

**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
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**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

**Progress Report**

**Period of Activity: January 2007-June 2008**

**UNESCO Chair in Education as a Humanitarian Response**

**Report established by:** Dr Colin Brock, UNESCO Chairholder, University of Oxford

**I. Activities**

**1. Academic activities**

***Training***

Educational methods and training for teachers in the Karen Refugee Camps (Thailand).

Target group: Teachers in Northwest Thailand

***Research***

Projects on the educational needs in Thailand and Ukraine.

**2. Conferences/Meetings**

Aspects of Education in the Arab World

Place: Qatar

**3. Partnerships**

University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Kirovograd State Pedagogical University, Ukraine

**4. Publications**

***Essays***

Title: "The Concept of Education as a Humanitarian Response as Applied to the Arab World with Special Reference to the Palestinian Case"

Authors: Colin Brock and Lala Demirdjian

Book Title: *Trajectories of Education in the Arab World: Legacies and Challenges*

Publisher: Routledge

Year: 2008

**II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in Education as a Humanitarian Response coordinated assistance and trainings for teachers in Karen Refugees from Burma in Thailand Camps. Research projects on the educational systems in the Arab World, East Asia and Ukraine were achieved through the support of the Chair at Oxford University.

### **III. Forthcoming activities**

A field project in Southern China and a seminar on children education are planned as part of the forthcoming activities of the Chair. In addition, the Chair will advance the development of a book series on Education as a Humanitarian Response.