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DREEM: Refugee and Displaced Youth Inclusion



DREEM is an exciting partnership between WUSC and the Mastercard Foundation where WUSC plays a unique role as a technical assistance and strategic learning partner to the Mastercard Foundation and its partners on refugee and displaced youth inclusion. The DREEM project contributes to the Mastercard Foundation's commitment to meaningfully include refugee and displaced young people in their Scholars Program and Young Africa Works strategy.

WHAT WE DO

Through the DREEM Project (2020-2025), we engage national and local government representatives, academic institutions, private sector actors, refugee-led organizations, local and international NGOs, and refugee and displaced young people to share knowledge and identify opportunities to advance the inclusion of refugee and displaced young people in national, local, and institutional priorities. Our focus areas drive us to build change and advance the inclusion of refugees and displaced young people, especially young women, in higher education and economic opportunities.

WHY THIS MATTERS



- Global displacement is at an all-time high with over 108 million people forced from their homes. African countries host more than 26% of the world's refugees.
- Only 7% of refugees access higher education which limits their ability to transition to dignified and fulfilling work. DREEM's higher education inclusion work aims to support Mastercard Foundation and its Scholars Program partners to include refugee and displaced young people, especially women, in the Mastercard Foundation's Scholars Program.
- Across Africa, young people face challenges in accessing dignified and fulfilling work. The economic inclusion work under DREEM supports the Mastercard Foundation country teams and its Young Africa Works partners to include refugee and displaced young people, especially women, in the Young Africa Works strategy.

When refugees are afforded rights and opportunities, there are significant benefits for the individual and their community, and for society and the economy more broadly.

By building more inclusive institutions and systems, the DREEM Project is ensuring long-term, sustainable transformative change in the lives of refugees and displaced young people.

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OUR FOCUS AREAS

Higher Education Inclusion



Build the capacity of Mastercard Foundation's Scholars Program partners to recruit and educate refugee and displaced young people and support their successful transition to work upon graduation. Scholars Program partners around the world will be equipped with the knowledge, capacity, and networks to meaningfully recruit and serve refugees and displaced young people and to champion efforts towards more inclusive societies. Learn more about the Scholars Program [here](#).

Economic Inclusion



Support Mastercard Foundation's Young Africa Works country partners and staff primarily in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia and also in other countries around the continent to gain the knowledge, capacity and networks to meaningfully include and develop programming that meets the unique training and employment needs, opportunities and aspirations of refugee and displaced youth, especially young women. The Mastercard Foundation's staff and partners in these countries will gain the knowledge, capacity, and networks needed to meaningfully include and develop programming that meets the unique training and employment needs, opportunities, and aspirations of refugee young people, especially young women. In addition, DREEM will help partners explore and adopt best practices on RDP inclusion, while showcasing best practices to encourage adoption amongst Young Africa Works partners and other national and regional organizations.

Strengthening Economic Opportunities for Refugees (SEOR)

Support refugee-owned businesses and entrepreneurs in Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement in Kenya, and build and share learning on refugee-led entrepreneurship. SEOR provides host community and refugee and displaced entrepreneurs, especially young women, with improved access to market-oriented business development support (BDS) services and a business grant.

Thought Leadership



Conduct strategic research and the development of policy briefs and business cases to advance policy objectives and systems change related to refugee and displaced young people's education and employment at national and sub-national levels.

Youth Refugee Leadership and Voice



DREEM's governance mechanism includes a Youth Advisory Committee of 20 young refugee leaders who provide guidance to DREEM and its stakeholders and ensure that DREEM activities are designed and delivered to meet the needs of refugees and displaced young people. Meet the members of the Committee [here](#) and [here](#).

WHO WE ARE

WUSC is a Canadian non-profit organization working to create a better world for all young people. We bring together a diverse network of students, volunteers, schools, governments, and businesses who share this vision. Together, we foster youth-centred solutions for education, economic opportunities, and empowerment to overcome inequality and exclusion in over 25 countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas. For more details on WUSC, please visit www.wusc.ca.

The Mastercard Foundation works with visionary organizations to enable young people in Africa and in Indigenous communities in Canada to access dignified and fulfilling work. It is one of the largest, private foundations in the world with a mission to advance learning and promote financial inclusion to create an inclusive and equitable world. The Foundation was created by Mastercard in 2006 as an independent organization with its own Board of Directors and management. For more details about the Mastercard Foundation's Scholars Program and Young Africa Works, please visit www.mastercardfdn.org.

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