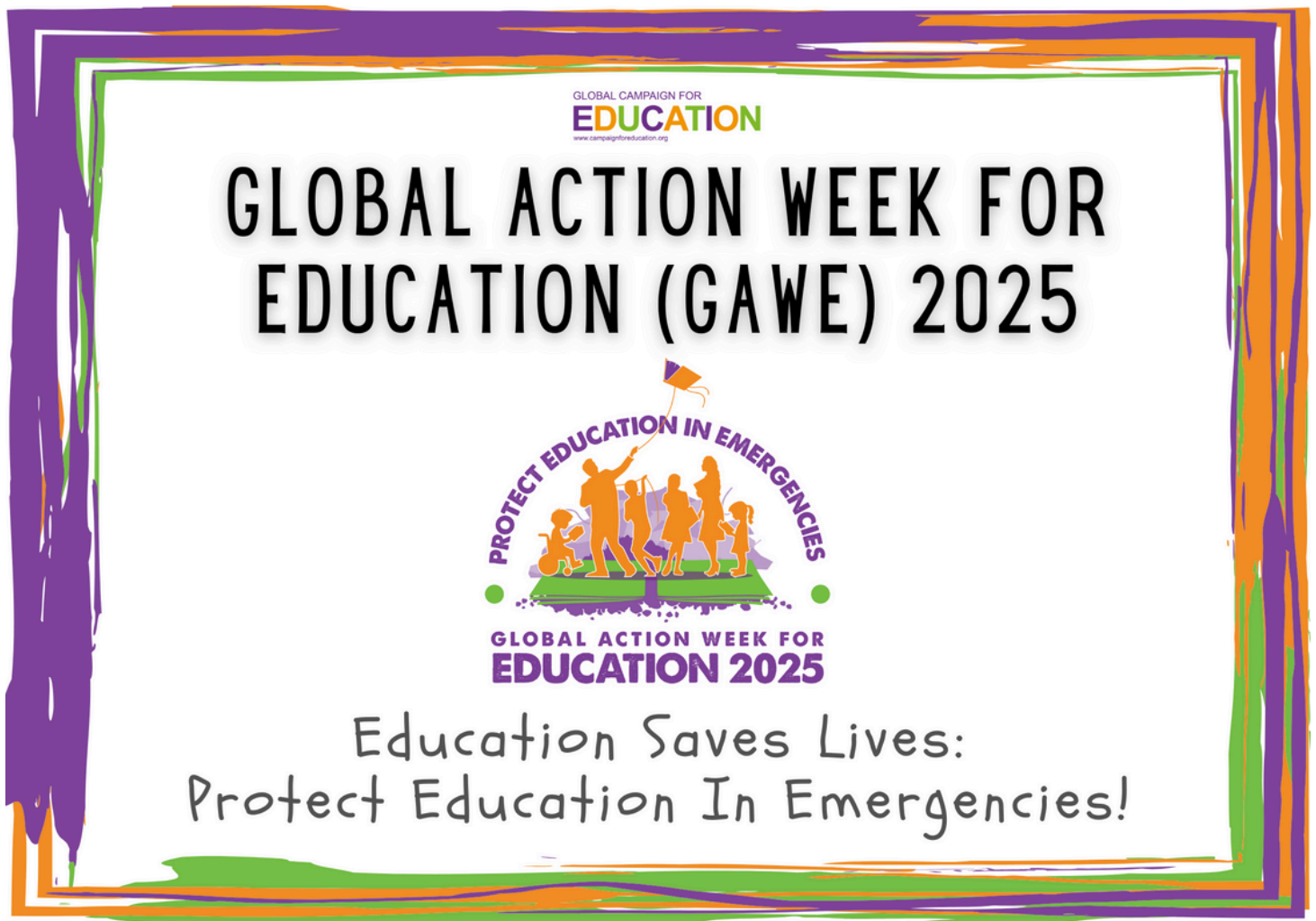


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Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) was held from 28 April - 5 May 2025. The following is a recap of how several GCE members commemorated the occasion.

