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THANK YOU DEAR SUPPORTERS!

I founded Refugees In Schools (RIS) in 2020 after a 25-year career working with refugees all over the world because I saw firsthand the need for a more direct, concrete, cost-effective solution to addressing the needs of refugees.

Over the span of the past two decades, I have met countless refugees, such as our students, who have spent their entire lives in refugee camps with no opportunity to access a quality education and no hope for the future. My experience taught me that refugees want to choose their path to the future themselves and that when they are provided with education training, and support this will happen.

Many of our students have suffered unspeakable tragedies. Some have lost their parents and families, some have experienced sexual violence, most have known hunger and hardship. But because of Refugees In Schools, all of them now know what it is to feel hopeful.

In less than three years we have enrolled 25 young people in school/vocational college and paid all of their expenses. All of this amazing work has been possible because of you, our supporters. We are 100% funded by the donations of individual supporters- a true grass-roots effort. We are so excited to share more growth and accomplishments this coming year.

On behalf of the 25 students whose lives have been forever changed I thank you with all my heart!

Ann Strandoo

Executive Director



WHERE WE STARTED

In our first year, RIS established a partnership with local organization Windle International Kenya to support seven young men from Kakuma Refugee Camp to attend Eastlands College of Technology in Nairobi. Those seven students have received specialized training in one of three vocational training tracts: automotive, electrical, and machine maintenance technology.

All seven students graduated on time in December. They completed their national exams and are awaiting their test results as they prepare to enter the job market.





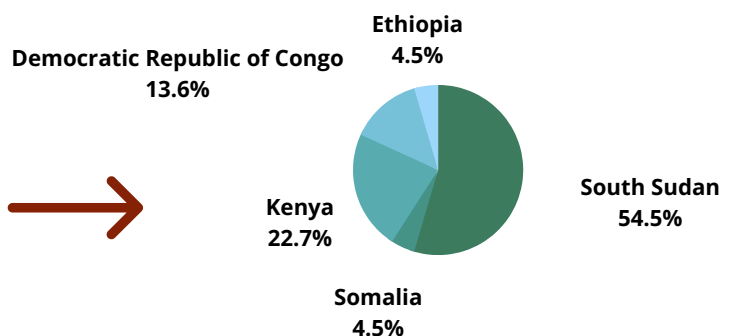
2022

- In 2022 we welcomed our second cohort with scholarships for 15 young women in Kenya.
- These exceptional refugees and local Kenyans stood out from several hundred applicants to win scholarships to attend college and obtain degrees in Midwifery, Nutrition and Mental Health Counseling.
- We expanded our Secondary Scholars program and we are now serving 8 high school students.

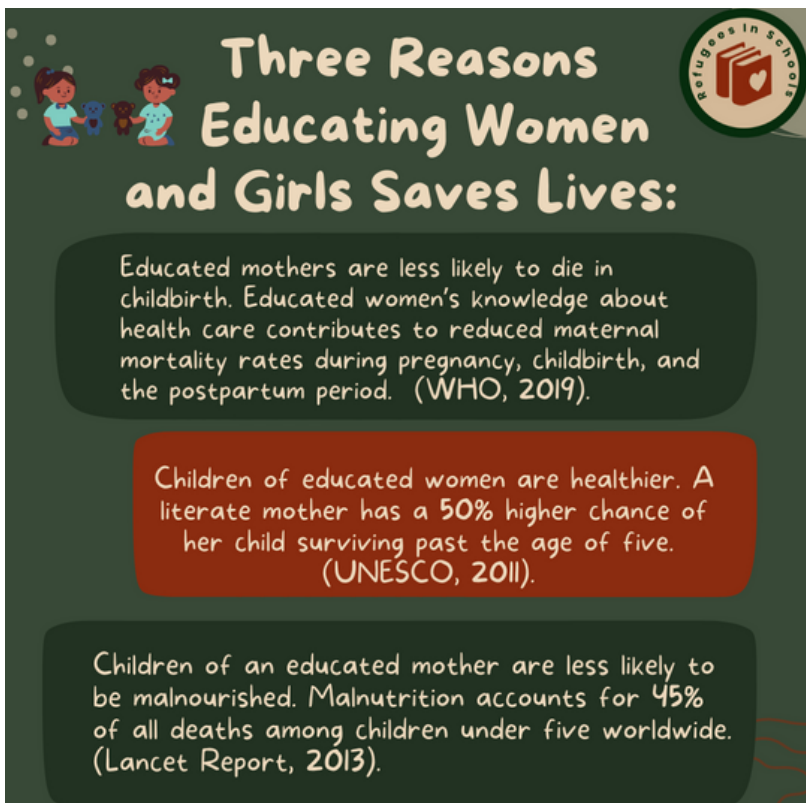
What makes the RIS model unique?

