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Third Quarter Report 2026





Chantale Zuzi, TED speaker and Founder and Executive Director of Refugee Can Be, joined RefugePoint CEO Sasha Chanoff for the keynote conversation of RefugePoint's Redefining Humanitarian Leadership event. Chantale works at the intersection of displacement, education, and girls' leadership. Photo: Chris Jensen

Redefining Humanitarian Leadership at the UN General Assembly

At RefugePoint, we believe people with lived experience of displacement must be central to shaping the policies that directly affect their lives. That belief guides who sits on our board, how we partner with refugee-led organizations, and how we design our programs to help refugees access life-changing solutions. In the third quarter of 2026, we brought that conversation to New York during the UN General Assembly High-level Week.

On September 22, we co-hosted Redefining Humanitarian Leadership: Centering the Voices and Wisdom of Those Impacted by Conflict with the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative and Nadia's Initiative. RefugePoint board member Abid Shamdeen spoke about why he and Nadia Murad founded Nadia's Initiative: so that survivors of the genocide against the Yazidi people would be "the authors" of its work. In Sinjar, Iraq, "the community decides what gets rebuilt and in what order," Shamdeen shared. Centering people affected by conflict, he said, "is a question of who holds the budget, who sets the timeline, and who is trusted to fail and try again." He joined RefugePoint's board because he sees the same conviction here: "It puts [refugees] in the room, on the staff, on the board, in the decisions."

Chantale Zuzi carried that idea into the keynote conversation with RefugePoint's CEO, Sasha Chanoff. Through Refugee Can Be, which she founded and leads, refugee girls in Uganda help design the programs that support their education. "I learned that a refugee can be so much more than her past," Chantale said. Her vision is a world where refugee leaders build institutions and solutions of their own. Sasha called her work a model for all of us, rooted in the idea that refugees "need to be the ones who are the authors of their own future, who have the power and ability to create the programs that make sense and matter to them."

The pages that follow share how RefugePoint and our partners put that model into practice this quarter.



Self-Reliance

For refugees who remain indefinitely in the country to which they've fled, we help them move from vulnerability towards self-reliance.

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Direct Services

Providing lasting solutions for refugees is at the core of our work. RefugePoint focuses on equipping urban refugees and Kenyans experiencing extreme vulnerabilities in Nairobi, Kenya to become self-reliant through our Urban Refugee Protection Program (URPP). We partner with individuals and families to first address basic needs such as food, shelter, physical and mental health, and education. Once clients are stable, we support their path to self-reliance through counseling, skill-building, and livelihood assistance.

URPP clients faced several unique and heightened challenges this quarter, some due to increasingly challenging economic circumstances in Nairobi. RefugePoint responded to increased instances of gender-based violence (GBV), especially intimate partner violence, as well as malnutrition and child labor. When health workers went on strike in Nairobi, clients continued to receive care through RefugePoint's clinic and partner hospitals.

A presidential directive barring foreign nationals from operating small-scale retail businesses and hawking in Nairobi triggered significant protection concerns for refugees. There were reports of some host community members attacking, harassing, and intimidating refugees, confiscating their goods, and telling them to leave the country. The directive worsened existing tensions between refugees and Kenyans. Fearing for their safety and livelihoods, some clients scaled back their business activities. RefugePoint's earlier relationship-building with local administrators proved valuable as tensions rose. Chiefs in several areas convened cohesion meetings, and inter-agency dialogue forums gave refugees reassurance and clear information about their protection and available pathways. RefugePoint's Kenya team also drew up an El Niño contingency plan and supported clients to open bank accounts to keep digital cash assistance steady, moving away from reliance on physical currency. Anticipating that the 2027 presidential election could heighten these tensions, we are actively engaged in contingency planning to safeguard clients and staff in the case of political instability.

In response to an evaluation of its livelihoods program, the URPP is piloting a new format that organizes the business skills training into two three-day parts and adds a training day on foundational business topics such as financial management. These changes will help more refugees start or further develop a business and thrive independently after graduating from the program.

