



Refugee Brotherhood

REFUGEE BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE





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ABOUT US

Refugee Brotherhood was started in 2016 and officially established in 2021, 7th Oct, after being registered as a community based organization. Refugee brotherhood was formed to answer the question "How can I and my neighbor protect, sustain ourselves and lead a meaningful life"? After realizing that members of the community (refugees) were facing issues of poverty and destitution to the extent that they could not afford food, rent, school fees for their children and basic health care services, members decided to come together and form merry-go-round groups in which members met monthly to contribute monthly shares, take loans and generate interests, open small businesses, talk about their challenges, propose and develop ways of overcoming them. Today RBH is legally registered with the department of Social Protection as a Community Based Organization (CBO) an (RLO) Refugee Led Organization with extended programs, projects and activities with more than 60 members. We (RBH) are based in Nairobi, Embakasi Central Sub-County. Danish refugee council was the first UNHCR partner which mentored and trained refugee brotherhood members on the importance of saving and how to do so.



VISION

- ✓ Self-reliant refugee communities and generations

MISSION

- ✓ To empower refugee communities especially, through income generating initiatives, rights advocacy and other skills that can change their lifestyles.

MOTTO

- ✓ Your self-reliance is our concern.



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OUR VALUES



Transparency



Team Work



Accountability



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OUR APPROACHES

1. Livelihoods

a) Urban Savings & Loans Associations (USLAs)



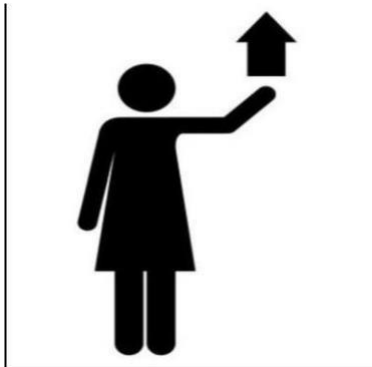
Realizing the difficulties and cumbersome processes experienced by refugees when trying to access credit and loans from well-established financial institutions in the host country, we came up with these associations to create an avenue for members to save and access loans more easily without being tied down by bureaucratic red-tape. USLAs give room for members to save and borrow money which is paid back with interest. At the end of the year, members divide the shares and interest they have generated for that entire year.

b) Food Provision

This project is designed for vulnerable families. Under this project we provide food to most vulnerable families.



c) Women Empowerment



We recognize the imperative need for women to take up space and be engaged in conversations that touch on their economic well-being and especially if they are the sole breadwinners for their families. For this reason, we have a group that caters to the needs of single mothers by engaging them in training on entrepreneurship and economic integration in the hopes that they will transform the lessons into real-life business opportunities for their own growth as well as that of the community.



d) Social Support



We continue to create a community and a safe haven for refugees to support and uplift each other socially through health insurance for the most vulnerable members of our community.

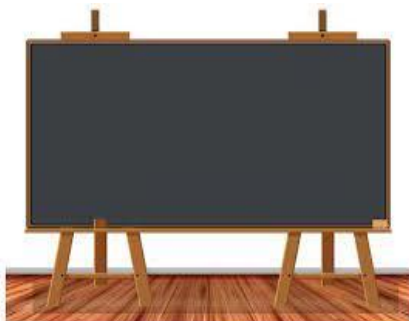
e) Language Training



Our English Club sessions are a show of commitment towards bridging the language barrier gap and empowering refugees and asylum seekers with the skills necessary for them to access information and use that information to make informed decisions on issues that directly affect them.

f) Skills for a better tomorrow (Livelihood Upcoming Program)

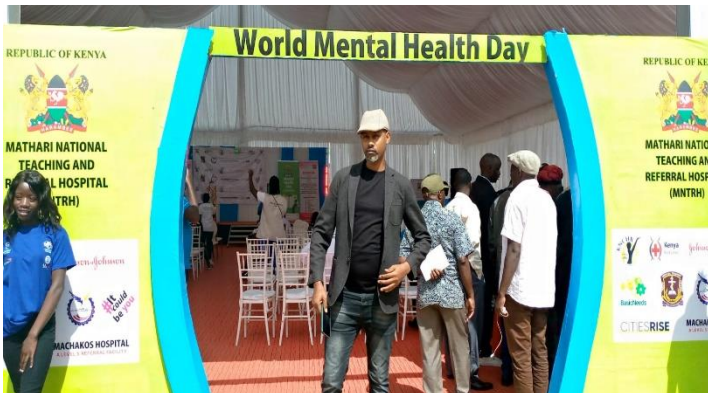
A project that will be dealing with Vocational trainings and expanding existing businesses.