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GAWE 2025 - ACEA



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THEME AND PURPOSE

- “*Education Saves Lives: Protect Education in Emergencies!*” stressed education as a lifeline and right during crises.
- Urged governments and donors to prioritize education in humanitarian responses.

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Events and advocacy spanned Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Morocco, Mauritania, and more.
- Focused on funding gaps, attacks on education, and the impact of displacement and conflict.

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CORE DEMANDS

- Protect teachers, students, and schools; recognize attacks as war crimes.
- Ensure sustainable, transparent funding and equal access for girls, women, and persons with disabilities.

ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT

- Workshops, webinars, and cultural events raised awareness and built community resilience.
- Digital campaigns and fact sheets amplified calls for inclusive, crisis-resilient education.

KEY OUTCOMES

- Strengthened civil society-government partnerships and regional coordination¹.
- Reaffirmed education as a non-negotiable right, central to recovery and resilience in emergencies

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GAWE 2025 - GCE SPAIN



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MOBILIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

- Over 8,000 students and educators participated nationwide in events, parliamentary sessions, and public demonstrations.
- Education resources were distributed and used in multiple cities, increasing awareness and engagement.

ADVOCACY FOCUS

- Emphasized education as a lifeline and a right, especially in emergencies and crises.
- Called on leaders to protect education for children affected by conflict, disasters, and displacement.

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GAWE 2025 - GCE Spain



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IMPACT AND OUTREACH

- Promoted sustained investment and policy action for education in emergencies.
- Ongoing social media campaigns and school activities reinforced the message and broadened reach.

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GAWE 2025 - BENIN



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THEME AND FOCUS

- Emphasized the vital role of adult educators in emergency situations.
- Explored their needs, protection, and recognition across West Africa

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Launched a widely disseminated advocacy statement to rally stakeholders.
- Ran a robust communication campaign with infographics, banners, and a special scroll to raise awareness.

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GAWE 2025 - Benin



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REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Hosted a bilingual webinar with panellists from 14 countries, sharing best practices and strategies for adult educator support in emergencies.
- Issued a special edition newsletter in French and English to summarize activities and share advocacy messages.

IMPACT

- Mobilized educators, policymakers, and communities, strengthening regional collaboration.
- Promoted inclusive participation and broad dissemination through multimedia and multilingual content.

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GAWE 2025 - MAURITANIA



EVENT AND THEME

- National symposium in Nouakchott under the theme: *Because Education is Life! Let's Protect Our Education in Emergencies and Crises.*
- Brought together diverse stakeholders to address education challenges.

MAIN DISCUSSIONS

- Urgent need to improve teachers' working conditions and support.
- Emphasized resilient, sustainable education policies and community engagement

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GAWE 2025 - Mauritania



KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

- Gaps in school infrastructure and digital access.
- Necessity of equitable access for marginalized and crisis-affected children.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strengthen education system resilience and stakeholder coordination.
- Promote inclusive policies and invest in digital learning infrastructure

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GAWE 2025 - BURKINA FASO



CONTEXT AND THEME

- Focused on protecting education amid insecurity and mass displacement.
- Emphasized education as essential during crises, not just after.

MAJOR ACTIONS

- Built and rehabilitated schools, including 295 prefabricated classrooms and 350 structures.
- Deployed 1,221 facilitators and distributed 316,100 school kits to support displaced students.

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GAWE 2025 - Burkina Faso



ADVOCACY AND INCLUSION

- Prioritized girls, children with disabilities, and psychosocial support for students and teachers.
- Ran multilingual awareness campaigns and digital outreach (#EducationSavesLives).

RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPACT

- Called for stronger school capacity, feeding programs, and cyber classrooms.
- Pushed for increased emergency education funding and better coordination between humanitarian and education policies.

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GAWE 2025 - JORDON



THEME AND FOCUS

- Centered on inclusive and equitable education for all, especially in emergencies.
- Emphasized education as a critical right and lifeline during crises.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Hosted interactive workshops, community dialogues, and school visits to raise awareness.
- Youth led forums and creative competitions, amplifying student voices.

