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Dear Friends,

This past year has underscored the urgency of our mission at the **Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA)**: safeguarding education amidst rising threats in conflict zones worldwide. With your support, we can turn our shared vision of secure and equitable education for all into reality.

In 2024, the generosity of partners helped us to:

- Highlight the dramatic increase of attacks on education.
 - Our latest report, *Education Under Attack 2024*, documented a 20% increase in attacks on education since 2022. The number of students and educators seriously harmed or killed rose 10%. These chilling statistics remind us of the urgency to protect learning environments.
- Champion stronger global commitments.
 - Our combined advocacy resulted in additional countries endorsing the Safe Schools Declaration, 120 states are now committed to protecting students, teachers, schools, and universities during armed conflict. This milestone demonstrates growing international momentum, but there is more to achieve.
- Support initiatives in conflict-affected countries to protect education.

 GCPEA directly supported training and provided technical advice to government officials and civil society leaders to prevent military use of schools and strengthen protection mechanisms in both West/Central Africa and Latin America. These efforts underscore how investing in national leadership contributes to sustainable progress.

However, the challenges ahead demand even more of us. From Afghanistan to Ukraine, education is under siege. Attacks on education disproportionately affect girls and women, pushing them further to the margins in societies already devastated by conflict. Each assault on a classroom represents a stolen future, a shattered community, and a setback to global progress.

Will you join us today in advancing this crucial mission?

By making an unrestricted donation to GCPEA, you enable us to sustain critical research, expand analysis on the impact of attacks on education, and sustain expert technical support to the most affected countries and communities. Together, we can ensure that education remains a beacon of hope and stability for communities affected by conflict, even in the darkest times.

Increased needs combined with decreased funding, unfavorable currency exchange rates, and rising costs have left GCPEA below the financial reserve required for stable and sustained operations. These conditions have led to this unprecedented request for support.



Your contribution will ensure we maintain the integrity and quality of research on attacks on education, will help expand analysis the impact of attacks, particularly on girls, women and other marginalized groups, and sustain specialized technical support to the countries and communities most affected by attacks on education.

Please consider supporting us by visiting https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1442917

You can also contact us at gcpea@protectingeducation.org to make arrangements.

On behalf of GCPEA and the communities we serve, thank you for your unwavering commitment to protecting education from attack.

Sincerely,

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