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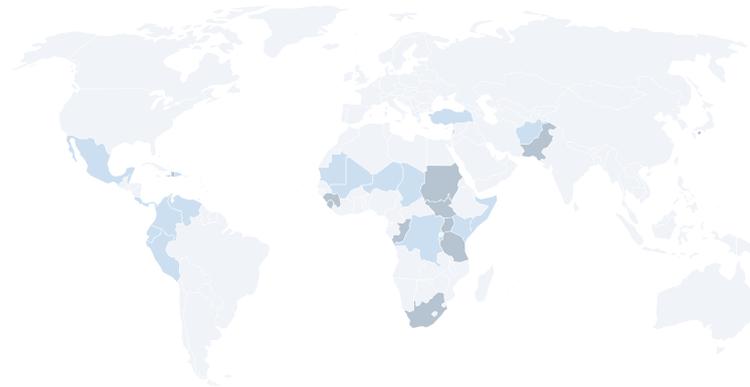
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Since RET's founding in **2000**, we have worked in more than **32 countries**, implementing more than **405 projects** to help our program participants overcome multi-dimensional adversities. We have helped **vulnerable adolescents and youth in refugee camps**; we have assisted host communities from **Asia, Africa, and the Americas** made vulnerable by displacement, violence, armed conflict, and disasters. **We have provided a broad diversity of programs aimed at protecting and building the resilience of youth and women affected by crises.**

**Providing multi-dimensional solutions and building the capacity of, particularly, youth and women has always been our core commitment. Today, we are taking on a catalytic role in sustainable development to make our commitment a substantial reality and our impacts more durable.**

RET focuses primarily on the two pillars of youth and women, as they represent among the most vulnerable populations during crises, as well as the most significant vectors of positive social change. RET relies on two decades of experience bridging humanitarian and developmental approaches, providing actions relying on the triple nexus of **"humanitarian aid, stabilization/peace-building, and sustainable development."**



**More than...**

<b>2 million</b> Program Participants	<b>20 million</b> Indirect Beneficiaries	<b>55%</b> Women Participants
<b>250 million</b> USD Channeled to Youth & Women	<b>405</b> Projects	<b>1'600</b> Schools/Women's Centers
<b>32</b> Countries		<b>45</b> HQ & Administrative Centers <b>550 -1300</b> Field Staff

We believe we are amongst the leading NGOs to provide tailor-made solutions and relevant programs to bridge the gaps and respond to the real needs and challenges of the communities. We aim to provoke significant positive change, enabling particularly vulnerable youth and young women to take control of their lives and fulfill their social and economic rights.



**Mission:**  
**We alleviate suffering**  
**and catalyze sustainable development**  
**in crises, conflicts, and fragile**  
**contexts.**

Seit der Gründung von RET im Jahr 2000 haben wir in über 32 Ländern in Asien, Afrika, Lateinamerika und der Karibik über 405 Projekte umgesetzt, und Menschen in Not dabei geholfen, Krisensituationen zu überwinden und ein selbstbestimmtes Leben zu führen.

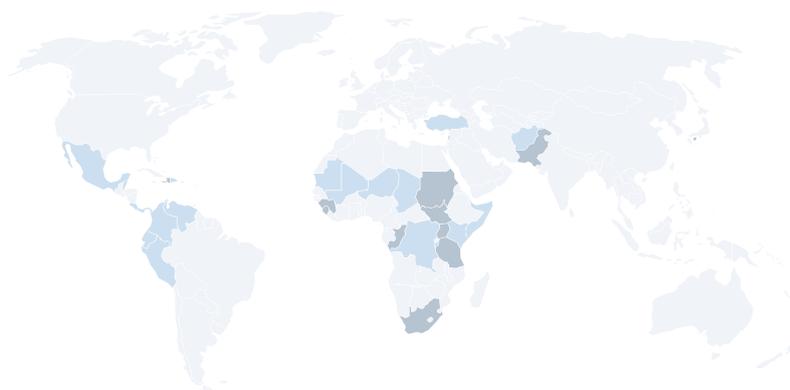
**Wir setzen vielfältige Programme zum Schutz und zur Stärkung der Widerstandsfähigkeit von Jugendlichen und Frauen um, die von Krisen betroffen sind.**

**Kernpunkt unseres Engagements ist seit jeher das Anbieten vielschichtiger Lösungen und der Aufbau der Kapazitäten, insbesondere von Jugendlichen und Frauen. Heute nehmen wir eine katalytische Rolle in der nachhaltigen Entwicklung ein, um unser Engagement wesentlich zu verwirklichen und unsere Wirkung dauerhafter zu machen.**

### Werte

Als gemeinnützige Organisation arbeiten wir transparent und gehen mit den uns anvertrauten Geldern verantwortungsvoll um. Wir sind sowohl gegenüber unseren Förderern und Unterstützern als auch gegenüber unseren Begünstigten und Mitarbeitenden gleichermaßen zur Rechenschaft verpflichtet. Wir haben stets eine positive, offene und faire Haltung und respektieren Vielfalt und Geschlechtergerechtigkeit. Unsere Interventionen sind innovativ und unsere Lösungen maßgeschneidert, um auf die spezifischen Bedürfnisse der unterschiedlichen Zielgruppen einzugehen.

**Engagement & Transparenz**  
**Innovation & Anpassungsfähigkeit**  
**Vielfalt & Gerechtigkeit**



### Mehr als...

<b>2 Millionen</b> Direkt Begünstigte	<b>20 Millionen</b> Indirekt Begünstigte	<b>55%</b> Frauen Begünstigte
<b>250 Millionen</b> US-Dollar wurden für Jugendliche und Frauen bereitgestellt	<b>405</b> Projekte	<b>1'600</b> Einrichtungen (Schulen & Frauenzentren)
<b>32</b> Länder		<b>45 HQ</b> <b>550-1300</b> Mitarbeitende

Wir bieten bedarfsorientierte, maßgeschneiderte und relevante Programme für unsere Zielgruppen, um sie darin zu unterstützen, die Herausforderungen in ihren Gemeinschaften zu bewältigen.

Unser Ziel ist es, nachhaltige Entwicklung durch positive Veränderungen in den Gemeinden herbeizuführen und besonders gefährdeten Jugendlichen und jungen Frauen die Möglichkeit zu geben, ein selbstbestimmtes Leben zu führen und ihre sozialen und wirtschaftlichen Rechte wahrzunehmen.

### Leitbild

**RET Germany hilft Menschen in Krisen- und Konfliktregionen ihre Lebensverhältnisse zu verbessern und setzt sich für eine nachhaltige Entwicklung weltweit ein.**



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**In 2021**, within the EMEAA Region, RET is currently conducting operations in **Burundi, DR Congo, Lebanon, Mauritania, Niger and Türkiye**. Operations will start soon in **Nigeria and Mali**.

Since the outbreak of the Syrian crisis in 2011, it is estimated that up to 6 million people were displaced internally, and 6.7 million persons have crossed the border into neighboring countries such as Lebanon, Jordan, and Türkiye.

RET entered the **Middle East** region, specifically Lebanon, in 2013, and Türkiye in 2014, to assist Syrian refugees and vulnerable communities.

Given the extended crisis in Syria, the current situation in Yemen, and the tensions in the Middle East, countries such as Syria, Yemen, Jordan, Iran, Iraq, Algeria, Egypt, and Libya are closely monitored so that RET is ready for prompt interventions.

RET has been active in **Central & South Asia** since 2001, working with Afghan communities in Pakistan, NW Frontier Province, Baluchistan, FATA, and throughout many provinces in Afghanistan, including Kabul, Parwan, Panshir, Badakshan, Kunduz, Balkh, among others. Due to the latest development in Afghanistan, RET suspended its operations at the moment.

With the Rohingya crisis, RET has been supporting the work of local NGOs in Bangladesh.

Given the tension in the Middle East region, countries such as Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan are of concern to RET. They are closely monitored to ensure prompt action if intervention is required.

**Africa:**

Since 2002, RET has been working in **East Africa** (the region spanning the Horn of Africa, to Tanzania and up to Sudan) as well as in Central Africa (the region spanning Chad to the Democratic Republic of Congo) RET implemented projects in the Republic of Congo, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, Chad and Kenya, and is currently implementing projects in Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**West Africa** is the region from Niger and Nigeria to the Atlantic coast. From 2004 to 2007, RET implemented programs in Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Over the last few years, RET has been closely monitoring the G5 Sahel Region, and the developments in Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, and Nigeria. In 2019, RET launched operations in Mauritania and in Niger in 2021. RET is registered and will soon launch operations in Mali and Nigeria.

*The Sahel Crisis is of great concern to RET, leading to countries such as Burkina Faso and the Cameroon to be on the list of potential new interventions.*

# DRCONGO

## OVERVIEW

Since 2012, RET has directly supported more than **44,000 participants** in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including the demobilization and rehabilitation of **1,177 ex-combatants**, and indirectly benefited more than **440,000 beneficiaries** throughout **18 projects** focused on *Protection, Education, Peace Stability and Transition ( Disarmament, Demobilization & Reintegration programs DDR) and Economic Growth & Development (Vocational Training.)*

Since 2012, RET has conducted operations in deep rural & urban areas, namely in *South Kivu (2012 - 2015) Uvira, and North Kivu, (2015 - to date) in conflict zones of Walikale, Rutshuru, and Masisi.*

#### Main Donors & Partners:

RET has raised and channeled over **11 million USD** towards the demobilization of child soldiers and towards increasing the

community's resilience in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with the generous support of *the Government of the Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, (9 Projects) the German Federal Foreign Office, S03 Division (6 Projects), and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Kingdom of Belgium, and the Government of Switzerland - Basel Ville.*





## RET'S INTERVENTIONS

The Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has been the stage of numerous conflicts in the past two decades, which have caused massive displacement, the creation of illegal armed groups, and claimed over 5 million lives. In this fragile environment, adolescents and youth are highly at risk of recruitment into local armed groups. The Kivu provinces, North and South Kivu, remain very volatile, even after the second Congo War in 2003. The Kivus continue to host numerous illegal militias, despite the Government's best efforts and the presence of a United Nations Mission.