The Child Protection team worked with partners to respond to emerging risks to children, including gender-based violence against children and barriers to education, especially for girls. The team also provided psychological first aid to families with court proceedings stemming from child protection incidents. The Education Officer, in collaboration with the Child Protection Officer, conducted a workshop for Junior Secondary School students covering safety and protection, harmful cultural practices, and life skills. The training provided age-appropriate information to strengthen children's awareness of protection risks, promote safer decision-making, and enhance their ability to seek support when faced with situations that could compromise their safety or well-being.

RefugePoint's Urban Refugee Protection Program

Q3 Impact

New Urban Refugee Protection Program (URPP) clients

Refugees and Kenyans experiencing extreme vulnerabilities newly enrolled in our URPP this quarter.

137



Clients progressing toward self-reliance

Individuals moving from instability toward a stable income and independence.

78%



Program graduates

Refugees who reached self-reliance and completed the program this quarter.

62



Business grants awarded

Grants that help clients start or grow small businesses.

25

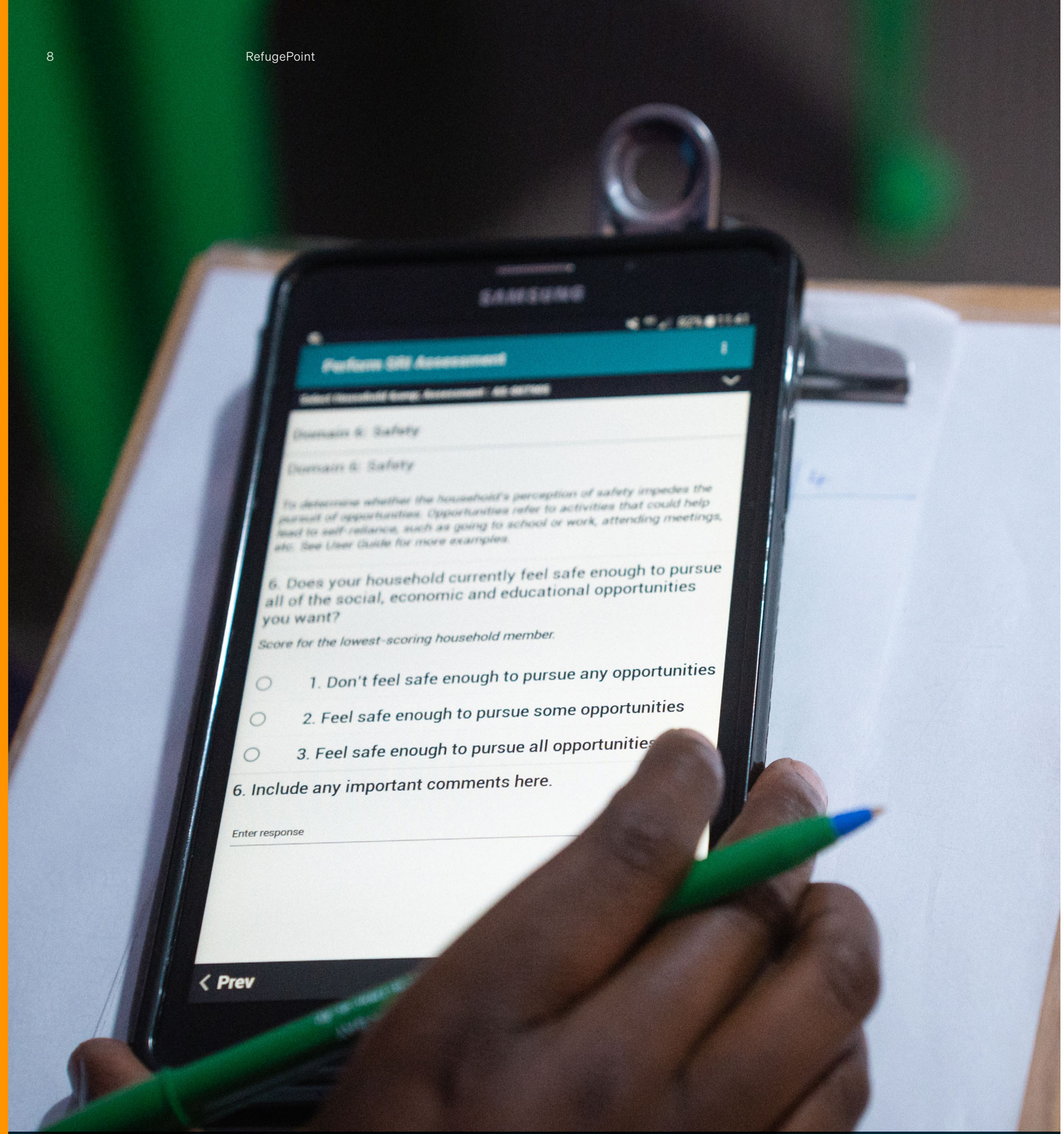


Community health and information outreach

People reached through health, safety, and service information sessions.

