

# RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION



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DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH



**FCA is committed** to empowering people and communities in fragile situations in their efforts to create just and resilient societies. FCA sees the rights related to **peace, education and livelihood**, and combining the three, as having the potential for a wide-reaching, sustainable impact.



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## OUR VISION

FCA's vision is a world consisting of resilient and just societies where everyone's right to peace, quality education and sustainable livelihood has been fulfilled. FCA strives for ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for children and youth in vulnerable situations. Equitable education ensures that everyone gets the support they need in order for their rights to be fulfilled.

## WE PROMOTE

FCA creates innovative solutions in order to find practical ways of ensuring the Right to Quality Education for all both in humanitarian and development contexts. FCA invests in supporting and building the capacities of teachers and Ministries of Education. Digital solutions are part of addressing complex education challenges.



# STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

## Education in Emergencies

Education in Emergencies provides physical, psychosocial and cognitive protection that can sustain and save lives in situations of crisis. FCA aims to ensure uninterrupted quality education in early childhood development, primary, secondary, non-formal and Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

Typical activities can include

- ensuring meaningful community participation,
- provision of transitional learning spaces and rehabilitation of permanent schools,
- provision of educational materials, kits and Cash for Education,
- teacher education,
- support to education authorities and
- advocacy

FCA's Education in Emergencies response is based on a holistic approach to well-being. FCA prioritizes an integrated way of working with Psychosocial Support and Child Protection. Innovations and digital

## FCA CONTRIBUTES TO IMPROVED ACCESS AND BETTER QUALITY OF LEARNING THROUGH FOUR STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS:



In Mozambique several thousands of classrooms were destroyed by the cyclone Idai in March 2019.

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solutions are part of ensuring access and continuity in education and addressing education challenges in crisis situations. FCA is committed to coordination with other actors and education authorities to ensure a coherent response to emergencies and continuity of quality education. FCA seeks for planning for longterm solutions from the earliest stages of a crisis and ensure that, on the other hand, programming is adaptive to meet acute needs when needed (nexus).

## Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Linking Learning to Earning

FCA contributes to the quality of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and supports the transitions to the world of work. FCA advocates for the attractiveness of TVET and functional co-operation with the private sector.

FCA ensures inclusion and equity in access to TVET among youth in the most vulnerable situations and youth on the move. FCA promotes developing updated, market-driven, competency-based curricula and certified qualifications. FCA equips TVET teachers with updated vocational pedagogical and didactical skills.

FCA enhances including practical and on-the-job-training to TVET and development of apprenticeship training. Collaboration with the private sector and employers facilitates employment after completion.

Business coaches facilitate the starting of own business and career guidance counsellors support career choices, help to tackle the challenges in studies and support job-seeking or transitions to further education.

## Education Sector development

FCA supports education sector development, particularly in fragile situations. Collaboration with national Ministries of Education (MoE), other relevant Ministries, and education authorities at different levels takes different forms ranging from capacity development to curricula development and supporting the formulation of inclusive, equitable, conflict and disaster risk reduction informed education policies. We support duty bearers for example in Education in Emergencies, in TVET, in systematic career guidance counselling services development as well as teacher education.

## Teacher Education

FCA prioritizes support to teacher education as teachers are the most important resource for realizing quality education. FCA draws from the Finnish experience of investing in teachers in forms of pre-and in-service education and continuous professional development. FCA focuses on effective teaching which utilizes learner-centered pedagogy, on inclusive and active teaching methods adapted to national and local contexts, and results in enhanced learning outcomes, as well as on the well-being of teachers.

A group of educators participate in a FCA teacher training workshop in South Sudan.



# RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION PRINCIPLES



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## INNOVATIONS

Educational innovation enhances solutions that add value to people, in particular by improving inclusion, equity and the quality of education, and by reaching the most vulnerable more widely. Innovations can be social, pedagogical, economic and technological flexible solutions, for example for distance education.



Teachers without Borders (TwB) is a volunteer network for Finnish education professionals. Investing in teachers is key to strengthening the quality of education. The TwB volunteers provide support for teacher education and capacity building in humanitarian and development contexts and promote global education in Finland.



**Finn Church Aid (FCA)** is the largest Finnish NGO in international aid. FCA specialises in supporting local communities in three priority areas: Right to Livelihood, Right to Quality Education, and Right to Peace. FCA is certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). FCA is a founding member of ACT Alliance, a global coalition of faith-based organisations. FCA is a long-time partner of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and has a framework partnership with European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operation (ECHO). FCA is a member of Global Education Cluster (GEC) and International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance (IAEVG), working in close partnership with several UN agencies and INEE (Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies). We also have a growing number of local and international partners. FCA is a rights-based actor. Our action is guided by the standards and principles of human rights. Equality, non-discrimination and accountability are at the core of our work. Annually, FCA provides assistance in excess of €40 million.

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