Since 2012, RET has been involved in Eastern DRC, with programs aiming to reintegrate former adolescent combatants back into their communities, while preventing future recruitment. RET started implementing DDR projects in Uvira, South Kivu, and in 2015, RET moved to Goma in North Kivu with a successful rehabilitation/reintegration program. The programs have gained recognition by the local Government through the Executive Unit of the National Program of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (UEPN-DDR), and the national army.

**To date, RET has implemented 17 successful Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration program.**

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**To ensure a durable, lasting impact, RET focuses not only on former soldiers' rehabilitation but also on vulnerable youth in the communities working with youth associations and building community resilience through awareness-raising to prevent future recruitment.**

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## RET'S DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION AND REINTEGRATION (DDR) APPROACH

RET's approach to DDR is holistic to bring about lasting change in communities affected by under-age combatants' recruitment. It includes:

**(1) Prevention strategies**, such as awareness-raising amongst non-state armed groups, district, and provincial authorities, and at more grass-roots community level. Moreover, RET builds the capacities of local Youth Associations to engage more children and adolescents in positive community activities, as a protection mechanism against recruitment.

**(2) Demobilization of ex-combatants** is done in full collaboration with national and local partners (including UEPN-DDR and MONUSCO), with whom RET has collaborated since 2012. Once the authorities recognize the youth as demobilized ex-soldiers, they are integrated into RET's 3-month comprehensive program of 'reorientation' in Centers of Transit and Orientation. RET works with COTHPAIX, a local theatre youth association, for the trauma-healing process, alongside fully qualified professional medical and psychological staff. The Centre for Transition (CTO) also provides relevant learning opportunities, providing young people with relevant skills to successfully integrate into their communities. The programs include basic literacy/numeracy; catch-up education for those returning to school, simple trades skills for income-generation.

**(3) A comprehensive and fully supported reinsertion program** ensures that ex-combatants are received back into their communities, engage in school or income-generation, and engage with Youth Associations.

**(4) Training for parents to form local cooperatives**, village savings and loan schemes, and other sustainable business practices complete the circle, as poverty and unemployment are fundamental causes of the continuation of armed activity in the Kivu's.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 1,177 combatants rehabilitated, and less than 1% of reinserted ex-combatants re-joined armed groups.
- Over 90% of ex-combatants reinserted into schools are still in school after one year.
- 540 stakeholders and 33 Youth associations have been trained on international and national legislation regarding child and adolescent rights, emphasizing the illegality of using "under 18's children" in armed groups.
- Over 85% of trained key stakeholders, including leaders of armed groups, have signed letters of commitment to refrain from or support the prevention of, the recruitment of those below 18 in armed groups.
- Over 60 Peace Projects are implemented in collaboration with Youth Associations to engage youth positively and promote peace over violence.
- 32 armed groups have signed letters of disengagement on the recruitment of children in North Kivu.
- More than 40,000 community members have been sensitized to date on peace-building at the community level, providing alternative pathways for vulnerable young people and creating income-generating structures for stability.
- More than 516 parents received cash support to build sustainable livelihoods by setting up small businesses.

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## 2021

**Multi-sectoral support for sustainable quantitative and qualitative improvement of the food and nutrition situation and peaceful and inclusive co-existence of conflict-affected populations” project in eastern DRC (Ituri and North Kivu) (2021-2024)**

Since 2021, RET Germany has been implementing the “Multisectoral support for improved food security and peaceful and inclusive co-existence of conflict-affected populations” project in Ituri and North Kivu, eastern DRC seeking to address the problems of food insecurity, risk of malnutrition, and lack of stability due to inter-community conflicts.

RET Germany is working with 4 local implementing partners that are IPAPEL (Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock), ACPEJ (Actions des Ex-Combattants Pour l’Encadrement des Jeunes et la lutte contre l’enrôlement des enfants et les violences sexuelles basées sur le genre), FDAPID (Foyer de Développement pour l’Autopromotion des Pygmées et Indigènes Défavorisés) and PAP-RDC (Programme d’Appui au développement des Populations forestières - Les Pygmées aussi) to implement this project that **aims at increasing food security and improving peaceful and inclusive co-existence of conflict-affected populations, especially demobilized youth (formerly associated with armed groups), Batwa, IDPs/returnees, and vulnerable host population** by:

**(1)** increasing food security for smallholder farmers in North Kivu and Ituri provinces while applying sustainable natural resource management,

**(2)** improving the balanced diet and nutritional practices for smallholder farmers and their families, and

**(3)** Improving peaceful relations between ethnic groups and integrating stigmatized, vulnerable, and traumatized groups, especially youth ex-combatants and indigenous Batwa, into the local community and economy.

The project targets demobilized child soldiers and youth formerly associated with armed groups, the Indigenous Batwa population, IDPs, returnees, and vulnerable host population, with particular attention to Female heads of households. The project will reach 6200 direct beneficiaries and over 40 000 indirect beneficiaries in three years implementation cycle.

### **Food Security**

The project aims to increase food security through activities ranging from essential household items and food distribution to facilitating small farmer beneficiaries’ access to agricultural lands and training.

### **Balanced Nutrition**

To make sure that the dietary practices of small farmers and their families have improved, RET will, in collaboration with the implementing partners, organize training on nutrition-sensitive agriculture accompanied by the distribution of fruit tree seedlings proactive nutrition campaign for awareness-raising.

### **Social Cohesion and Wellbeing**

RET has developed a number of creative activities like psychological support that will promote the integration of vulnerable and traumatized groups like ex-combatant youth and Batwa families into the local communities.

*This project's implementation period is between 2021 and 2024 and is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented in partnership with IPAPEL (Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock), ACPEJ (Actions des Ex-Combattants Pour l'Encadrement des*

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# LEBANON

## OVERVIEW

Since 2014, RET has directly supported more than **81K direct participants** in Lebanon and indirectly benefited more than **840,000 beneficiaries** throughout **16 projects** focused on *Protection, Education, Peace Stability and Transition (including Prevention of Extremism (PVE), Peace-building and Conflict Prevention), Democracy & Governance (including Youth Civic Engagement & Youth Empowerment), and Economic Growth & Development.*

Since 2014, RET has conducted operations in 8 governorates in Lebanon, including deep rural and urban areas and informal tented settlements for refugees, namely in *Machta Hammoud, Wadi Khaled, Qobeh, El Mina, Qalamoun, Batroun, Qartaba, Ghazir, Zouk Mosbeh, Antelias, Ain El Remene, Chiyah, Sed El Bouchrieh, Ghaziyeh, Sahel Zahrani, Jezzine, Kfarhim, Chhim, Baalbek, Ras Baalbek, Hermel, Aarsal, Akoura, Meryata, and Kfarhazir.*

### Main Donors & Partners:

*RET has raised and channeled over 9 million USD towards empowering the Syrian refugees, as well as the most vulnerable host community members in Lebanon, with the generous support of the Government of Germany, the German Federal Foreign Office S03/S04 and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the government of the United States (BPRM), the Government of Switzerland (Cantonal Government of Geneva), the Government of Liechtenstein, the Japanese Embassy in Lebanon and the United Nations Population Fund UNFPA.*





## RET'S INTERVENTIONS

Since the outbreak of the Syrian crisis in 2011, around one and a half million displaced persons are believed to have crossed the border into Lebanon, formerly home to around five and a half million people. This massive and rapid influx of Syrian refugees into an already vulnerable state has negatively impacted Lebanon's life on different levels. A declining economy, the exhaustion of social services, a political vacuum, a decrease in security, and a deteriorating quality of life for the displaced Syrians themselves are just a few of the examples of the adversities in that country.

In 2013, RET stepped in to respond to the needs and challenges of both the vulnerable members of the host communities and the refugee population. RET implemented multiple projects focusing on building resilience in education, protection, gender equality, social inclusion, peace reconciliation, and youth civic programs to maintain the social fabric and stability of vulnerable communities.

One of RET's leading work in Lebanon is to empower girls, mothers, and fathers from both the Syrian and Lebanese communities residing particularly in North of Lebanon and in the South of Lebanon (Union of Municipalities of Sahel Al Zahrany) to enhance their knowledge and understanding about Early Marriage and Gender-based Violence.

Another focus was to strengthen government institutions' capacities - national and local - and civil society institutions to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights, gender equality, women empowerment, and respond and prevent gender-based violence, including in humanitarian settings.

In February 2016, following the strategy of Reaching all Children with Education in Lebanon and the Lebanese Crisis Response Plan (led by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education), RET Liban worked to introduce a range of services to enhance the access of vulnerable youth to education. RET addressed the significant barriers to keeping vulnerable children and youth out of school while working with the Lebanese

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host community and the displaced Syrian community. RET Liban instigated educational programs to strengthen the well-being and resilience of vulnerable youth by implementing retention strategies, remedial and homework support programs, and enhancing the educational results and achievements of public-school students at risk of failure dropping out. Furthermore, RET was actively involved in the UNICEF “Back to School Campaign”, which reached out to parents and caregivers and raised their awareness of the importance of education, while referring out-of-school children and youth to formal as informal educational institutions. RET was actively involved in 9 public schools.

The influx of Syrian refugees in Lebanon added pressure to an already fragile socio-economic situation, marred with political instability, Inter-community tensions, coupled in some areas with sectarian divisions, have a profound impact on social cohesion inter-community relations. Feelings of insecurity on both sides are causing increased mobility restrictions on refugees and segregation between communities.

Since 2017, RET has implemented consecutive projects to prevent the radicalization and violent extremism and mitigate intra- and inter-community

tension and conflicts in Lebanon. RET supported the vulnerable youth’s role through civic responsibility programs, peace building, and conflict resolution. **RET focused explicitly on the most vulnerable and marginalized youth, who experienced deprivation, violence, exclusion, or other forms of adversity, and directly targeted 24,000 young people, 50% female participants, throughout three projects.**

**The projects provided interventions across the Humanitarian - Development - Peace nexus focusing on:**

Responding to protection risks and improving coping mechanisms in fragile settings through support groups: Safe platforms/self-help support sessions, psychosocial support (PSS) & referral to mental health/psychosocial support services.

