

# Philanthropy Shows Up for the Youngest Refugees

## Lessons from OSF's Early Childhood Refugee & Migration Portfolio

Webinar | Tuesday 17 November 2020 | 3:00-4:30 pm GMT

Please join the Moving Minds Alliance and Open Society Foundations (OSF) for an interactive webinar reviewing the last three years of work by OSF's Early Childhood Program in support of displaced families with young children.

The virtual convening will include a presentation of findings from a recent review of OSF's grantmaking in ECD in emergencies, and reflections from several grantees and other partners. The review covers the first strategic period of the Refugee & Migration Portfolio, from 2017 to 2020, capturing key learning, the partnerships and relationships that were developed, and how these impacted the work. The webinar will be conducted in English.

## Registration

Registration is required. Please complete the online form by no later than 11 Nov 2020:

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*Source: Baytna/Refugee Trauma Initiative*

## Speakers

- **Lara Aoudeh**, ECCD Programs Manager, Arab Resource Collective
- **Zarlasht Halaimzai**, Director and Co-Founder, Refugee Trauma Initiative
- **Tina Hyder**, Deputy Director, Early Childhood Program, Open Society Foundations
- **Joan Lombardi**, Senior Scholar, Center for Child and Human Development, Georgetown University (Moderator)
- **Katie-Jay Scott**, Executive Director, iACT
- **Paola Seremetis**, Program Manager, Major Development Agency Thessaloniki
- **Elvira Thissen**, Representative, Refugee Response, Bernard van Leer Foundation
- **Mari Ullmann**, Consultant
- **Kamela Usmani**, Program Officer, Early Childhood Program, Open Society Foundations

## Background to OSF's Work

The Open Society Foundations' founder and chairman George Soros recognized the fundamental connection between early childhood education and the ability to nurture and sustain open societies back in 1993, when the first investments were made in this area of work. Since then OSF's work on early childhood development has expanded to champion the rights of young children and their families more broadly across the world.

Over the past year, the Open Society Foundations has been reassessing its strategic focus. With new priorities evolving, OSF has decided to wind down the Early Childhood Program as a discrete thematic area of work and explore how to engage with the issues affecting young children and vulnerable communities within broader programming on issues such as inclusive education, anti-discrimination, and economic and gender justice.

In light of these changes, the Early Childhood Refugee & Migration Portfolio, which sits within OSF's Early Childhood Program, has commissioned a review of the work undertaken within the portfolio over the past four years to document key learnings that they would like to share with colleagues and partners across the sector.