



RefugePoint Milestones

2005-2020

2005

RefugePoint was founded to help resettle and provide **life-saving medical care** to a group of HIV+ refugees. Later that year, we launched the Urban Refugee Protection Program to address the holistic needs of at-risk refugees. **The program now provides support to 1,500 of Nairobi's most vulnerable refugees and Kenyans annually.**



2008

In 2005, we made our first referral for resettlement, and in 2008 we began partnering with UNHCR to help more at-risk refugees access resettlement. **Since 2005, our Experts have worked in 214 locations across 44 countries, and have helped to refer more than 87,000 refugees for resettlement.**

2013

We launched a livelihoods program to help urban refugees in Nairobi to achieve a higher level of self reliance, and a better quality of life. We provide business training, grants, and other support to help refugees start or build small businesses. **Since then, we have helped to launch or expand 1,280 refugee businesses.**



2011

We began a program to recruit and hire refugee **community health workers** in Nairobi to serve people in their communities. These staff are best placed to discuss sensitive health issues and explain how to access local services. **We now have a team of community health workers that reaches 10,000 refugees annually with important health and safety information.**

2011

We conducted our first child protection mission. Following its success to protect and help resettle unaccompanied children, we sent a team of Child Protection Experts to a number of locations to fill significant gaps, reach more children in need, and train others to do this work. **Since 2011, our 40 Child Protection Experts have worked in 154 locations in 19 countries to help 14,252 refugee children.**

2009

We worked with UNHCR to train over 20 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) across Africa on identifying refugees for resettlement. We later co-created a resettlement toolkit with UNHCR and partner NGOs to use globally. **As of 2020, we've trained more than 6,000 partner staff on resettlement.**

2014

We began guiding clients through our self-reliance runway model, assessing a client's unique and individual needs along their journey to self-reliance. **Since then, 3,265 refugees have graduated from the services we offer through our Urban Refugee Protection Program, thanks to income from small businesses.**

2016

In order to better influence global policy and practice, we established a permanent presence in Geneva, Switzerland, where we can amplify our voice in high-level policy conversations and share field-based knowledge and best practices with global partners.

2017

Through our global partnership with UNHCR, we **expanded our work beyond Africa to Malaysia, and later to Iraq, Turkey and Lebanon** to enable refugees to safely relocate to more than a dozen countries around the world where they can rebuild their lives.

2018

We worked with UNHCR to build what became **the largest resettlement program in the world** to evacuate unaccompanied minors and other refugees from dangerous detention centers in Libya and resettle them to countries in the European Union and North America. The hub of this resettlement effort was the Emergency Transit Mechanism (ETM) in Niger to which many refugees were evacuated before traveling on to resettlement countries.

2018

In partnership with the Women's Refugee Commission, we **launched the Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative (RSRI)** in order to expand self-reliance opportunities for refugees and build a global network of organizations, foundations, governments and other partners focused on refugee self-reliance.

2020

Since 2005, we have helped 87,503 refugees to access pathways to relocate to safety. **Through training, global policy influence, and other activities, we've contributed to a global system that has referred 1.5 million refugees for resettlement in the past 15 years.**

2020

As part of the Self Reliance Initiative and in collaboration with 25+ partnering NGOs, we launched the Self-Reliance Index (SRI), the first-ever global tool to measure the progress of a refugee household on its path to self-reliance. **Since its launch, the SRI and supporting materials have been downloaded more than 650 times, and there are currently 8 active partners using the tool in 7 countries.**



2019

In collaboration with UNHCR and the International Refugee Assistance Project, we launched the Family Reunification Pilot Project, to help reunite unaccompanied and separated children with their family members in safe third countries. **Since the project's launch, RefugePoint has referred 422 individuals to reunite with their families.**

2018

Together with Canadian partners, we launched the Economic Mobility Pathways Project, which aims to help qualified refugees in Kenya and the Middle East access immigration to Canada through work-based visas. **In 2019, the Canadian employer with whom we are partnering issued job offers to 85% of the candidates interviewed.**