

Subsidized First Job for Resettled Women at Risk in Brazil

A UNHCR *Women Leading for Livelihoods* Project



PROJECT GOAL

Give resettled women in Brazil an opportunity to gain their first employment

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LOCATION

Brazil

DURATION

6 months

DONOR

Co-funding: individual contributions from Japan and UNHCR

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

Artesanato Solidário (ArteSol)
www.artesol.org.br

BUDGET

US\$24,500

BACKGROUND

Resettled refugees in Brazil hail mainly from Colombia. Resettlement holds the promise of a new beginning for all refugees, but also acute risks for a number of women including single headed households and unaccompanied women. Without any sustainable source of income or social networks to rely on in their host communities, they face a huge challenge in rebuilding their livelihoods. A “subsidized first job” strategy can make all the difference by identifying job opportunities that match refugees’ skills and encouraging recruitment by local companies. In addition, women refugees receive language and skills training, so that they not only earn income but develop competencies that will facilitate their social integration. The present project is part of a larger scheme implemented by Artesol with the support of various donors. Designed as a comprehensive package, this project addresses a number of relevant aspects of refugees’ self-reliance: health/nutrition, subsidized housing, essential household items, psychological, social and medical care, educational activities, income generation and legal assistance/protection.

OBJECTIVE

- Provide training and employment opportunities to 12 refugee women at risk in Brazil

ACTIVITIES

- Provision of 12 small grants for the establishment of small businesses
- Recruitment of six local solidarity agents who will identify employers for women refugees and provide guidance and support in the workplace
- Financial incentives for local ‘solidarity enterprises’ to employ 12 women refugees

OUTPUTS

- Adequate living conditions for 12 refugee women and their families (42 persons in total)
- At least four women set up their own business/craftmaking organization

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