1,381





RefugePoint's URPP staff using the Self-Reliance Index tool during a home visit in Nairobi, Kenya. Photo: Chris Jensen

Field Building

Using what we learn from our direct service work, we help build sector-wide capacity by sharing knowledge and resources to expand solutions for refugees. Through training and technical assistance, connecting partners with funding, and hosting peer learning exchanges, we help other organizations expand their programs and reach more refugees across East Africa. At the global level, we do that through the Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative (RSRI). A strategic initiative of RefugePoint, co-founded with the Women's Refugee Commission, the RSRI aims to reach millions of refugees each year with high-quality, holistic self-reliance programming. Through its network of more than 750 organizations, the RSRI works to advance the knowledge, tools, standards, and legal frameworks that support self-reliance and embed effective self-reliance approaches in humanitarian and development responses to displacement.

During the third quarter, the Self-Reliance Index (SRI), the first global tool for measuring and tracking refugee households' progress toward self-reliance over time, expanded its reach. In 2026 so far, 95 partners have used the SRI in 42 countries. The RSRI also finalized and launched an improved e-learning experience and completed simplified SRI data collection forms in multiple languages, strengthening access to practical tools for implementing partners. When more organizations track refugees' progress toward self-reliance, they can adjust their programs based on what's working and help more refugee families build stable, thriving lives.

The RSRI continued to support peer learning through its Community of Practice (CoP), including the 12 Months, 12 Domains webinar series and thematic working groups on climate risks, refugee leadership, and engagement with refugee-led organizations (RLOs). These spaces gave members opportunities to exchange evidence, share learning, and advance collective approaches to refugee self-reliance.

Total number of partner organizations that have joined the RSRI Community of Practice

791

Systems Change

RefugePoint works to multiply its impact through systems change. We accomplish this by influencing policy and decision-makers to transform how the world supports refugees. Our direct service work, partnerships across the sector, and relationships with governments give us a credible voice in high-level policy settings. Through our leadership in some of the most influential networks and convenings, including the RSRI, and our policy work to advance host country solutions, we use evidence to push for new standards and equitable access to long-term solutions for refugees.

August marked the one-year anniversary of Thailand's landmark refugee work permit policy, which grants refugees formal access to work. Su Myat Thwe, RSRI Partnerships and Research Coordinator, shared insights from her own fieldwork on the Thailand-Myanmar border in this blog post, reflecting on this important milestone and urging a broader vision of refugee self-reliance.

The RSRI contributed to global dialogue on refugee economic inclusion and social protection this quarter, including engagement around United Nations High Commission for Refugees' (UNHCR) 50 by 35 vision to reduce refugees' long-term dependence on humanitarian aid. The RSRI developed a briefing note outlining initial considerations for implementation, emphasizing multidimensional measures of self-reliance, sustained progress, and meaningful participation by refugees and refugee-led organizations. This matters because how self-reliance is defined and measured shapes the policies and funding that reach refugees, so a fuller picture means more refugees can access long-term solutions.

During the UN General Assembly High-Level Week in September, the RSRI hosted three events. The first, a discussion with the International Council for Refugees and Immigrants and Glasswing International, explored what the evidence tells us about refugee self-reliance and what it actually takes to create the conditions for displaced people to rebuild their lives. The second was an interactive workshop on the Self-Reliance Index tool and how measurement can inform practice. Finally, the RSRI joined the Women's Refugee Commission, Refugees International, Innovations for Poverty Action, and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies for a private roundtable on achieving sustainable and inclusive refugee self-reliance under UNHCR's 50 by 35 vision. Together, these engagements provided opportunities for the RSRI to share learning, highlight the importance of multidimensional approaches to self-reliance, and hear directly from partners and practitioners working across the field. Ultimately, these conversations help ensure that as global efforts shift toward self-reliance, they reflect what refugees themselves need to rebuild their lives.