Strengthening youth capacities as agents of peace through youth community leadership training, mixed social, cultural, arts and sports community peace events, youth networks for exchange, and further community support projects to ensure continued inter-community and intergenerational dialogue.

Increasing youths’ life prospects and employability profiles through self-reliance training to enhance (a) technical skills and (b) literacy (computer, language, finance) skills.



## DID YOU KNOW?

RET's intervention in Lebanon is in line with the *"United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism"* that stress the importance of (i) dialogue, (ii) engaging communities; (iii) empowering youth, congruent with (iv) skills development and employment facilitation (among other initiatives and measures), as a means for preventing conflict and countering extremism.



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## 2021- 2024

**Strengthening Lebanese and Syrian refugees' resilience and peaceful co-existence through increased income generation in the agricultural and food production sectors. (2021-2024)**

The project targets Lebanese and Syrian refugee households and communities in rural areas of Baalbek-Hermel, experiencing poverty and food insecurity as they heavily depend on agriculture, which is insufficient to secure their livelihoods due to low productivity and profitability. RET promotes short and medium-term agriculture measures to revive rural areas that directly target the needs of the poorest refugees/local farmers and female-headed households while linking emergency food security/aid to longer-term structural support.

The objectives of RET's intervention are to improve the food security of farmers in Baalbek-Hermel by increasing their agricultural production through Good Agricultural Practices technical training, Seeds & Equipment provision, and training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in all target areas. Etc. RET will increase the income generation of refugees and the local population in Baalbek-Hermel by enhancing post-harvest and food processing practices.

Moreover, the project will support Lebanese fruit and fish farmers to increase their agricultural/aquacultural productivity and Syrian and Lebanese farmworkers to promote employment and livelihood opportunities.

Through food security programs, RET is advancing peace-building, conflict prevention, and resolution and ensuring peaceful co-existence between refugees and the host community. RET will work to establish community relations between Lebanese and Syrian communities in Baalbek-Hermel and ensure marginalized groups are better integrated into the community.

Finally, RET will participate in infrastructure rehabilitation by constructing a 3.2 km irrigation system in Al Qaa, ensuring safe water reaches the most vulnerable, and the restoration of 2 main agricultural roads with 5km and 10km lengths benefiting a total of 2300 to access their farmland. RET will build the institutional capacity of 6 municipalities through training on local economic plans to promote Public-Private Partnership (PPP) investment in agribusiness and agriculture to increase local economic development projects. (LEDP)

***This project, implemented between August 2021 and July 2024, is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented in partnership with GATE Lebanon (Local Lebanese non-governmental Organization) and the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute - LARI.***



# MAURITANIA

## OVERVIEW

**Since 2019, RET has directly supported more than 22k direct beneficiaries in Mauritania, 70% of them are vulnerable women & girls, and indirectly benefited more than 200K beneficiaries throughout 5 projects focused on Protection, Education, Livelihoods, Nutrition & Food security.**

Mauritania hosts over 2'500 urban refugees and asylum-seekers and almost 55'000 Malian refugees in and around Mbera Refugee Camp. Despite the conclusion of a peace agreement in 2015, large-scale Malian refugees' large-scale returns are not expected due to persistent violence in northern and central Mali. In January 2019 alone, 313 new arrivals were registered in Mbera Refugee Camp; the crisis's protracted nature has prompted United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to engage actors critical to the strengthening of the humanitarian-development nexus. The refugee population in Mbera Refugee Camp is relatively young, with children (less than 18 years) numbering 32'653 (50.6% Female, 49.4% Male).

Out of a total of 32'653 children in the camp, around 20'000 are of school age. But according to UNHCR January 2019 statistics, 3'058 children attended primary school students (1'564 girls and 1'493 boys) and 353 students from secondary school.

According to findings by RET, poverty, and cultural norms (early marriage and pregnancy, low perception of the value of girls' education) are significant barriers impacting girls'. There are cases of sexual violence against girls within the school setting that are even perpetrated by the school staff; though, there are no available

statistics to document these violations. The forms of gender-based violence most prevalent in camp and local communities outside continue to force child marriage, sexual harassment, female genital mutilation (FGM), rape, and physical assault.

While poverty and household socioeconomic vulnerability often pave the way to a child forced marriage, the latter is perceived as a 'protection marriage,' protecting young girls from premarital sex, a pregnancy outside marriage, sexual assault, and rape. In reality, it compromises a girl's future by resulting in early pregnancy, interrupting her schooling, and placing her at increased domestic violence risk. Rape is often unreported due to mistrust, and the victims' fear of marginalization, rejection and stigmatization.

RET entered Mauritania in 2019 to ensure inclusive and equitable access to educational opportunities and provide protection services and tailor-made solutions, building on the field mission findings to address existing and/or recurring humanitarian, peace, and development gaps.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2019, RET has targeted more than 6,000 direct participants in the Mbera refugee camp in 6 villages in Moughataa of Bassikounou (SIDRE (Bassikounou), AGHOR (Megve), LEMGHAISS (Bassikounou), KLEIVE (Fassala), KINDJERLE (Fassala), BERETOUMA (Fassala) throughout 2 projects currently being implemented and supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. (UNHCR)



# MAURITANIA

## 2021

**Reintegrate out-of-school children into the education system and preventing school dropout in the Hodh Chargui region of Mauritania. (2021-2022)**

Quality education is the basis for developing sustainable, independent communities and stable societies. Despite significant progress at the national level, challenges remain in the primary education system in Mauritania, both on the demand and supply side. According to the 2015 MICS report, the demand refers to a general lack of interest in schooling and the need to work, with the decision to end schooling being mainly taken by the family. The supply side refers to a lack of adequate school infrastructure/materials and a limited qualification of teachers.

Despite the efforts made by the government to address these challenges, the education system continues to suffer from problems of access to education, coupled with a poor perception of the communities on the national education system, both formal and non-formal (literacy), as well as on the quality of the educational service due to the limited language skills of teachers. Hence, an innovative educational program is needed to reintegrate these children, who are often in a vulnerable situation.

### **To bridge those gaps, RET set up:**

(1) a 9-month accelerated learning program in RET's alternative education centers, intending to reintegrate out-of-school children into formal primary schools,  
(2) RET supported schools to create an enabling environment and provide quality education to prevent vulnerable children from dropping out of school and finally, RET (3) built the capacity of APE/CGE members to improve the management of their school; effective and efficient program management has accompanied all these efforts.

This project has touched 4,147 direct beneficiaries (students, out-of-school

children, teachers, members of the APE/CGE), in addition to approximately 25,233 indirect beneficiaries (family members of direct beneficiaries, community members).

RET chose areas with schools serving large numbers of students to maximize the number of beneficiaries reached by the program. In addition to supporting at-risk students in these formal primary schools, RET also provided an accelerated education to out-of-school children to reintegrate them into the formal education system.

The gender aspect was an essential element of this program. Girls being the most disadvantaged group in the Mauritanian education system. To this end, RET adopted an integrated approach that aimed not only to educate girls but also to strengthen the role and capacities of women in the targeted communities.

As part of this project, training were organized for teachers in the fight against violence and inequalities in the school environment (corporal punishment, gender-based violence, etc.)

To successfully execute this project, RET closely worked with the Ministry of Education and involved ministry staff in the training and development of the project content and approach.

Concerning the sustainability of interventions, this program adopted a participatory approach to strengthening the sustainability of activities. APes/CGEs were mobilized, trained, and supported in managing their schools and have a better capacity to manage them in the future.

RET's actions were carried out in close collaboration with the leading local players in education, namely the DRENs and the IDENs. By implementing this integrated approach and involving local actors, RET aimed to strengthen the sustainability of project results.

*This project was implemented between March 2021 and February 2022 in partnership with UNICEF in Mauritania.*



# NIGER

## OVERVIEW

According to the 2020 UNDP Human Development Report, Niger is the least developed country globally. The volatile security situation, migration flows, high population growth, low literacy and education levels, coupled with climate change and natural disasters, decrease in agricultural production, and gender inequalities, are hampering the country's long-term human development. Niger has one of the fastest-growing and youngest populations in the world. Over 58% of Nigeriens are under 18. 84% of the population lives in rural areas. The extreme poverty rate remained high at 42.9% in 2020, affecting more than 10 million people. Niger is among the world's countries with the lowest girls' enrollment, retention, and school completion rates. According to UNICEF, 2.5 million children and adolescents are out of school. Only 19% of girls in rural areas complete primary education, and this number drops to a worrying 8% among the poorest wealth quintile. The low female education rates directly translate to long-term gender inequality and systematic social and economic disempowerment of women.

There are a complex range of demand-side and supply-side barriers that prevent the fulfillment of girls' rights to education:

On the demand side, harmful social beliefs, norms, and practices include: a lack of recognition of the importance of girls' education, conservative/traditional women's roles associated with religious beliefs (including the spread of jihadism); heavy burden of domestic labor on girls; high poverty levels; early marriage and teenage pregnancy. Niger has the highest child marriage prevalence rate in the world, according to UNICEF, with 76% of girls married before the age of 18 and 28% married before they turn 15. The link between education and the prevalence of child marriage is particularly evident in Niger: 81% of women aged 20-24 with no education and 63% with only primary

education were married or in a union at age 18, compared to only 17% of women with secondary education or higher. In 2017, the government raised the mandatory school leaver's age for girls to 16 - but much work remains to be done to change conservative social norms that prevent girls from accessing education and women from being socially and economically empowered. Acute poverty prevents families from paying school-related costs for girls, and insecurity puts girls at risk on their commute to school in Tillaberi, effectively preventing their attendance.

On the supply side, schools are insufficiently prepared to provide a safe and conducive environment for girls to be educated. Teachers lack training not only on basic pedagogy but also on the concept of gender-sensitive education and safe schools for girls. There is a lack of female teachers as role models for providing girl-sensitive psychosocial support and life skills education. Classrooms are overcrowded and poorly equipped, and insufficient education materials are available to create a quality learning environment.

