



## THE PROBLEM

Refugees are profound contributors to host communities when given the opportunity - as evidence has shown time after time. And yet, many of us are prevented from contributing by barriers to legal work, free and safe movement, healthcare and education. The humanitarian system tries to fix this by investing billions annually. But their leaders sit far from the experiences of displacement, and as a result their approaches are often ineffective and the barriers that refugees face remain steadfast.

**It doesn't have to be this way.** We are a coalition of refugee leaders, working to fill gaps left by the international community in our host countries. We started our refugee-led organizations (RLOs) because we saw and experienced community needs we could not ignore. All over the world, RLOs are doing the same, calling upon their knowledge, community connections and access, and resilience to address community needs.

Importantly, RLOs do this with virtually no funding; of the nearly ~\$30 billion flowing through the humanitarian system annually, we estimate that **RLOs collectively receive less than \$15 million in direct support, a meager 0.05%.**

## THE SOLUTION

The Resourcing Refugee Leadership Coalition was founded in April 2020 to change this. We will match funding needs with funding flows, ensuring RLOs have the resources they need to sustain and grow their impact.

**Specifically, we will unlock over \$40 million USD for 45 RLOs around the world to support over 1 million of refugees as they pursue access to documentation, economic opportunity, education, healthcare, and food security.**

**Our two interlocking strategies will ensure RLOs can both *access* and *absorb* significant capital, growing impact:**

### Strategy 1

**Unlock at least \$40 million USD for RLOs**



We'll work with key donors (foundations, governments, UN bodies and more) to make connections, remove barriers and create pathways for direct funding to RLOs. We'll also establish the first-of-its-kind *RLO-to-RLO Fund* that will aggregate donor dollars and redistribute to RLOs around the world. This fund puts philanthropic power in the hands of refugees, and offers donors a way to overcome some of the structural complexities of funding RLOs directly.

### Strategy 2

**Strengthen the field of RLOs**



We'll call upon our proven capacity building models and proximate knowledge to help over 45 RLOs overcome the location and context-specific barriers to accessing funding and growing impact.

We will also connect each with relevant local networks, donor networks and advocacy initiatives in order to better sustain their work and grow their impact.

## THE POWER OF REFUGEE LEADERSHIP .....

The RLO-to-RLO Fund's first act will be to **distribute \$8.325 million to our 5 Coalition RLOs**, highlighted below. Each will conduct an external evaluation, helping us to illustrate the power and impact of well-resourced RLOs as we unlock further funds.



*St Andrew's  
Refugee Services*

**Cairo, Egypt**

Will reach **126,200** with key services including vocational training, job placement, and psychosocial support. Will also continue to support unaccompanied youth to access education or employment.



**BASMEH & ZEITONEH**  
RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

*Basmeh &  
Zeitooneh*

**Lebanon and Iraq**

Will support **145,000** with key services including vocational training, economic opportunity generation and small business training, child protection and education, psychosocial support and humanitarian aid.



*YARID*

**Kampala, Uganda**

Will support **30,000** refugees with vocational training or microfinance coupled with psychosocial support. Will also convene **25 RLOs**, who advocate for healthcare and education access for refugee children.



*Refugiados Unidos*

**Bogotá, Colombia**

Will support nearly **15,000** with documentation to access work rights, education, healthcare and emergency support. Will also work with officials to reduce barriers to documentation, benefiting over **300,000** refugees.



*RAIC*

**Jakarta, Indonesia**

Will reach **14,000** with mental health services, legal support, eye clinics and other emergency aid. Will also help nearly **300** access private sponsorship to Canada.

## PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES .....

- **A gift of \$1M** supports the capital campaign to resource the *RLO-to-RLO fund*
- **A gift of \$5M** funds initial pilot round of investments, supporting 5 RLOs to grow impact
- **A gift of \$10M** launches the *RLO-to-RLO fund*, resourcing 45 RLOs to reach over 1,000,000

Beyond the five years, our project will significantly increase the number of RLOs in the system who are promoting the importance of funding RLOs. With strength in numbers, our message will reach more donors and key system actors, and more funding will reach RLO solutions, facilitating the empowerment of millions more refugees in years to come.



*Asylum Access is a convener, advocacy strategist and fiscal sponsor for this project.*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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