Households assessed using the Self-Reliance Index tool

Q3 Impact

1,952



Participants engaged in a session moderated by RSRI's Communications Manager, Shelby Quackenbush, at The Sidebar during the UN General Assembly High-Level Week. The discussion covered what it takes for refugees to rebuild their lives and brought together practitioners from across the field. Photo: Chris Jensen



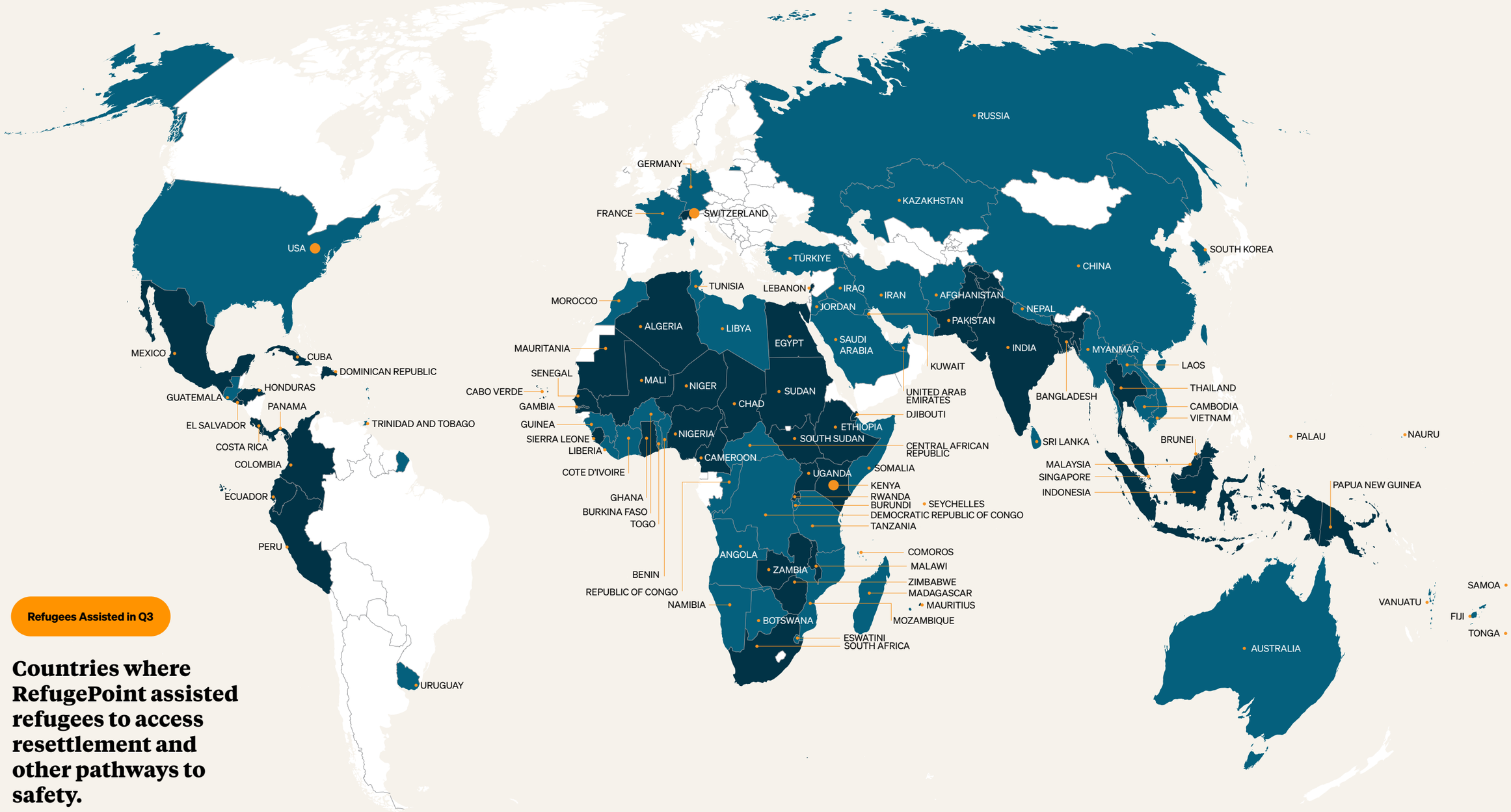
RefugePoint Child Protection staff meeting with a family at their home in Tham Hin Refugee Camp, Thailand. The camp is located about 12 kilometers from the Thai-Myanmar border. Photo: Chris Jensen