In addition to refugees we also provide scholarships for Kenyan nationals because 1) Camps are located in very remote areas of Kenya where access to education can be limited for the local population as well and 2) Support for local students fosters good will and acceptance of refugees.

Where our students come from



Cohort #2: Women's Community Health Program



Three Reasons Educating Women and Girls Saves Lives:

Educated mothers are less likely to die in childbirth. Educated women's knowledge about health care contributes to reduced maternal mortality rates during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. (WHO, 2019).

Children of educated women are healthier. A literate mother has a 50% higher chance of her child surviving past the age of five. (UNESCO, 2011).

Children of an educated mother are less likely to be malnourished. Malnutrition accounts for 45% of all deaths among children under five worldwide. (Lancet Report, 2013).

The Problem: Refugee girls and women in Kenya are half as likely to attend school as males. Cost, domestic obligations, cultural values and expectations are all factors in the great disparity between the number of girls and boys enrolled in school.

The Solution: Job creation through education has a ripple effect and changes the lives of families, villages and refugee camps.

Research proves that education protects girls and women from early marriage, sex trafficking and gender-based violence.



"maybe someday I can return home, get a job as a nurse, and help the women and girls of my country."

Riziki is one of 15 young women who was selected out of 200 applicants for the women's community health cohort scholarship with RIS.

Riziki's parents were killed in the war in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) when she was a small girl. She grew up as an unaccompanied minor in Kakuma Refugee Camp.

Riziki is passionate about improving the health and lives of the women in the refugee camp where she lives and back home if peace comes to DRC and she can return home.

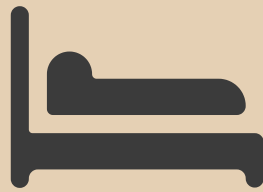
IMPACT



25 Students



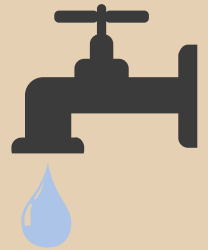
Tuition &
school supplies



Housing



Food



Clean Water



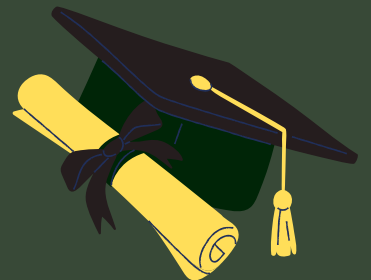
Electricity



Health
Insurance



Transport



Post-graduation
support

2022 Financials

Income and Expenses

Support & Revenue

Individual Donations \$57,800

Total Support & Revenue: \$57,800

Expenses

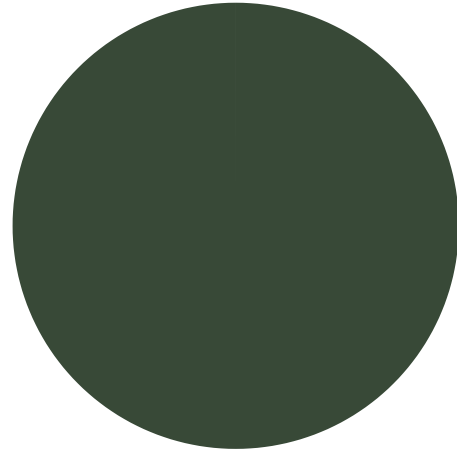
Tuition Fees \$58,600

Bank & Donor box fees \$170

Office fees \$265

Total Expenses: \$59,880

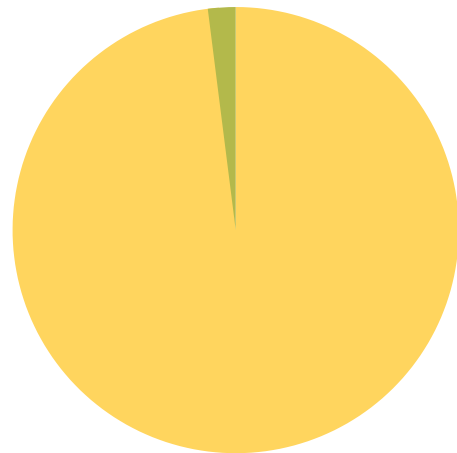
Revenue Source



Individual donors
100%

Expenses

Administrative
2%



Program
98%



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