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Dean Brooks is the Director of the Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE). The Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) is an open, global network of UN agencies, NGOs, donors, governments, universities, schools, and affected populations working together to ensure all persons the right to quality education in emergencies and post-crisis recovery.

INEE was conceptualized in 2000, during the Strategy Session on Education in Emergencies held at the 2000 World Education Forum. As a result, UNESCO, UNICEF, and UNHCR, committed to advancing Strategy Five of the Dakar Framework, convened the first Global Consultation on Education in Emergencies (Geneva, November 8 – 10, 2000) with representatives from WFP, UNDP, World Bank, bilateral donors and over 20 non-governmental organizations engaged in education in emergencies programming. From these deliberations emerged the network and now, in its 18th year, INEE has grown to a network of over 15,000 members from close to 170 organizations in 190 countries.

Dean Brooks has over two decades of international education experience working in complex emergencies, conflict, disasters, development contexts and protracted settings. Initially, he worked as an international educator (primary, middle-school, and special education). For the past 18 years he has focused his work on Education in Emergencies (EiE) and child protection in a number of settings including East and West Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Prior to joining INEE, he worked as a Special Advisor on Education for the Norwegian Refugee Council, providing support to country programs in Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and West Africa. Dean has been an active member of INEE since 2001. He is based at the International Rescue Committee in New York, USA.