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Call to action: Investing in early childhood development for migrant and refugee children.

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Forced migration is an increasing global challenge: children and families are obliged to leave their homes for many reasons. Many of the children on the move are under the age of five. In countries of origin, transit and in host countries, they encounter traumatic circumstances with a daily violation of their rights.

Scientific evidence highlights the importance of early support for young children and their families under adverse conditions. It is encouraging that we are now witnessing commitment to support early childhood development in a migration and refugee context. It is now the time to turn these commitments into reality. We need to work together, in a coordinated manner because, if we change the beginning of the story, we change the whole story.

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