Women are disproportionately affected by poverty in Niger; they lack vocational/professional training, entrepreneurship skills, and access to credit/loans from banks and microfinance services; and females have limited access to asset ownership. Limited mobility due to insecurity and conservative social norms makes it difficult for women to expand their social networks required to market and sell products in far-away markets. As a result, even if mothers have understood the importance of girls' education, they lack the means to invest in their daughters' futures. To respond to those needs, RET aims to increase girls' access and retention in quality primary and secondary education and to promote women's social and economic empowerment.

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**Promoting girls' access and retention in quality primary and secondary education and women's social and economic empowerment for inclusive and peaceful development in Tillabéri, Niger. (2021-2024)**

Since 2021, RET Germany has been implementing a project aimed at promoting girls' access and retention in quality primary and secondary education and women's socio-economic empowerment for inclusive and peaceful development in the Tillabéri region, namely in 3 localities of Sakoiria, Hamdallaye, and Tamou, and in 10 schools (7 primary schools and three colleges).

RET Germany is implementing the project in partnership with "Soutien aux ONG, SongES," a local implementing partner in Niger that implements both the education component and the women's empowerment component.

The project aims to increase girls' access and retention in quality primary and secondary education and promote women's social and economic empowerment by (1) increasing girls' access and retention in

schools and their transition to the next school grade. (2) Sensitizing communities on the importance of girls' education and women's empowerment through a community-based approach involving traditional leaders in campaigns. (3) Increasing women's income generation through participation in women's cooperatives and reinvesting a share of their revenues in girls' education.

The project will reach up to more than 4,800 direct beneficiaries, including 900 out-of-school children, particularly girls; 2520 primary and secondary school children with a particular focus on girls, 174 education staff, 180 school committee members, 36 traditional and religious leaders, 30 members of women's and youth association, and 1000 women cooperative members, reaching 34,000 indirect beneficiaries in three-year implementation cycle 2021-2024.

## Education

RET will implement a holistic approach to create a conducive environment that facilitates access and retention of girls in school while integrating children into the basic education system in the targeted schools of the Tillabéri region, including:

- Setting up six accelerated learning



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centers equipped and provided with trained teachers with a target to enroll 900 out-of-school children, of which 720 are girls.

- Building the capacity of 174 education personnel in the “Child-Friendly Quality School,” including monthly psychosocial support for 95 education staff throughout the project.
- Promoting community participation and capacity through school committees in school management by identifying, establishing, training, and supporting community school committees of 90 members for the nine targeted schools to improve their performance in school governance with a particular focus on girls. Students’ committees will also be created, trained, and supported in school governance in target schools.
- Rehabilitating or/and constructing 20 classrooms in 9 target schools benefiting 1500 students in three years, nine blocks of hygienic, safe, accessible, and gender-separated latrines, water supply in all nine schools benefiting 6400 students and 174 teachers, fencing and greening them to benefit the entire school community, all these aiming at improving the schools.
- Providing new school furniture and/or repairs to fill the gaps based on the needs assessments, including training, and employing 18 young to repair school furniture. This includes the provision of individual study/learning kits to at least 2,080 vulnerable girls from all ethnic groups and menstrual hygiene kits to 2,390 girls, complemented by awareness-raising on sexual and reproductive health.
- Recruiting, training, and deploying 27 female teachers to support in delivering remedial lessons and exam preparation sessions for 2,025 girls.
- Setting up a mentorship system made of 54 trained women volunteer mentors while including them in women’s cooperatives for income generation.
- Establishing working income-generating activities at the nine schools.

## Community Sensitization

To reduce the cultural barriers to girls’ education, RET will conduct community sensitization and awareness-raising on girls’ education and women’s empowerment, including activities such as:

- Sensitize and mobilize 36 traditional and religious leaders on the importance of girls’ education and the prevention of early marriage.
- Developing and broadcasting 300 radio messages on three local radio stations, promoting girls’ education, prevention of early marriage, gender-based violence, and women’s empowerment.
- Developing and disseminating messages on girls’ education and female empowerment via radio by 30 local youth, women’s association members, and community leaders.
- Organizing 6 girls’ days and girls’ empowerment events (including theatre, sports, music, dance, etc.) in each of the nine target schools (2 days per year), to promote the education and development of girls.

## Increase Women’s Income

RET will implement a set of activities to empower women, particularly mothers and families of vulnerable out-of-school girls, to meet the objective of economic empowerment while enabling them to support their daughters’ education. RET will implement a series of activities, including:

- Creating 20 women’s cooperatives and start-up grants to be given away for income-generating activities.
- Training and Participation of 1000 women members in cooperative management, business management, and technical trade training.
- Mentoring and business follow-up to capacitate 20 women’s cooperatives to become independent after three years.
- Facilitating access to microfinance loans for 20 women’s cooperatives to develop income-generating activities and connect them with potential buyers in Tillabéri and Niamey.

*This project, implemented between October 2021 and September 2024, is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented in partnership with the local partner “Soutien aux ONG, SongES”.*



# TÜRKIYE

## OVERVIEW

Since 2014 RET in Türkiye has touched the lives of over **300,000 direct program participants**, **66% are female**, and indirectly benefited around **3 million beneficiaries** throughout **37 projects**, focused on *Protection, Economic Growth & Development (Women Socio-Economic Empowerment), Education & Capacity-building, Peace Stability & Transition (Youth Programs & Social Cohesion), Gender Equality & Social Inclusion, and Basic Infrastructure & Equipment.*

RET has conducted operations in eight provinces in Türkiye, including deep rural and urban areas, namely in *Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Mardin, Kilis, Corum, Samsun, Ankara, and Istanbul.*

### Main Donors & Partners:

Since 2014, RET has raised and channeled over **30 million USD** towards empowering the Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghan refugees and the most vulnerable host community members in Türkiye with the generous support of *the Government of Germany, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)/Bengo in partnership with GIZ, the Government of the Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, the Government of Liechtenstein, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office of the Government of the United Kingdom, the Japanese Embassy in Türkiye, the Swiss Embassy in Türkiye, in addition to UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, UN Women, Microsoft Foundation and ASFARI Foundation.*



**RET was able to channel USD 15 million in partnership with UNICEF, towards child protection, education and capacity-building.**

### RET'S INTERVENTIONS:

**The interventions in Türkiye have been centered around three pillars:**

**1) Enhancing the resilience of vulnerable groups with protection- focused approach (child protection, women protection, prevention of early forced marriage and child labor, prevention & mitigation of gender-based violence, safe spaces for young girls and adolescences, psychosocial support, legal counseling, life skills, language training programs, vocational training, sexual and reproductive health training, counseling and mentorship, and case management and referrals.)**

**2) Promoting the socio-economic empowerment and self-reliance of women through a holistic approach focusing on decent work and social integration (livelihoods, income generation, mentorship, business development, Entrepreneurship, networking, and value chain...)**

**3) Empowering youth to become agents for positive change through education, capacity building & youth empowerment programs (performing arts, community engagement, and youth ambassadorship, in addition to mainstreaming social cohesion.)**



## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

RET in Türkiye has strategic partnerships and endorsement of multiple governmental entities, and has the full support of AFAD (the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency), the Prime Ministry, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of National Education, and the Ministry of Family, Labor, and Social Policies (at the national, provincial, and district levels.)

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with AFAD and with the Ministry for National Education (MoNE) in 2014, which allowed RET to work with Syrian refugees and operate on provincial and district levels in urban and rural areas. With these collaborations, RET provided certified Turkish language programs to Syrian refugees, which enabled them to access the Turkish education system, including tertiary education and labor market opportunities. Additionally, RET provided basic survival Turkish language programs with the Ministry of Family, Labor, and Social Policies' Centers to vulnerable refugee women to ensure their access to protection services provided by Türkiye's Government.

RET has signed project-specific agreements and Memorandum of Understandings with various District Governors in the Provinces where it works, which granted RET the opportunity to work in public buildings owned by Turkish government authorities such as the Public Education Centers. The partnerships with government authorities allowed RET to channel more funding to the program activities and bring more sustainability to its programs.

### DID YOU KNOW?

“ The capacity of 60 Women's Centers for Livelihoods' has been built through infrastructural capacity strengthening, capacity building of staff, and various life skills and income-generating activity programs.”

“ RET in Türkiye established a national network of businesswomen to support local women income-generating opportunities in its Centers for Livelihoods.”

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## Education & Child Protection

Since 2015, RET has been implementing a program aiming to avert a lost generation that could be ushered by Türkiye's Syrian crisis, focused on Protection and Education. From 2015 until the end of the fiscal year 2019, RET implemented multiple consecutive projects aimed at ***"Protecting Syrian Children through Non-Formal Education and Specialized Psychosocial Support and Life Skills"***. Taking place in Southeastern Türkiye, in the provinces of Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, and Mardin, the program focused on out-of-school Syrian children and youth as well as women and girls from both the refugee and host communities.

The programs offered a comprehensive approach to service provision covering non-formal education, skills-building programs, psychosocial support, and the provision of specialized services and referrals, with a strong focus on fighting gender-based violence.

The non-formal education component focused on Turkish language courses for Syrian adolescents and youth, since

mastering Turkish is a necessary condition to be able to access the Turkish formal education system.

RET addressed psychosocial distress by establishing community spaces, offering psychosocial activities for girls and boys in safe spaces, along with specialized gender-based violence services.

The Girls and Adolescent Safe & Friendly Centers were originally designed to provide multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral interventions to education and protection. The centers targeted Syrian and Turkish adolescent girls and boys, providing psychosocial support, life skills programs, social cohesion & peace-building programs, personal development programs, and group & individual emotional support.

The project promoted adolescents' and youth's engagement and inclusion through social action projects designed, planned, and implemented by young people. **RET positively impacted the lives of more than 250,000 children & students within its intervention in protection and education alone.**



## DID YOU KNOW?

RET was able to impact positively the lives of more than 250,000 children and youth from both the host and the Syrian refugees communities throughout a total of USD 15 Mio in partnership with UNICEF.



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## Women Socioeconomic Empowerment

RET is committed to enabling girls and young women affected by disasters, in fragile contexts and protracted crises by advancing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Decade of Action (SDGs 2030), in particular SDG8 decent work, SDG3 to live healthy lives and to promote wellbeing for all, and SDG5 to advance gender equality and women & girls' empowerment.

