

Refugees in Lóvuá display their talents during Lóvuá Got Talent event in the settlement.

On 6 February 2020, refugees showed their talents as part of a talent show competition called Lóvuá Got Talent that was organised by UNHCR with the assistance of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Lóvuá Settlement.

After the Lóvuá Christmas party, which took place on 27 December 2019, it was clear that there are a lot of talented people in the settlement, and many of these talented individuals and groups had the chance to take part in the competition. Indeed, there were several dance groups, a theatre performance, a stand-up comedy sketch and karate amongst others. A group called 'The Best Winner' won the competition after showing several impressive acts such as a member of the group somersaulting over another member of the group.

During the event, UNHCR and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) set up a market to demonstrate 20 different types of trade that exist in the settlement from agricultural products to arts and crafts to tailors.

Senior members of the local government and national media attended the event including the provincial directors of culture and agriculture. Along with the UNHCR Head of Field Office, Angolan authorities provided the winners with trophies.

Lóvuá Got Talent is part of a series of events aimed at creating an environment in which refugees can show off their produce, talents and skills to the wider public.



Figure 1: a refugee group performs during Lóvuá Got Talent in Lóvuá Settlement. ©UNHCR/Omotola Akindipe