2. Psycho-Social Support Program



In pursuit of their safety, refugees experience threats, torture, assault, violence, extortion, loss and many other traumatic experiences, which if left unaddressed, can morph into lasting scars and severely damage the mental health of an individual. Through our mental health programs, we create safe spaces for them to process their trauma and learn better and healthy coping mechanisms that will improve their mental wellness.





3. Peace Building Program



Our aim is to promote both peace and local integration by working closely with the host community. This plays an integral role in ensuring that, whenever need be, conflict resolution processes are made seamless. At the same time, we seek to boost our harmonization efforts through activities such as sports and further solidify them by working hand in hand with the local Peace Office.

We do this through our project named Social Cohesion and Peace Cup (CSCPC)



4. Advocacy



We subscribe to the belief that nobody is voiceless, just unheard or ignored. For this reason, our advocacy work is centered around pushing these unheard voices to the front by fully listening to the needs of our members and engaging them in agitating for their rights in regards to access to healthcare, acquisition of refugee status and necessary documentation within the host community, as well as protection from violence and exploitation and the right to live in dignity.





OUR TEAM

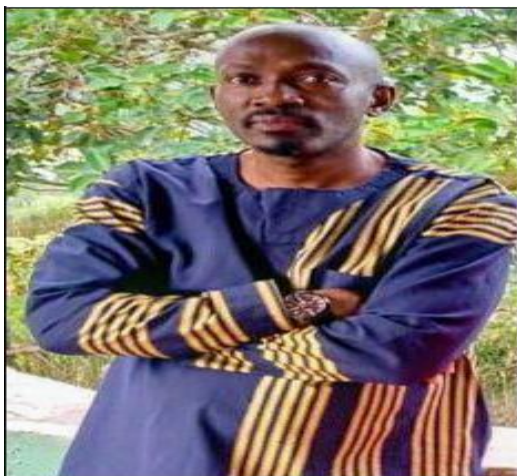
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Director- Hassan Kazungu



Hassan is not only the executive director but is also one of the founders of Refugee Brotherhood. He has vast experience in Leadership, Credits and Loans Management as well as Marketing. He also serves as an assistant secretary for Refugee Integrated Network-Kenya (RINK) Hassan is the overall coordinator of the team and the organization's spokesperson.

Assistant Executive Director- Luke Karema



In addition to being a lawyer, Luke is an expert on matters pertaining to Media Freedom and Access to Information. He has experience in Human Rights Advocacy, Legal Drafting and has also been part of legal advisory boards. Aside from assisting the Executive Director in running the organization, Luke is responsible for drafting and going through all legal documentation.



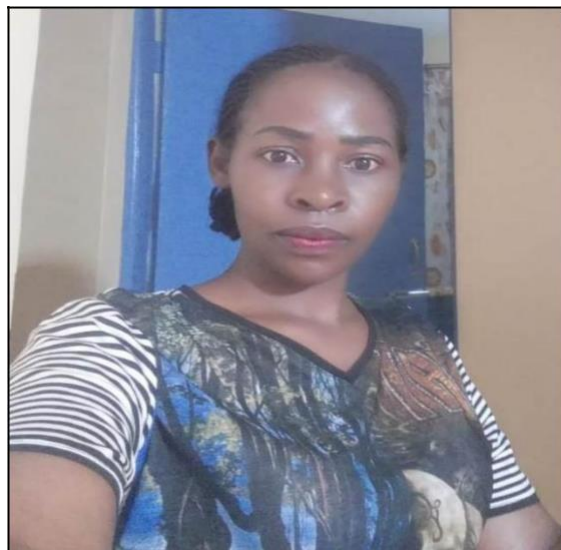
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Chief Finance Officer- Asnath Kabatesi



Asnath is also one of the founding members of Refugee Brotherhood. She is passionate about women empowerment and is well versed in administrative work. She has also served as a coordinator for The Women's Advisory Council in Rwanda. Asnath is responsible for the organization's finances and assets.

Principal Secretary- Immaculate Mutsinzi



Immaculate is part and parcel of the founding members of Refugee Brotherhood, Umoja Branch. She is passionate about community work and has also worked as a volunteer for Tushirikiane Africa (TUSA). Immaculate is in charge of reporting and documentation of organizational activities.



REFUGEE BROTHERHOOD ADVISORY BOARD

Chairperson	Robert Ogunde
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HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMME OFFICERS

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Luke Karema

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Cynthia Akimana

3. Monitoring and Evaluation

Jean Marie Kayobotsi

4. Psycho-Social Support

Edwin Mcheka

5. Communications

Edwin Mcheka

6. Peace building and Advocacy

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