**Decent work is an essential element of the triple nexus RET is using and represents RET's approach in mitigating the socio-economic adversities through (1) Employment & Income Generation Opportunities, (2) Enhancing Skills for Employability, and (3) Institution-building & Social Dialogue that can contribute to peace and resilience and (4) Enterprise/entrepreneurial; in tandem with raising awareness regarding gender-based violence & sexual and reproductive health matters.**

Türkiye's socio-economic empowerment program addresses the needs of refugee and vulnerable local women and their families living in semi-urban and peripheral areas. Since 2015, more than six projects were implemented in the provinces of Mardin, Şanlıurfa, and Kilis and Çorum, enabling more than 25,000 women

directly. Workshops in (1) Handmade Soap Production; (2) Natural Dolls Making Workshop, (3) Natural Dyeing and Wood Printing Workshops are offered to local and refugee women, supporting them in setting up small businesses to sell their handmade products and generate sustainable income.

In addition to vocational training, advanced technical training for women interested in setting up small local businesses is offered, providing them with knowledge on product design, marketing, and entrepreneurship skills. The projects decreased the vulnerability of refugee women through support mechanisms that would increase their employability and economic productivity and provide them with a more protective social environment.

## DID YOU KNOW?

RET partnered with multiple Development Agencies, Women Entrepreneurs Councils of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye, the Turkish Employment Agency, the Chambers of Commerce, and industry, and with the directorates of several organized industrial sites to find relevant marketing solutions to brand the women's products and advance their income-generating prospects.





### Young People as Agents of Change

Supporting the role of youth in peace-building for community stabilization is another focus of RET's Türkiye response. **It is in line with the government of Türkiye's national strategy to facilitate social cohesion and community stabilization.** It aimed to promote dialogue, respect, and understanding amongst youth to become actors of positive and peaceful change in their communities. These youth programs bridged the gap between youth across divides of ethnicity, religion, or nationality, and reduced the risk of marginalization, radicalization, and violence amongst young people while enabling them to be active and positive actors in their communities.

RET implemented various activities such as a structured life skills curriculum, with topics in line with young people's needs, interests, and aspirations. Moreover, young people were meaningfully engaged by identifying, planning, and implementing small-to-medium-scale youth-led,

social action projects in their respective communities aimed to mitigate intra- and inter-community tensions and conflicts. Moreover, RET launched an innovative initiative to empower the youth through the cohesive power of Music, Dance, and the Arts. Two diverse inter cultural music and dance ensembles were created, the RET Youth Orchestra and Choir and the RET Youth Dance Company. Both ensembles join Syrian and Turkish amateur musicians and dancers from within RET's youth centers in southern Türkiye and use music and dance as tools to disseminate a culture of peace harmony and promote social cohesion.

**This accomplishment was further strengthened through a five years' partnership with the prestigious "Haute école de musique de Genève - Neuchâtel" (Geneva HEM) (2018-2022), and with the inauguration of a RET center for Arts in Kızıltepe in Türkiye.**

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More recent interventions, in 2019 and 2020, RET stepped in to “Facilitate vulnerable individuals’ - host, refugee and asylum seekers - “Access to Services & Rights” in Çorum & Samsun” through a community-based approach conducive to reducing vulnerabilities. This project was initiated within the scope of the “Local Initiative Fund in Türkiye” “LIFT” Project, which is co-financed by the European Union through its Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and RET inTürkiye.

RET used a community-based and center-based approaches, catering to different age brackets providing various services: Awareness Raising, Legal Counseling, Individual Counseling, Individual Protection Assistance-Early Identification and Safe Referral, Psychosocial Support (PSS), and Capacity Building Activity- Mainstreaming GBV in International Protection Forums.

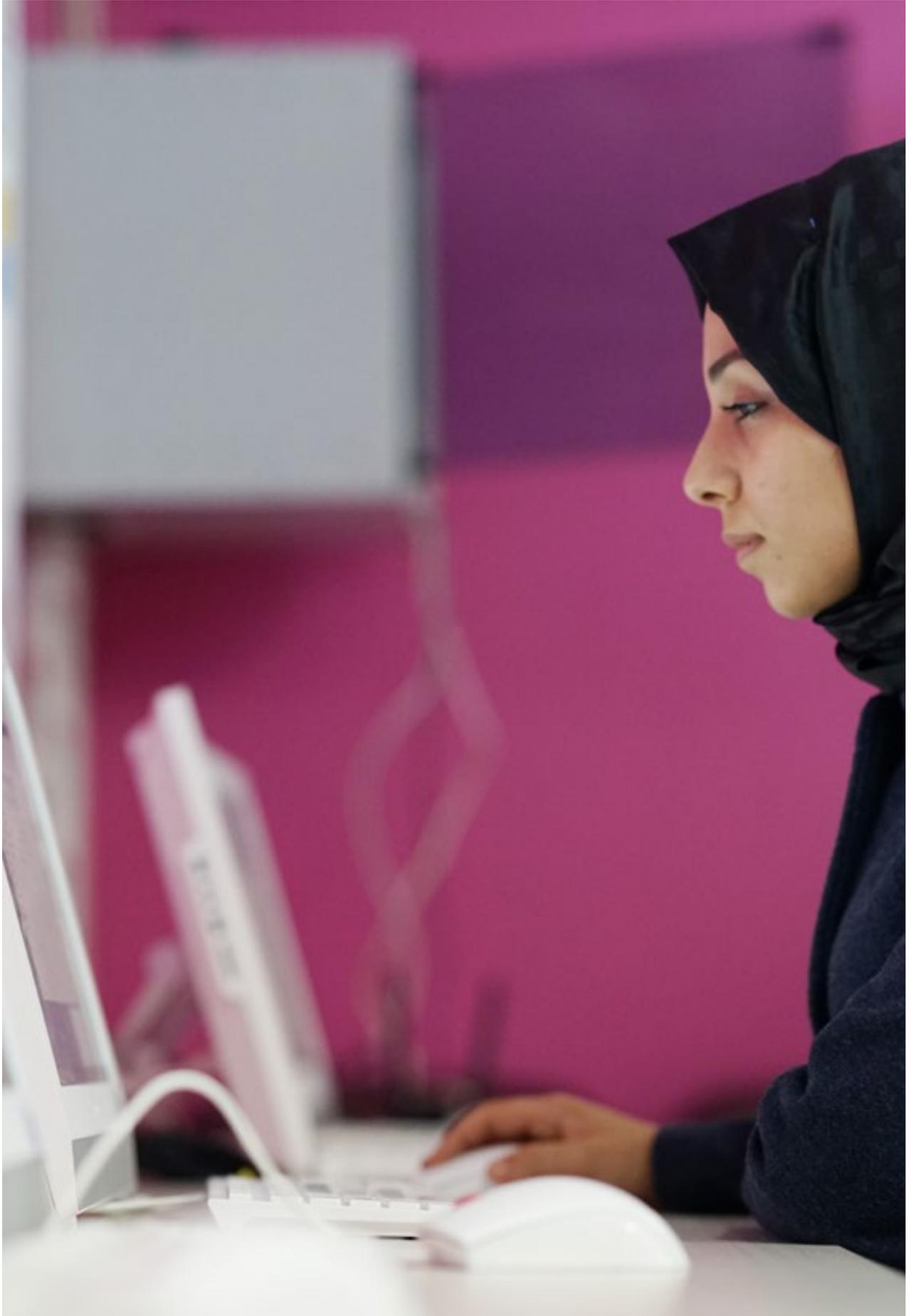
RET believes that promoting/ mainstreaming social cohesion and

safeguarding social inclusion between refugee and host community members requires adopting a comprehensive gender-balanced approach that addresses the “Bridges and Barriers to Inclusion & Participation”:

- The primary drivers of tension
- The structural vulnerabilities
- The power dynamics on different fronts (social, economic, and cultural) and their manifestations at (i) Microsystems Level (e.g., families, friends); (ii) Organizations Level (e.g., schools, workplaces); (iii) Localities Level (e.g., neighborhoods, towns, hard-to-reach rural areas); and (iv) Microsystems Level (e.g., cultures, governments, social mediums, belief systems)

The aim of the program implemented in 2020, was to strengthen the employment prospects of Syrian refugees and members of the host community in the provinces and municipalities hosting high number of refugees; enabling the target groups and their families, especially vulnerable households, to generate income in short to medium term, while at the same time stabilizing the host communities and promoting peaceful coexistence between Syrian refugees and the local population.





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## 2021

### Strengthening the Resilience and Social Cohesion of Syrian and Turkish Women in Şanlıurfa (TVET), (2021-2022)

The sudden and violent demographic changes in Şanlıurfa as a result of the displacement of the Syrian population, combined with the challenges of job search, lack of or irregular income, competition for the already limited resources and obstacles to access to basic services such as health and education, have worsened the living conditions of Syrian refugees and Turkish residents in the region alike and increased the risk of social tensions between Syrian refugee and Turkish host communities.

In consortium with RET Germany (INGO), LEAP has been implementing a project targeting Syrian refugees and Turkish women through TVET training courses and awareness courses on GBV and social cohesion.

The project provides Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for women from the refugee and host communities. The vocational training focuses on vegetable and fruit drying based on an innovative and advanced industrial solar drying process that is environmentally friendly and delivers high-quality products.

Almost every household in Şanlıurfa traditionally dries vegetables and fruit in summer. Many women produce dried vegetables and fruits at home and sell their products in small quantities in a limited market. Their production capacity at home is not sufficient to generate a sustainable income and meet their basic needs. Moreover, the drying of traditional vegetables and fruits

at home does not meet hygienic standards and is limited to the summer season, while the drying with solar cells that LEAP intends to operate within the project can be done all year round with hygienic methods. In collaboration with the Food Technology Department of Harran University, RET developed a tailored methodology for the TVET training, providing courses on Food Technology, Food Security, Hygiene and Sanitation, and Work Safety for the women participants through interactive training modules.

The project aims to sensitize and empower more than 1000 women amongst Turkish and Syrian/Iraqi refugees and their family members, including male members, through awareness sessions on Gender-based Violence (GBV) and social cohesion. To “Leave No One Behind”, LEAP has been targeting rural districts and villages around Şanlıurfa with #GBV training, namely in Suruç District Sağlık, Mutluca, and Havşanlı in partnership with the Public Education Center and the Governorship of Şanlıurfa.

