



Children and Adolescents in Need of Education Support

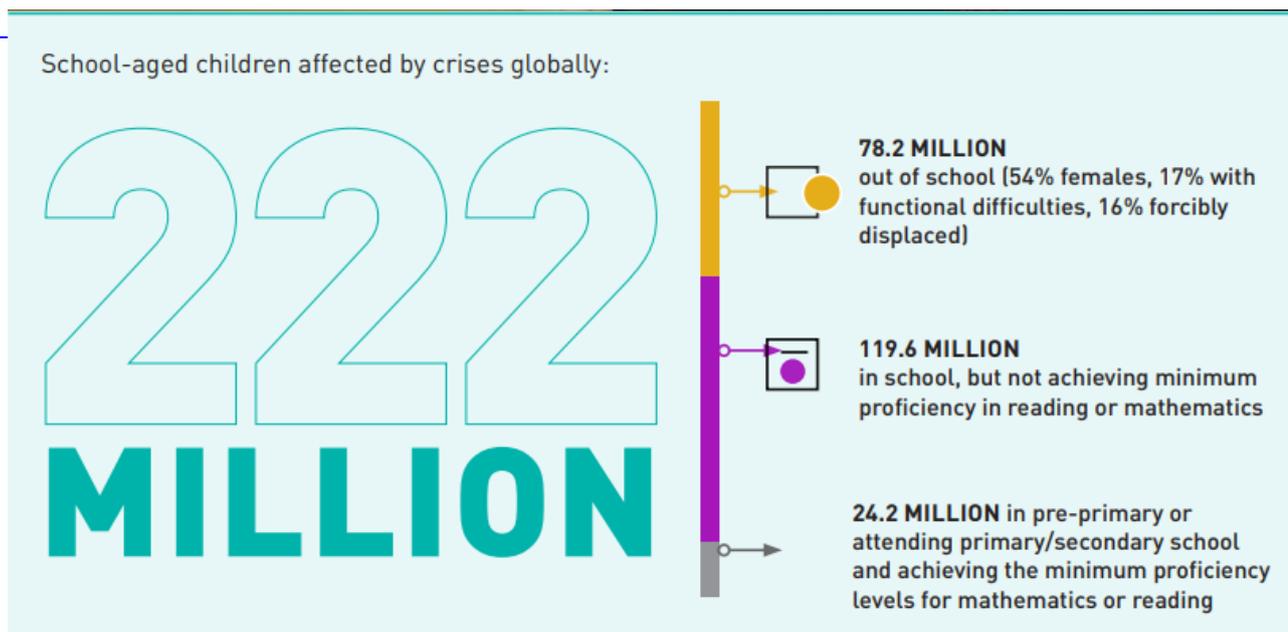
For Prelims: Education Cannot Wait (ECW), UNESCO

For Mains: State of Educational system of the world

Why in News?

The **United Nations global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises, Education Cannot Wait (ECW)**, released a report that indicates the **number of crisis-impacted school-aged children requiring educational support has grown from an estimated 75 million in 2016 to 222 million.**

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What are the Major Highlights of the Report?

- The study indicates that as many as **78.2 million are out of school, and close to 120 million are in school, but not achieving minimum proficiency** in math or reading. In fact, just one in ten crisis-impacted children attending primary or secondary education are actually achieving these proficiency standards.
- The analysis indicates that **84% of the out-of-school crisis-impacted children are living in areas with protracted crises**. The vast majority of these are in countries specifically targeted through ECW's ground-breaking multi-year investments, including Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen.
- The **war in Ukraine is pushing even more children out of school**, with recent estimates

indicating the conflict has impacted 5.7 million school-aged children.

- Around **119.6 million children living in crisis-prone areas** attended school but **did not achieve minimum proficiency in mathematics or reading**.
- **#222 Million Dreams**: To **respond to this pressing global education crisis, ECW and strategic partners** launched the #222MillionDreams resource mobilization campaign in Geneva.
 - The campaign **calls on donors, the private sector, philanthropic foundations and high-net-worth individuals to urgently mobilize more resources to scale up ECW's investments**, which are already delivering quality education to over 5 million children across more than 40 crisis-affected countries.

What is Education Cannot Wait (ECW)?

- **About:**
 - It is the **United Nations global, billion-dollar fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises**.
 - It is **administered under UNICEF's** financial, human resources, and administrative rules and regulations; operations are run by the Fund's own independent governance structure.
- **Mission:**
 - ECW works to **generate greater shared political, operational and financial commitment to meet the educational needs of millions of children** and youth affected by crises, with a focus on more agile, connected and faster response that spans the humanitarian-development continuum to lay the ground for sustainable education systems.

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