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**2020 IF20 EDUCATION POLICY BRIEF:**

**An Interfaith Approach to Advancing Inclusive Education**

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The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified an already urgent call for G20 leaders to review their national policies to enhance the quality and equality of education, also in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Inclusive education can contribute to cohesive and thriving societies characterised by the wellbeing of all.

The lenses of religions, faiths and beliefs need to be part of the G20 members’ policy strategies that aim to reduce inequality and exclusion, and promote social cohesion through educational innovation and transformation.

In view of the global and national gaps in equality, accentuated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and drawing on research evidence, literature, and case studies, the key recommendations of the 2020 G20 Interfaith Forum Policy Brief on Inclusive Education are:

1. Advancing the Wellbeing of Every Child as the Core Aim of Education
2. Ensuring Participation of All in Inclusive Learning Environments
3. Aligning Teachers’ Professional Development with a Wellbeing and Inclusion Focus

This Policy Brief makes an urgent call for G20 governments and their development partners to forge cross-boundary collaboration to jointly advance an agenda of inclusive education. It outlines the specific challenges confronting the global community at this time. It draws on relevant literature, insights from a recent survey of faith-inspired organisations’ conceptions and approaches to inclusive and caring education, and proposals from a wider interdisciplinary consultation, to provide specific and implementable policy recommendations for the G20 leaders to consider at the 2020 G20 Summit in Riyadh.

**2020 IF20 Education Task Force Research and Consultation**

* Survey Report [link to existing doc]
* Consultation Outline [link to existing doc]
* Consultation Experts [link to existing doc]