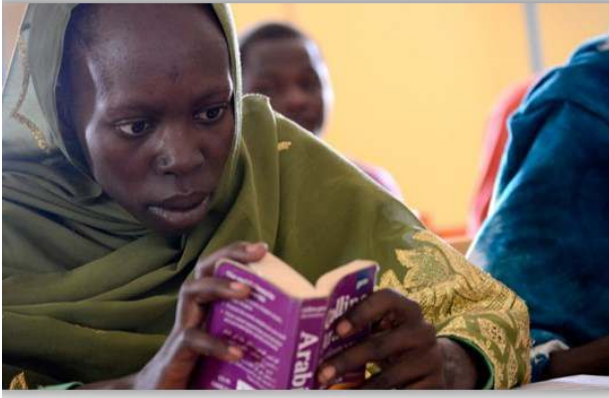




Canadian Jesuits International and the Global Education Initiative of the Jesuit Refugee Service



Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) strives to serve people struggling for social justice and dignity in the world. Displaced people who are affected by war, natural disasters and injustice are among those at the core of our mission.

To date, CJI has supported the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) with displaced peoples in these countries: Angola, Colombia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon and Syria .

Through the Global Education Initiative, CJI along with our friends and supporters have an opportunity to respond to the ongoing plight of refugee and displaced people. We hope you can join us.

JRS and Education

Since Fr. Pedro Arrupe SJ founded JRS in 1980, it has offered life-saving services to refugees and forcibly displaced people around the world. Each year projects in 45 countries provide emergency relief, educational services, psychosocial support, and advocacy on behalf of 750,000 refugees. Education has always been the cornerstone of the JRS mission to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced people.

What is the Global Education Initiative?

The Jesuit Refugee Service has historically focused on education as a key contribution to the needs and hopes of refugees. Pope Francis called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy that commenced on December 8, 2015. During this year he hopes that the Church “will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God’s mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time.”

In response to this call, JRS has launched the *Global Education Initiative* (GEI) to build capacity, improve and extend its educational programs to 100,000 more refugees and forcibly displaced people. This global strategy is grounded in Ignatian pedagogy and emphasizes JRS values of accompaniment, service and advocacy.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, JRS has launched the Mercy in Motion campaign to support the Global Education Initiative.





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Why Education?

JRS considers education a life-saving intervention and recognizes it as a long-term solution to conflicts. Refugees spend an average of 17 years in displacement.



✓ **Education Transforms Communities**

Most high conflict areas are also places where the educational level is very low. JRS educational projects have a positive impact in the regions we serve by helping to transform these communities.

✓ **Education Builds Human Dignity**

Education is more than imparting knowledge; it is an essential component in building up and restoring human dignity. It helps people to restructure their lives by giving them skills to sustain themselves during prolonged periods of displacement in camp or

urban settings and also, when resettlement situations are possible.

✓ **Education Creates Safe Spaces**

Schools help to “normalize” the protracted situations that refugees live in, whether it is in a camp or an urban setting. Educators look out for children and classrooms provide a protective environment. School days organize time by providing a rhythm of life. Well educated refugees are less vulnerable to exploitation, such as trafficking, recruitment as child soldiers and sex slaves, or being married at a young age.



Refugees must rebuild their lives, and they can do so through education.

*For more information about JRS
and the Global Education
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