

Youth Skills Training in Ifo Camp Dadaab, Kenya

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PROJECT GOAL:

Increase self-reliance and enable social integration of youth in Ifo camp

LOCATION

Dadaab, Kenya

DURATION

12 months

DONOR

Espana con ACNUR

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Norwegian Refugee Council
Youth Education Pack
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BUDGET

US\$150,000

BACKGROUND

Among the 220,000 refugees living in the three Dadaab camps, where most of the population is from Somalia, there are 45,000 residents between the ages of 15 and 24. These young people have lived most of their lives in the camps, which they cannot leave. With no life outside camp, they have become extremely vulnerable, having to cope with a lack of employment opportunities as well as a lack of access to programmes and activities that could nurture their skills and talents. Moreover living in these harsh conditions exposes them to societal problems such as drug abuse. Girls who are not enrolled in school run the risk of being married off at an early age to support their families. **Providing these youths with education, skills and extra-curricular activities and education will give them hope for the future.** The project will build on the Norwegian Refugee Council's successful experience of managing youth centres in Dadaab town and Hagadera camp.

OBJECTIVES

- Increased employment opportunities for refugee youth
- Prevention of protection risks faced by young refugees inside the camp

ACTIVITIES

- Construction of a youth centre (YEP)
- Training in:
 - Functional literacy
 - Life skills, knowledge and awareness that will further young peoples' development and participation in the community
 - Computer literacy and small business skills training to assist in income-generation activities or small business development
 - Professional skills training to increase chances of finding apprenticeships or paid work
- Professional development training in computer literacy and life skills in Dadaab and Hagadera YEP sites, for teachers to develop curriculum and harmonized skills training in the region

OUTPUTS

- An output of 120 youth (70 percent female) in the core components (functional literacy, life skills, business skills, professional skills) in the first year of operation;
- Improved education and professional opportunities for participants.

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