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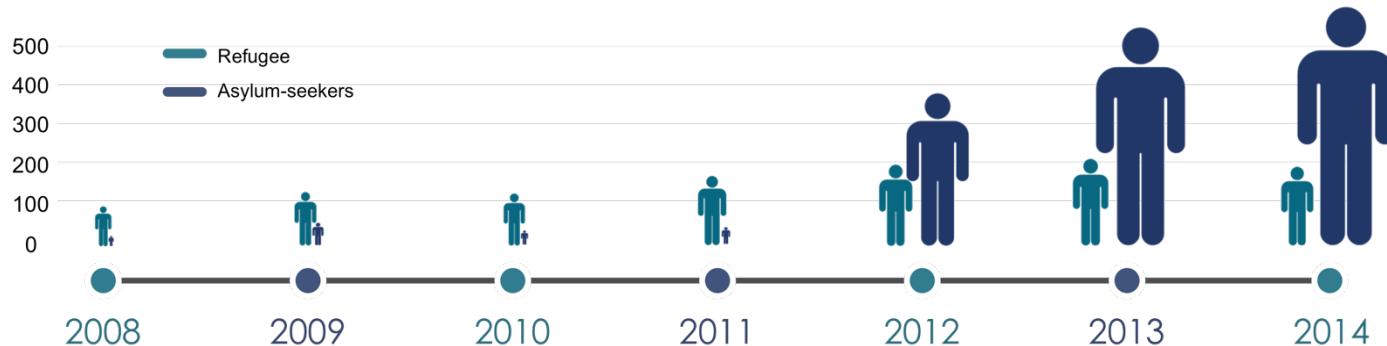
Equipped and healthy communities of refugees and asylum-seekers, living purposefully in the present, and prepared for the future.

MISSION

Harbour is a partnership of refugees and non-refugees creating solutions to the challenges of instability, isolation and lack of purpose faced by refugee communities in East Asia. We focus on addressing these challenges through meeting basic needs, education programs and community engagement. Leadership development and collaboration is at Harbour's core. Refugee leaders guide and shape programs with the support of volunteers and other partnering organizations to develop relevant and effective models for refugee and asylum-seeker care. Through these collaborative efforts we see refugee communities living safely and purposefully in their host country while being equipped for the future.

THE SITUATION

Refugees and asylum-seekers in our East Asia country of operation are urban refugees, living in some of the largest cities across the country. The majority of the population comes from conflict prone countries such as Somalia, Nigeria and Liberia. Though our country of operation is a signatory to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1961 Protocol, the absence of a national refugee legislative framework leaves the population vulnerable and without many basic rights. Refugees who successfully register with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are granted temporary residence until they are resettled to a third county, a process that typically takes six years. Asylum-seekers and refugees lack the proper paperwork to be legally employed or attend school, hindering integration into local society. Consequently, they often find their time of transition extremely unstable and unfulfilling. Financially they are solely dependent upon family remittances or UNHCR stipends. Due to escalating global conflict, the number of refugees has grown considerably in the last few years, resulting in the UNHCR cutting funding 70% per refugee since 2013. The UNHCR is only able to provide financial assistance to people with refugee status, a lengthy process that can take up to two years. Until then, individuals are defined as asylum-seekers and are granted no financial assistance. Refugees, on average, receive a housing and food allowance of \$73 a month.



WHO WE ARE

We are refugees, nationals, asylum-seekers and expatriates committed to the wellbeing of refugee communities in East Asia. We are from different cultures, nations, backgrounds and faiths contributing our skills, experience and resources to promote the vision and mission of Harbour.

WHAT WE DO

We focus on addressing the challenges of instability, isolation and lack of purpose faced by refugee communities through meeting basic needs, education programs and community engagement. We see past the immediate challenges to the vast potential within these communities. We learn and grow as we pioneer new approaches to refugee care.

HOW WE DO IT

The lack of legal, governmental and social framework for refugee care in our country of operation requires us to create one; a great challenge as well as a great opportunity. Our approaches are both practical and inspired as they aim to address a wide range of needs across demographically diverse communities. Limited access to resources necessitates innovation and collaboration, the core of how Harbour operates. We utilize the skills and knowledge within the refugee communities and leverage existing networks and organizations to make a relevant and effective model for refugee community care.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our programs foster purpose, stability and inclusion for refugees and asylum-seekers. Participation in education classes, community events and leadership development allows individuals to develop skills for the future and use their time purposefully while awaiting relocation. Provision for basic needs alleviates worry and provides stability for refugees and asylum-seekers during their time of transition.



BASIC NEEDS

Donation Shipments

Care Kits

Medical Support

Housing & Utilities Assistance

Winter Heating



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Language Training

Children's General Education

Vocational Training



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Events

Family Visits

Community Meetings

Community Projects



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leader Mentorship

Leadership Training

OUR STORY

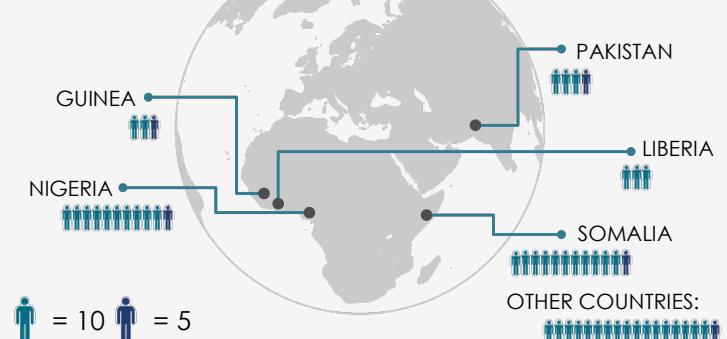
Harbour was incorporated in June 2013, the byproduct of years of friendship, collaboration and mutual commitment. Violent conflicts and persecution in 2012 sent 45.2 million people from their homes in search of safety. The unprecedented number of displaced people forced the UNHCR to make drastic funding cuts in 2013. In our East Asia country of operation, this meant that refugee households had their food and housing stipends cut by more than 50%. Families were unable to sustain even their most basic needs.

For years, friendship and collaboration between the refugee community and young professionals has been the impetus for education programs and community events. Due to the funding cuts it became clear that this collaboration needed to become deeper and more formalized in its approach. Consequently a non-profit was established in the United States, enabling a framework for growth and development.

Since incorporation, Harbour has grown to support the basic needs of refugees in eight cities across our country of operation. Our education programs have expanded to offer language and vocational training to adults and general education to children. With every new program and in every new city we are learning from our work and refining our approach. We are compelled to see refugees and asylum-seekers throughout East Asia investing purposefully into the welfare of their communities as they prepare for the future.

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

TOTAL NUMBER: 549



JOIN US

Harbour wants to see every person grow through their involvement in the community. We believe in the dignity and value of every contributor, and that creating solutions as a community benefits each of us personally.

GIVE...



...your material goods such as blankets, coats and household items.



...monetarily, one time or monthly.

\$25

covers a donation shipment to an asylum-seeker that includes 8lbs of food.

\$50

funds a care package for a new arrival.

\$75

provides heating for one refugee during the winter months.

\$100

sponsors a student's monthly education expenses.

VOLUNTEER...



...your time by assembling donation packages or visiting families.



...your abilities by assisting us with translation, web design, fundraising, event planning or research.



... your knowledge by leading a workshop.



...with us by mobilizing your networks to sponsor a Community Event or host a donation drive.



...with us by leveraging your Corporation to provide internships, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support or donate material items.

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