

## Refugee Livelihoods Network

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### The Refugee Livelihoods Network in 2004

The Refugee Livelihoods Network currently has over 225 subscribers worldwide and continues to grow daily. The main purpose of the Network is to connect those individuals and organizations which are involved in the issue of refugee livelihoods, and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas, and thereby have a positive impact on planning, programming and policymaking processes.

With 2004 well underway it is a good time to take stock in the progress of the network to determine its' future direction. In order to do so, we kindly ask for subscriber comments and suggestions that can be incorporated into future editions of the newsletter. We aim to make changes and tailor the content to the interests and needs of the people who utilize this service. If you would like to share your thoughts please email Carrie Conway, Network Moderator. Moreover, please feel free to pass on news of the network to colleagues and friends that you think may be interested in joining. Thank you!

[Click here to visit the Refugee Livelihoods Project section of UNHCR's website](#)

### FMR issue 20 deadline is fast approaching

There is still time to submit an article for issue 20 of the Forced Migration Review (FMR) which will focus on refugee and IDP livelihoods. The deadline is fast approaching as all papers need to be submitted by 1 February 2004. Issue 20 is scheduled to come out in April 2004.

To submit an abstract or article, or to discuss your ideas, please contact the Editors: [fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk) and/or Carrie Conway, Refugee Livelihoods Network Moderator. Articles should be no more than 3,000 words in length and follow the guidelines provided in the link below.

[Click here for the FMR guidelines](#)

### Learning and good practice

The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) is a network that reaches out to practitioners in

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education working in situations of emergency and crisis. INEE has made available a series of 'Good Practice Guides' so that members and others can have access to focused information related to education in emergency situations, including that of refugees and IDP's.

[To learn more about INEE and access the Good Practice Guides click here](#)

## **Key reports and publications**

Refugees International's (RI) program titled 'Forgotten People' addresses the issue of forgotten humanitarian emergencies. Each month, RI spotlights a humanitarian crisis by posting a detailed report on its website. The purpose of the program is to explore the question of why people afflicted by one humanitarian emergency receive less attention than another, to the end of increasing public awareness of the costs of this pattern. Research reports begin by exploring why the group in question has failed to receive its share of international humanitarian aid. The reports then present information about the problems that this ignored group faces, and present recommendations. To access these and other reports visit RI's website provided in the 'featured links' section on the left.

The Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU) publishes a set of publications designed to inform policy-makers and practitioners by identifying and analyzing the trends, opportunities and challenges affecting the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan. This issue paper series includes a collection of papers written by AREU staff and researchers. One such paper, entitled 'Land rights in crisis: restoring tenure security in Afghanistan' by Liz Alden Wily (March 2003) looks at the complex issue of overlapping land laws, policies and titles in Afghanistan.

[Click here to view the 'Land rights in crisis' and other AREU publications](#)

## **Discussions and debates**

The November 2003 edition of the Refugee Livelihoods Network newsletter focused on the theme of microfinance, with particular regard to the appropriateness and effectiveness of microfinance as a livelihood intervention for refugees. Seven subscriber papers were included in this edition and can be found on the Refugee Livelihoods section of the EPAU website provided in the link below.

Since then there have been several requests for a follow up to this discussion in the hope of tackling some of the tough questions and issues that were brought up in the papers. We hope to continue the exchange and lesson sharing in future newsletters and the upcoming FMR 20 magazine. Furthermore, we would like to encourage subscribers to contact Carrie Conway, Network Moderator with their ideas on how best to build upon this issue and other discussions and debates.

[To access subscriber papers on microfinance and refugees click here](#)

### **Forthcoming conferences**

'Voices out of Conflict: young people affected by forced migration and political crisis' - An International Conference to be held at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park , 26-28 March, 2004. For more information contact Paul Ryder at the Refugee Studies Centre paul.ryder@qeh.ox.ac.uk

Conference: Assuring Food and Nutrition Security in Africa by 2020, 1 to 3 April 2004, Kampala, Uganda  
Background: Food and nutrition security remain Africa's most fundamental challenge but there are new political initiatives gaining momentum both inside and outside the continent. This all-Africa conference will bring together the traditional and new actors and stakeholders to deliberate on how to bring about change and action to assure food and nutrition security. Participation in this conference is by invitation only. For further information email r.pandya-lorch@cgjar.org , or visit the website via the link below.

[Click here for more information the all Africa conference click here](#)

### **Forthcoming seminars at RSC**

The Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) hosts a series of public seminars on Wednesdays from 5.00-6.30pm. The location of all seminars is the Library Wing Seminar Room, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford, England. The upcoming three seminars are as follows:

21 January 2004 'Displacement in Burma: Problems and approaches' by Ashley South (Independent Analyst).

28 January 2004 'Coping in Exile: Urban refugees and social networks in Dar es Salaam' by Dr Roos Willems (Independent Researcher and Consultant).

4 February 2004 'The Legal Implications of Internally Displaced Peoples' by Dr Satvinder Juss (King's College London).

[For a complete list of RSC public seminars through March 2004 click here](#)

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