The women’s products are marketed for (retail and wholesale) through the @leapNatural social media account and via e-mail marketing, face-to-face and virtual meetings with the private sector. Follow @LeapNatural on Instagram and/or check out [www.leapnatural.com](http://www.leapnatural.com) to support women’s socio-economic empowerment.

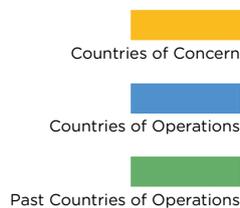
***The projects, implemented between February 2020 and February 2021, and February 2021 and December 2021 were funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) - BENGÖ and implemented in consortium with RET Germany e.V. (INGO, Berlin) and LEAP in Türkiye.***



# Latin America and the Caribbean REGION



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The Middle East.



Latin America and the Caribbean covers an extensive region, ranging from Mexico and the Bahamas to Argentina and Chile. The area is home to around 660 million people and covers 21,951,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

**RET has been present in the region since 2004, and is currently implementing projects in Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Venezuela. RET was also present in Haiti between 2010 and 2013.**

Latin America and the Caribbean region are affected by multiple migration patterns, in which its citizens see migration as the only solution to flee political and economic instabilities. In south-to-north migration flows, people are in search of economic opportunities and reach Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala. There is also a north-to-south migration pattern originating from the same countries in Central America as well as El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, extending further south to find refuge in Belize, Costa Rica, or Panama.

Another significant migration occurs from south-to-south. Crises such as the internal armed conflict in Colombia, or the crisis in Venezuela, are forcing the population to become displaced and/or return to their country of origin.

Given the internal conflict in Colombia, the violence in the Northern Territories, and the Venezuelan crisis, RET is expanding its operations in both Central and South America. RET is registered in Brazil and will soon launch operations. The northern triangle countries Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador remain countries of concern for the RET.

#### **RET's experience in Latin America includes:**

Prevention of violations of human rights for women affected by the armed conflict in Colombia; prevention of the involvement of children and adolescents into armed groups; guaranteeing access to fundamental human rights for displaced people; enabling the right to education for displaced, refugee and migrants children, adolescents and youth; access and promotion of refugees and migrants rights in host communities; ensuring the right of children and adolescents to education during emergencies and natural disasters; strengthening the response capacity of disabled children and youth in the face of natural disasters; social-education and labor reintegration of youth offenders; development of income generation activities and small micro-enterprises to facilitate economic rights for vulnerable women heads of household (indigenous, afro- descendants, refugee, migrants, victims of gender-based-violence); prevention of child labor; prevention of bullying and sexual harassment in adolescents and youth; prevention and response to gender-based-violence; amongst other.

**RET has a substantial commitment to promoting and respecting human rights, particularly for vulnerable children, adolescents, youth, and women. All these initiatives have enabled the understanding and fulfillment of rights by concerned groups and the strengthening of the institution's functions to observe human rights.**

# ECUADOR

## OVERVIEW

Since 2005, RET has directly supported more than **175,000 direct participants** in Ecuador, **58% of them are vulnerable women**, and indirectly benefited more than **1.4 million beneficiaries** in Ecuador. RET also supported the opening of more than **199 facilities** throughout **35 projects** focused on *Protection (Child Protection and Prevention and Response to Early and Forced Marriage), Economic Growth & Development (Business Development & Entrepreneurship, Self-reliance, and Socio-economic Strengthening), Education, Prevention & Management of Disasters and Natural Hazards, and Youth Development.*

Since 2010, RET has provided emergency support for early recovery of internally displaced populations and Colombian refugees at the border between Ecuador and Colombia *in Lago Agrio, San Lorenzo, Tuclan, Quito, and Ibrra.* Also, RET supported the eradication of Child labor in *Lago Agrio, Esmeraldas, san Lorenzo, Atacames y Quito.* During the fiscal years 2016 to 2018, RET started implementing a multi-year program in the *northern border cities of Lago Agrio and Esmeraldas* to strengthen vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees' capacities.

RET provided Technical Assistance in the Field Assessment and Participatory and developed Codes of School Life in *Four Cantons of the Northern Border in Sucumbíos & in 14 schools in the Esmeraldas Provinces.* An addendum for the program expanded the strategy to reach 50 additional schools in the affected rural communities *of Muisne (Bolívar, Chamanga, DaulGalera, Quingue, Esmeralda's, and San Gregorio).*

### Main Donors & Partners:

RET has assisted the vulnerable communities in Ecuador, with the generous support of *the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), the Government of Norway, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the*

*United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Education Cannot Wait and donors from the private sector.*

## RET'S INTERVENTIONS

In 2005, RET opened its first office in Quito's Latin American region by establishing channels for integration and promoting education. RET provided opportunities to young displaced youth, particularly Colombian refugees, to reduce the education gap regarding accessibility, safety and quality, and post-primary education. It also provided emergency support for the early recovery of internally displaced populations and Colombian refugees at the border between Ecuador and Colombia in Lago Agrio, San Lorenzo, Tuclan, Quito, and Ibrra.

RET programs between 2011 and 2015 focused on efforts to eradicate child labor in Lago Agrio, Esmeraldas, san Lorenzo, Atacames y Quito. RET provided programs to prevent school drop-out, Technical and vocational training for worker adolescents, access to basic services and social programs, youth initiatives and life skills, and sensitization to parents.

During the fiscal year 2016, RET started implementing a multi-year program in the northern border cities of Lago Agrio and Esmeraldas, strengthening the capacities of vulnerable asylum seekers and

refugees and public institutions' ability to accomplish refugees' and asylum seekers' integration and self-reliance in Ecuador. The program sought to increase the self-reliance of vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees in Ecuador based on cross-sectoral interventions to humanitarian assistance, protection mechanisms, livelihoods, and socio-cultural integration.

RET in Ecuador also participated in the following inter-institutional networks: The Third Youth Environmental Conference "Youthab", the Gender Board, the Board for Violence Against Children and Adolescents, the Human Mobility Board in Esmeraldas, the Livelihoods Board in Lago Agrio, the Education Board in UIO and Esmeraldas and the Durable Solutions Committee in three localities.

Moreover, RET implemented programs to build the capacity and ensure the Rights of Children and Youth in Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Situations". The program involved the creation and implementation of a virtual training tool along with a government guide ("Actions for Resilience of Children and Youth") to build the capacity of key government, non-government and international entities responsible for the protection of the rights of children and youth during disasters and emergencies.

A pilot program was also applied in 16 schools in Ecuador and led to the development of guidelines and methodologies through field assessments of "codes of school life," which promoted a culture of peace in Four Cantons of the Northern Border in Sucumbíos. Based on these results, a guiding document on building such "codes of school life" was published in a participatory manner. The same process was replicated in the Province of Esmeraldas throughout 14 schools, to provide "Technical Assistance in the Field Assessment and Participatory Development of Codes of School Life" and eventually, the program was expanded to reach 50 additional schools in the affected rural communities of Muisne (Bolívar, Chamanga, Daule, Galera, Quingue, Salima and San Gregorio).

On April 2016, a massive earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 on the Richter scale struck the northern coast of the country, leaving 668 dead, eight missing, and 16'600 injured. A state of emergency was declared, and humanitarian efforts were put in place. Immediately, RET activated its emergency response and coordination mechanism with the Education and Protection Cluster in coordination with UNICEF and local institutions such as the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social and Economic Inclusion, and the Secretary of Risk Management.

RET implemented a program to raise



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the awareness of adolescents and youths on the consequences of earthquakes. Participants identified weaknesses and opportunities in their communities regarding three main themes: Education, water and sanitation, and living conditions. RET reached an agreement with UNICEF to be a direct implementer for an emergency recovery program funded by ECHO, which focused on water and sanitation, disaster risk reduction, and protection.

More recently, Latin America's largest mass population migration in history has impacted Ecuador, with some 547,000 Venezuelans have entered Ecuador through the Colombian border (UNHCR, 2018). RET, operating from its main offices in the provinces of Sucumbíos, Esmeraldas, and Pichincha, provided humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers and refugees, enabled their socio-cultural integration into the host communities, and provided emergency care for displaced children and adolescents in different localities throughout Ecuador. RET was also involved in strengthening and supporting adolescents and young people and protecting children and adolescents by integrating them into the local education system.

RET implemented projects aimed at strengthening local capacities of adolescents and young people and promoting participation and inclusion spaces, in response to the Venezuelan migration crisis. The goal of this project was to increase the self-reliance of vulnerable asylum seekers and refugees in Ecuador and the ability of public institutions to provide services for them; bridging the gaps in critical humanitarian assistance through psycho-social care, GBV response and prevention mechanisms and education; development support through livelihoods, income-generating activities and socio-cultural integration in the host community.

As of February 2019, 58.8% of the Venezuelan children and adolescents between 3 and 17 years were excluded from education (8,568 girls and

9,662 boys). The main reasons are economical, administrative (enrollment processes, overcrowded schools, and lack of information/awareness) and discrimination by peers and teachers and/or bullying by peers.

To respond to the needs of the Venezuelan refugees in Ecuador, RET and, in partnership with Education Cannot Wait (ECW), implemented a project to improve access to quality formal education for Venezuelan migrant and refugee adolescents. In tandem with supporting the host communities in Quito and Esmeraldas. The project strengthened the capacities of public officials of the Ministry of Education at national and sub-national levels to ensure access to public education and the implementation of inclusive Education for the Venezuelan refugee and migrant population. RET distributed essential supplies and supported eliminating the existing economic barriers to education for migrants and refugees from Venezuela. RET provided host schools with fundamental teaching and WASH materials and raised awareness about formal education enrollment process to out-of-school children and their families from the refugee and host communities.

In 2020, RET is currently implementing a project to develop and implement a methodology for psycho-social support in the five safe spaces, where children and adolescents participate in organized activities to play, socialize, learn, and express themselves as they rebuild their lives. This methodology was aligned with the Minimum Standards for the Protection of Children in Humanitarian Action - NMPI and Standard 17 for Child-Friendly Spaces. Finally, the project will promote the inclusion of children and adolescents in educational activities; the RET technical team will provide educational support in virtual mode, in line with the Ministry of Education's Plan and the program "Let's Learn Together at Home."

