



REFUGEE WOMEN LEADERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND PERSPECTIVES DURING A PANEL DISCUSSION.

Collective Action for Women Refugee-Led Organizations

Join the movement in support of women refugee leaders.

Refugee women leaders are driving solutions every day, but they remain critically under-resourced. The time to invest is now.

Funding for refugee-led organizations (RLOs), who represent affected communities and are the closest to the populations they serve is abysmal. RLOs receive as little as 1% of humanitarian funding. Women Refugee-Led Organizations (WRLOs) have been hit hard by the 2025 aid funding cuts, many of them being pushed into unsustainable survival strategies such as unpaid labor, personal sacrifice, and cuts to essential services to continue to operate. WRLOs are doubly challenged by both their refugee status and being women-led. Women refugee leaders are working every day in service of their communities, responding to complex challenges. WRLOs have the knowledge and credibility to promote resilience and accelerate change in their communities, but they lack sufficient resources (financial and strategic) to drive lasting change – this project invests in WRLOs.

What happens when refugee leaders are given the tools to grow?

They build stronger organizations.

They strengthen communities.

They create lasting change.



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A movement in motion and getting stronger.

This initiative is an opportunity to demonstrate how targeted investments in refugee women leaders can drive both immediate community impact and long-term systems change. Donor support will help create a more inclusive, effective, and equitable humanitarian response—one led by refugee women themselves.



Amplify Voices

Through advocacy, shared resources, and leadership tools, refugee women will amplify their voices and leadership while driving equitable systems and funding practices.



Leadership and Organizational Growth

Refugee women leaders will access targeted support aligned with their priorities, alongside opportunities for shared learning with peers, donors, and partners.



Two-Way Capacity Sharing

Through mutual learning and dialogue the initiative will elevate refugee women's leadership, build trust, and promote more equitable, locally led funding and partnership practices.



Systems Change

Refugee women leaders will co-develop practical tools and engage in global forums to influence policies, funding, and decision-making, strengthening donor and INGO understanding of the needs, expertise, and leadership of women with lived experience.

Why CWS?

80 years standing with Refugee-Led Movements in Justice, Hope, Belonging, Excellence, Collaboration and Integrity.

- Faith-rooted, justice-driven partnership with communities, including refugee-led organizations shaping their own futures.
- Longstanding partnerships with refugee-led organizations across multiple regions, supported by CWS's global presence and local offices.
- Deep expertise in principled partnerships, refugee advocacy, community organizing and resettlement.

Get Involved



Partner With Us

Contact **Silvana Faillace** at sfaillace@cwsglobal.org to learn more about how to become a partner and join us at the table.

Take Action



Sign up for our Action Alerts to stay informed, support refugee-led leadership, and take action that strengthens the voices and solutions of refugee leaders.

Support the Movement



Your gift helps make this work possible. Financial support at every level helps us support refugee-led efforts and scale this movement to achieve greater impact.

We cannot be passive bystanders. Together, we can meet this moment with the resolve it demands. Help answer this urgent call: Invest in women refugee leaders.