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GAWE 2025 - Jordan



POLICY ADVOCACY

- Stakeholder roundtable fostered collaboration, sharing challenges and solutions for education rights.
- Generated actionable recommendations for advancing inclusive education.

MEDIA AND OUTREACH

- Used press releases, radio, and social media to broaden campaign reach and public engagement.

KEY DEMANDS

- Called for stable funding, teacher protection, and accountability for attacks on education.
- Urged equal access for girls, women, and persons with disabilities during crises.

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GAWE 2025 - LEBANON



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PARTICIPATION AND ADVOCACY

- Over 300 participants, including educators, students, and policymakers, joined events in Tripoli and Saida.
- Strong focus on protecting education rights during crises and ensuring inclusive access.

CORE DEMANDS

- Ongoing teacher support (professional development, financial/moral aid) and fair, sustainable education funding.
- Promotion of inclusive education for marginalized, special needs, and displaced learners, plus accelerated reintegration programmes.

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GAWE 2025 - Lebanon

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PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Investment in digital infrastructure and psychosocial support for students and teachers.
- Advocacy for permanent emergency committees and better coordination in education governance.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Youth speeches, plays, and artistic performances highlighted real challenges and hopes.
- Seminar and community dialogue addressed crisis impacts and called for innovative, collaborative solutions.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Cultural/artistic advocacy and digital outreach boosted engagement and inclusivity.
- Flexibility, strong partnerships (with MEHE and UNESCO), and expanded networks enhanced campaign impact.

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GAWE 2025 - MEXICO

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

- Youth-led media (notably the "Voces Jóvenes" podcast) spotlighted migrant education challenges and called for empathy and social justice.
- Dynamic participation at major forums and direct engagement with policymakers drove debate on education rights in emergencies.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATION

- Partnerships ensured campaign materials were accessible for people with disabilities, broadening impact.
- Social media campaigns and webinars expanded reach, engaging students and the wider public

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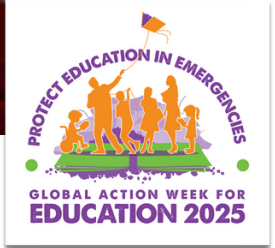
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GAWE 2025 - Mexico



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IMPACT AND LESSONS

- Surpassed participation targets: 10+ collectives, 50+ teachers, and thousands engaged online.
- Exposed gaps between legal guarantees and real access, emphasizing youth leadership and inclusive approaches as campaign strengths.

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GAWE 2025 - NEPAL



- Mobilized 10,000+ participants nationwide, with rallies and creative demonstrations in multiple districts.
- Press events and media coverage amplified calls to protect education in emergencies.

- Urged reforms in the School Education Bill for disaster resilience, equity, and non-profit public education.
- Called for improved teacher management, inclusive infrastructure, and support for marginalized groups

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GAWE 2025 - Nepal



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COMMUNITY AND POLICY IMPACT

- Districts pledged actions like temporary learning centers and hybrid learning models.
- Federal policymakers committed to aligning legislation with crisis-responsive, inclusive education needs.

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GAWE 2025 - PHILIPPINES



Photo: E-Net Philippines



RESILIENCE AND INCLUSION

- E-Net Philippines and GCE led the national GAWE 2025 celebration, focusing on accessible, inclusive education during crises.
- The campaign emphasized the importance of education in crisis response across the country.

EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN ZAMBALES

- Prioritized Education in Emergencies (EiE) through activities like poster-making, storytelling, and climate-resilient school lectures.
- Achieved greater awareness of EiE, documented community-based plans, and strengthened grassroots advocacy for safe, inclusive, disaster-prepared education.

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GAWE 2025 - Philippines



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UNITING STUDENTS AND LOCAL LEADERS IN CAINTA

- One Cainta College hosted a forum on *Education Saves Lives*, highlighting the role of education in disaster preparedness.
- Raised awareness for protecting learners and systems during crises, promoted EiE integration in policy and curricula, and enabled collaboration among local stakeholders.

A CALL TO ACTION

- These initiatives reinforce the need for accessible, inclusive, and protected education systems, especially in emergencies.
- The Philippines continues to model resilience and collective action in education advocacy