

UNESCO calls for more to be done for migrants' education

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Berlin: The UN culture and education agency says in a new report that more needs to be done to integrate refugee children into national educational systems.

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UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay says "everyone loses when the education of migrants and refugees is ignored; education is the key to inclusion and cohesion."

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It says low- and middle-income countries host 89 per cent of refugees, but lack funds for education. The report calls on donors to triple funding and ensure long-term support.

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