in the Cape Verdean Teachers Day celebrations and featured a speech by the Minister of Education and Sports.



SENEGAL

UNESCO Office in Dakar worked with the Coalition of Organisations in Synergy for the Defence of Public Education to organize a number of activities in Senegal, including an assessment on the current situation of teachers and a roundtable on effective teacher improvement strategies. At the local level, analysis and debates on specific themes relating to teachers were organized in partnership with

community based organisations. Activities also included marches organized in collaboration with local decision makers in the 14 regions of Senegal.

Links

UNESCO Office in Dakar:

- [Global Action Week for Education: Raising awareness for quality education in Africa](#)
- [Celebration of Global Action Week in Senegal](#)

Asia and the Pacific

The UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok set up a [GAW webpage](#), coordinated activities and mobilized support for GAW in the region. The Bangkok office also produced an awareness-raising video on teacher shortage which has been uploaded on [YouTube](#). Some of the activities in the region are listed below.

BHUTAN

The UNESCO ASPnet club of Samtengang Middle Secondary School organized awareness-raising activities and carried out a Literacy Status Appraisal in the Samtengang community. The report of the appraisal, which covered 40 households in two villages, is available [online](#).

CAMBODIA

UNESCO Office in Cambodia supported the campaign by encouraging the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and other EFA partners to participate and by collecting and sharing policies and practices. Activities organized in collaboration with the Cambodian GCE team included awareness raising through radio and television talk shows, press conferences and social media, as well as school-based activities, such as a drawing competitions, storytelling and poem creation.



INDIA

UNESCO New Delhi, together with the National Coalition for Education and other EFA partners organized several GAW activities at the national level. The GAW Culmination Event featured a keynote address by a Member of Parliament while participants and speakers included parents, teachers, academics, parliamentarians as well as representatives of the government, teacher unions, NGOs, UN, the private sector and the media.



PAKISTAN

A 'Public Forum on Right to Education and Role of a Teacher' was jointly organized by UNESCO and UNICEF in Islamabad. The speakers included high level representatives from the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders. The event provided a platform for teachers, policy makers and civil society representatives to discuss the role of teachers in achieving universal primary education in Pakistan. The activities organized in collaboration with other EFA stakeholders also included awareness raising activities, seminars and meetings in a number of provinces, such as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan.



VIET NAM

UNESCO, together with the Viet Nam Coalition for Education for All, several NGOs and UNICEF supported the campaign which was led by the Ministry of Education and Training. The national high-level launch event was opened by the Vice Minister for Education and the UN Resident Coordinator, and gathered teachers, educational managers, learners and parents, mass organizations, international organizations and provincial and local authorities. There was vast mobilization around the campaign at local levels and the themes were widely covered in the print media, radio and television.

Links

UNESCO Office in Bangkok:

- UNESCO Asia and the Pacific GAW [webpage](#)
- Video on teacher shortage on [YouTube](#)

UNESCO Office in Phnom Penh: [Celebrating Global Action Week 2013: Every Child Needs a Teacher!](#)

UNESCO Office in New Delhi: [Education For All Global Action Week - Every Child Needs a Teacher](#)

UNESCO Office in Islamabad:

- [Observance of Education for All Week 2013: "Every Child needs a Teacher"](#)
- [UNESCO & UNICEF Celebrate Education for All Week in Sindh - Right to Education and Role of Teachers](#)

UNESCO Office in Ha Noi: [Good teachers vital to ensure right to education - Global Action Week for Education \(21–28 April 2013\) launched at Temple of Chu Van An](#)

Arab States

LEBANON

UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States in Beirut, together with the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO organized a seminar on “*Quality Education for All: Achievements and Challenges*” under the patronage of the Minister of Education and Higher Education. Participants included representatives of Lebanese schools and education NGOs, ministries and international organizations. As well as debating the role of educators in promoting quality education for all, the seminar announced the winners of a school video contest which engaged several UNESCO ASPnet schools and UNRWA² schools in Lebanon. Follow-up activities will include sharing and dissemination workshops, as well as developing a DVD for teacher training purposes.



Links

UNESCO Office in Beirut: [“Every Child needs A Teacher”: Celebration of the EFA Global Action Week 2013](#)

Europe

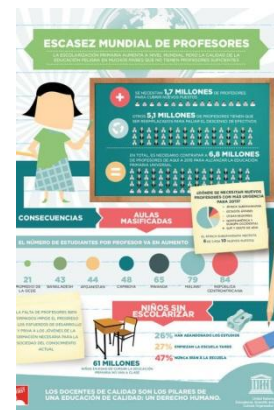
GREECE

Some 20 UNESCO ASPnet schools in Greece participated in the GAW which was coordinated by ActionAid Greece and mobilized a record number of participants in activities such as photo exhibitions, radio shows, demonstrations, videos, music composition and other school based activities.

Latin America and the Caribbean

UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean set up a [GAW webpage](#) and disseminated information on GAW resources through their newsletter. In collaboration with the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE), UNESCO further connected national EFA coalitions with UNESCO offices and disseminated information and materials across the region, including UNESCO’s publication on Teacher-Policy Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In collaboration with CLADE, the GCE and the Chilean EFA National Forum, UNESCO has also produced a video and GAW resource materials which will be disseminated during the Chilean GAW in August.



Links

UNESCO Office in Santiago:

- 2013 GAW [webpage](#)
- [Background and Criteria for Teacher-Policy Development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)
- [Teacher-Policy Development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

² The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East