

Children on the move through North Africa and the Middle East: dreams, desperation and determination

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Children on the move are a significant feature of human mobility in the Middle East and North Africa. The Syria conflict has led to unprecedented numbers of refugee children on the move, the vast majority of whom remain in the region with their parents and families. In contrast, increasing numbers of unaccompanied children are on the move from sub-Saharan Africa through North Africa, many of whom aim to reach Europe. This situational roundtable will explore the different motivations, challenges and hopes of children on the move from Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic and sub-Saharan Africa in and through the Middle East and North Africa. Key interventions to support children on the move will be discussed, including how to reduce the socioeconomic vulnerability of families and children and provide protection and access to education for children on the move in countries of asylum.

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Interpretation in Arabic, English and French will be available.