Bridging the Gaps



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## 2021

### **Direct assistance in health and education to the most vulnerable populations -especially children, adolescent girls and women- affected by the Venezuelan Crisis in Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador**

The intervention aims to meet the needs of vulnerable populations, focusing on children, adolescent girls, and women affected by the current crisis in Venezuela, by enhancing access to health and education in emergencies (EIE) in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia.

In Colombia and Venezuela, the access to primary health care, including response to COVID-19, sexual and reproductive health and mental health were facilitated by providing access to health consultations, medicines, and medical supplies, as well as identification and provision of medical assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), health education activities and counseling, amongst others.

In Education in Emergencies, the actions will enhance access to an inclusive and quality education to Venezuelan migrants and refugees during quarantine and when returning to school. The activities will promote the retention of migrant/refugee children in schools, through case tracking and referral mechanisms accompaniment, improvement of school environments and infrastructure, capacity building of the educational community to support learning during and after COVID-19, providing distance education, support and access to non-formal education spaces and the delivery of Educational and/or hygiene kits to support children during the COVID19 and returning to school.

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## OVERVIEW

Since 2012, RET has directly supported more than **130,000** direct participants in Venezuela, **60%** of them are vulnerable women, and indirectly benefited more than **1.3 million** indirect beneficiaries throughout **11** projects focused on *Protection, Education, Self-reliance & Livelihoods (including Business Development & Entrepreneurship Support), Food security and Agriculture, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Health, and Infrastructure and Equipment.*

Since 2012, RET's operations were focused in *Bolívar, Mérida, Táchira, Trujillo and Zulia, Caracas, San Cristóbal and Maracaibo, and in the municipalities of Sucre, Maracaibo, San Francisco, Carraciolo Parra and Olmedo, Tulio Febres Cordero, Bishop Ramos de Lora, San Cristóbal, Seboruco, García de Hevia, Jáuregui, Cárdenas, Urbante, Bolívar, Sucre and La Ceiba.*

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## RET'S INTERVENTIONS

RET began its activities in Venezuela in 2012, as part of a regional program to support both Colombian refugees and the local host communities in neighboring countries. RET established its operation in Táchira and Zulia's states and expanded its operations to Bolívar, Mérida, and Trujillo with a vision to support both the host and refugee communities especially Columbian asylum seekers in need of international protection. RET opened national and field offices in Caracas, San Cristóbal, and Maracaibo.

Since the beginning of its operations, RET developed programs to strengthen formal and non-formal educational opportunities, provide employment guidance, livelihoods, and programs for youth, and was involved in violence prevention. Despite the critical situation it is currently facing, Venezuela is still a host country for Colombian victims of armed conflict.

During the fiscal year 2016, RET implemented a national program entitled "Refugee Families Integrated and Resilient in Venezuela." The program's implementation responded to the needs identified in the participatory assessments

RET carried out and in which the voice of the people in need of international protection was taken into consideration. RET gained the trust and respect of the participating population. The intervention areas were humanitarian assistance, protection mechanisms, livelihoods, sociocultural integration, institutional strengthening, and coordination with emerging socio-political organizations such as Townships (Comunas).

Venezuela's economic and social crisis has aggravated the living conditions of the host and Colombian refugee communities living there. People are struggling to survive due to the deterioration of the productive system and the unavailability of basic services and essential goods, in tandem with an unproductive agriculture sector, a lack of health services and health supplies, and consistent access reliable water and/or energy sources. This in turn, has led to a high rate of crimes, violence, and poverty in the country, leading to the internal and external displacement of large populations, an increase in the occurrence of common diseases, and malnutrition (in both children and adults).

RET implemented programs to strengthen the community by providing protection spaces for children and young people,



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where they are empowered through capacity building training and leadership skills. The project reduced the protection risks linked to forced child recruitment due to family economic instability. It promoted access and retention to vulnerable students on the verge of dropping out of schools.

In 2019, RET continued its operations in Venezuela, responding to vulnerable people's challenging living conditions and assisting them with international protection and multi-sectoral humanitarian interventions. RET implemented a multi-sectoral and comprehensive response to address the population's essential needs in the States of Mérida, Zulia, Táchira, Bolívar, Trujillo, considered among the most vulnerable regions in the country due to the scarcity of basic goods, poverty, undernourishment, lack of safe water and deficiency in health services.

The project addressed several strategies of the goals from the 2030 "Agenda for Sustainable Development" in a multi-sectoral response through the priority sectors corresponding to:

Food Security and Nutrition (SDG2) "Agriculture & Food Security"; Health

(SDG3) "Provision of Health Services"; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (SDG6) "Access to safe water and improvement of hygiene conditions." **This project guaranteed the complementary nature of actions planned for the three sectors and the interdependence between them, providing the required comprehensive approach to achieve better results.** Additionally, this program's technical design followed the national priorities established in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2015-2019 and agreed on by the Government of Venezuela and the United Nations Country Team.

RET worked in partnership with Plan International, Don Bosco Foundation, and HIAS to recover the water supply systems in schools, health & community centers, and facilitated young migrants' access to the formal education system. RET also improved access to safe water, hygiene, and sanitation through WASH training, emphasizing WASH infrastructure management, hygiene, and cleaning protocols, through the rehabilitation of hygiene and sanitation facilities.



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## PARTNERSHIP AND NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

RET developed training in coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), HIAS, the National Commission of Refugees, and the Nacional Experimental del Táchira University.

Joint work with different organizations and institutions was developed with a multi-sectorial approach to respond to the population's needs and enable social, economic, and cultural integration. The collective work has been fundamental to continue strengthening RET's presence in the field and having regular and safe access to vulnerable communities.

At a public level, actions were coordinated with the National Refugee Commission to assist persons in need of international protection (PNIP). Integrated health fairs were coordinated with associated health centers from the Ministry of Popular Power

for Health Care (in the states of Mérida and Zulia), the Barrio Adentro Healthcare System, the Azul Positivo Civil Association, and the National Institute of Nutrition.

To ensure the sustainability of the "Community Gardens" strategy, coordination continues with the Training and Innovation to Support the Agricultural Revolution Foundation (CIARA) and the National Agricultural Research Institute (INIA), as well as with organizations associated with the Ministry of Popular Power for Agriculture and Land.

Furthermore, work began with the Misión Ribas Productiva and the National Socialist Training and Education Institute (INCES). This collaboration promotes outputs from the Socio-Cultural Education and Integration Strategies. Actions were also coordinated with the Ministry of Popular Power for Culture, enabling RET's participation as an exhibitor in the Children's Pavilion of the 12th International Book Fair in Venezuela (FILVEN). In this



setting, the 103 stories were exhibited in the two “A Story to Tell” Festivals and art created by program participants was displayed. Furthermore, partnerships with public agencies from municipal and state-level authorities in the cultural sector have been strengthened, and coordinated actions with the Ombudsman’s Office were consolidated, which is essential to address education for PNIP.

Regarding the humanitarian aspect, RET continues its collaborative work with the UNHCR and other humanitarian organizations participating in inter-agency meetings, such as the Education and Livelihood Committees, the Refugee Group, the Legal Committee, and the Long-Lasting Solutions Committee. Joint actions have also been developed with

the Red Cross and the Azul Positivo Civil Association (which supports

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RET’s support to research on the situation of PNIPs in Venezuela, conducted by the Centre for Social Research (CISOR), continued. Coordination meetings were also held with the Pan-American Development Foundation (PADF) to implement joint actions benefiting PNIPs through their partners (UniAndes Civil Association and the Popular Social Action Centre - CESAP).



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## Direct assistance in health and education to the most vulnerable populations -especially children, adolescent girls and women- affected by the Venezuelan Crisis in Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador

The intervention aims to meet the needs of vulnerable populations, focusing on children, adolescent girls, and women affected by the current crisis in Venezuela, by enhancing access to health and education in emergencies (EiE) in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia.

