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## REFUGEE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR INITIATIVE

### AT A GLANCE

Refugee Guidance Counselor Initiative funded by the College Board in collaboration with Kepler and SNHU/GEM.

2018: Two refugees from Rwanda piloted the program. Now, they are operating in 4 refugee camps, 1 urban refugee site in Rwanda, and Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. So far, they are serving more than 400 students

(300 secondary graduates and 100 Higher Ed Students). Recently, 4 refugee students from Kenya joined the team as interns. The number of beneficiaries is increasing.

The team want to increase the 1% of refugees accessing higher education through preparation programs for secondary graduates, and academic/

career counselling for higher education students.

This program is designed by refugees for refugees and aims to increase the number of college counsellors serving displaced students.

### CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Help provide meaningful guidance and direction to refugees hoping to go to college and to support university students with academic and career counseling
2. Develop a vetted universal resource library for refugee guidance counselors
3. Pilot protocols, programs, and systems which will be useful to guidance counselors serving the broader refugee population

### ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

1. Piloting universal resources and support models for scale across diverse refugee settings.
2. Over 300 secondary students participated in preparation programs.
3. 100 of higher education students who received college and career guidance.

### LESSONS LEARNT

1. Support refugee students while attending different international conferences/trainings.
2. Collaboration with partners enable refugee students to fully participate in decision making.
3. Innovate preparation programs for refugee secondary graduates/women.

### FURTHER INFO

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