

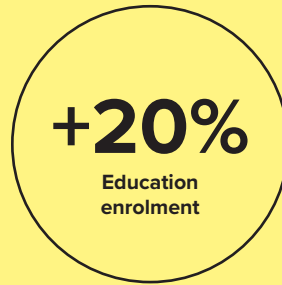
# Effects of birth registration in Ethiopia

Evidence from UNHCR's engagement in humanitarian-development cooperation

In 2016, the Ethiopian Government made a pledge to improve the registration of vital events – such as births, deaths and marriages – for refugees. Jointly with development actors, UNHCR supported the government in implementing this commitment through the Ethiopian Refugee Proclamation. A multi-year evaluation analyzed the effects of the changed practice, based on 2019 data from a comprehensive registration exercise conducted by UNHCR. For more information, visit [www.unhcr.org/61af7be94](http://www.unhcr.org/61af7be94).



More refugee children received birth certificates following the Ethiopian Government's GCR pledges, although overall registration rates remain low.



Refugee children with birth certificates were around 20 per cent more likely to be enrolled in education than those without certificates.



Families with at least one child whose birth was registered were around 7.5 per cent more likely to return to their countries of origin.