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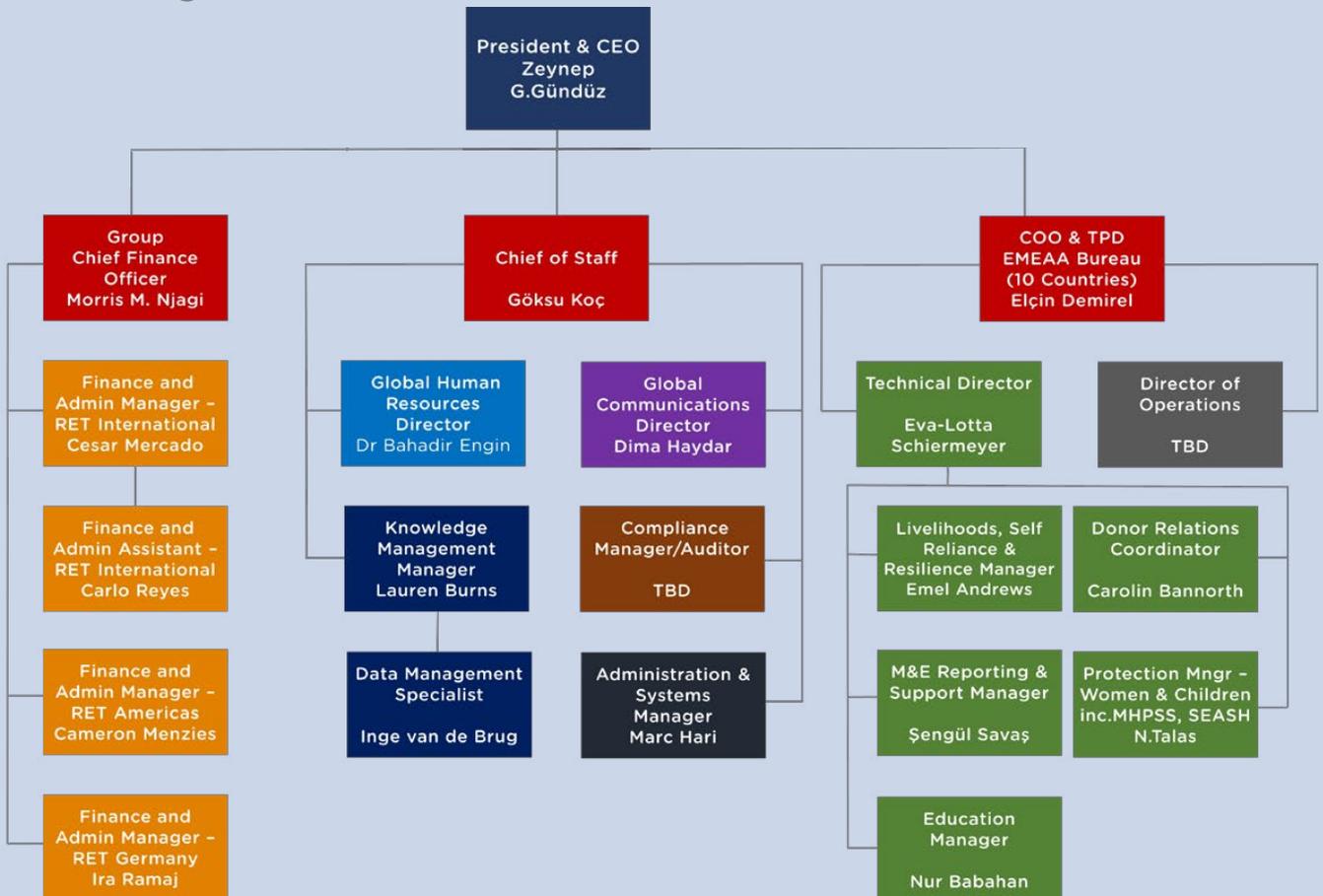
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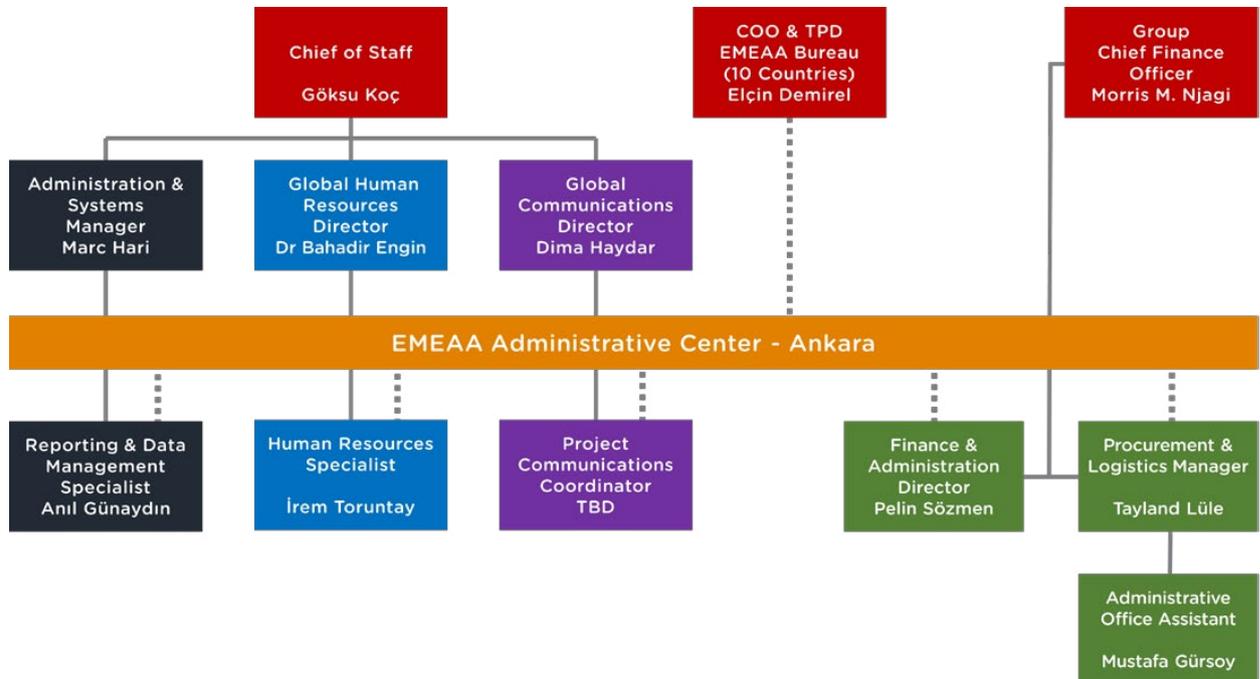
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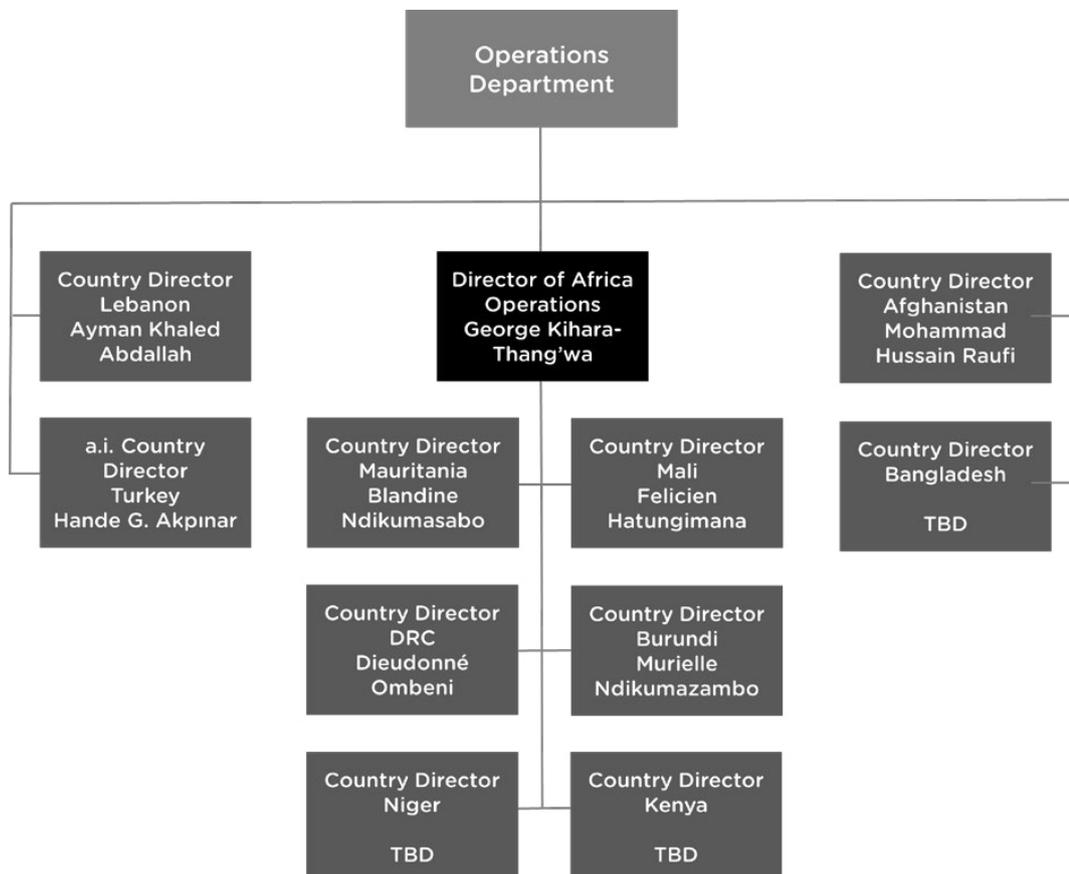
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## Intergovernmental Institutions

**ECHO** - EU - European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations - ECHO

**UNDP** - The United Nations Development Programme

**UNESCO** - The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

**UNHCR** - The UN Refugee Agency

**UNICEF** - The United Nations Children's Fund

**UNFPA** - United Nations Population Fund

**IOM** - International Organisation for Migration

**WHO** - The World Health Organisation

**OCHA** - Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

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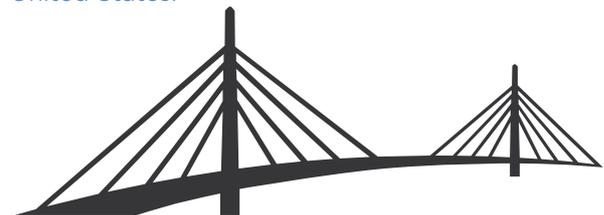
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## **UNHCR**

- Member of the Secondary Education Working Group

## **Global Refugee Forum - UNHCR**

- Member of the Education Working Group
- Member of the Durable Solutions Working Group

## **The G-7 Global Task Force**

- Member of the G-7 Education Working Group
- Member of the G-7 Gender Working Group
- Member of the G-7 Peace & Security Working Group

## **The Youth Compact in Humanitarian Action**

- Member of the Task Team for Action 1:  
Promote and increase age- and gender-responsive and inclusive programs that contribute to the protection, health, and development of young women, young men, girls, and boys within humanitarian settings.

## **Member of GADRRRES - Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction & Resilience in the Education Sector.**

## **IOM - International Organization for Migration**

- Member of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working group

## **The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action**

- Member of Unaccompanied and Separated Children Task Force
- Member of Family Strengthening Task Force
- Member of Assessment, Measurement and Evidence Working Group

## **INEE - International Network for Education in Emergencies**

- Member of the Standards & Practice Working Group (2004+)
- Member of the Policy Education Working Group (2018+)
- Member of the Alternative Education Work Stream
- Steering Committee (2010 - 2017) Co-chair with the World Bank and IRC from 2012-2016.
- Member of the Youth & Prevention of Violent Extremism Group (2017-18)
- Co-convenor of the INEE's Adolescents and Youth Task Team (2005+)

## **Education Cannot Wait Fund**

- Member of the Educational Technical Task Team
- Member of Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) Northern Group

## **RECI - Réseau Suisse Education et Coopération Internationale**

- Member of the RECI Executive Board (2015+)

## **Global Education Cluster**

- Member of the Strategic Advisory Group (2017+)

## **ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies**

- Member of the Humanitarian & Development Nexus Group

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