Resettlement
& Other Pathways to Safety

We help refugees who cannot remain safely where they are to permanently and legally relocate to a safe, new country through various visa channels and government programs.

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Refugees Assisted in Q3

Countries where RefugePoint assisted refugees to access resettlement and other pathways to safety.

CURRENT WORK PREVIOUS WORK COUNTRY OFFICE

1. Algeria	**10**
2. Bangladesh	**796**
3. Brunei	**1**
4. Cabo Verde	**1**
5. Cameroon	**34**
6. Chad	**89**
7. Colombia	**47**
8. Costa Rica	**2**
9. Cuba	**6**
10. Djibouti	**9**
11. Dominican Republic	**32**
12. Ecuador	**20**
13. Egypt	**352**
14. El Salvador	**10**
15. Ethiopia	**12**
16. Ghana	**51**
17. Honduras	**12**
18. India	**26**
19. Indonesia	**15**
20. Kenya	**106**
21. Malawi	**8**
22. Malaysia	**10**
23. Mali	**3**
24. Mauritania	**5**
25. Mauritius	**9**
26. Mexico	**8**
27. Niger	**3**
28. Nigeria	**6**
29. Pakistan	**451**
30. Panama	**1**
31. Papua New Guinea	**5**
32. Peru	**26**
33. Rwanda	**1,056**
34. Samoa	**2**
35. Senegal	**44**
36. Sierra Leone	**4**
37. South Africa	**23**
38. South Sudan	**12**
39. Sudan	**3**
40. Thailand	**325**
41. Uganda	**172**
42. Zambia	**10**
43. Zimbabwe	**1**
Total:	**3,818**

Some countries of asylum are not disclosed for protection purposes.

Direct Services

Many refugees can't go home or safely stay in the country to which they've fled. RefugePoint works to relocate refugees to safety through resettlement and other legal migration pathways, such as visa programs for family reunification, employment, and education. This quarter, RefugePoint helped 3,818 refugees access pathways to safety, including resettlement, family reunification, employment, and sponsorship from 77 locations in 43 host countries worldwide.

Global resettlement opportunities remain limited, and the US government's suspension of resettlement processing has left refugees around the world waiting with no clear timeline. Our Resettlement team in Nairobi held outreach sessions in Githurai, Ruiru, Kamakis, and Nairobi proper to share accurate processing updates and help refugees recognize and avoid fraud. As the prolonged uncertainty took a toll, the team also referred refugees for mental health and psychosocial support.

Through RefugePoint's Deployment Program, Experts working directly within UNHCR offices across Africa, Asia, and the Americas kept cases moving wherever resettlement remained possible. In Bangladesh, Experts submitted resettlement cases for hundreds of women, girls, children, and adolescents facing serious protection risks. In Pakistan, Experts identified and processed cases for Afghan refugees facing extreme vulnerabilities, including the threat of deportation. In East and Southern Africa, Experts filled staffing gaps by conducting remote interviews and prioritizing refugees with urgent medical and protection needs. Even as access to resettlement decreases worldwide, this work means refugees facing the greatest risks can still reach safety and begin to rebuild their lives.

Family reunification remained a vital pathway to safety for refugees. In West Africa, cross-border collaboration between UNHCR offices, supported by a RefugePoint Expert, enabled three unaccompanied refugee children to join their brother in the United Kingdom. Experts supported family reunification cases departing to Canada, the UK, France, and the US. In Kenya, where a Senior Family Reunification Officer joined our team this quarter, we worked with the Dagoretti sub-county children's office to secure a safe placement for two unaccompanied children living on Nairobi's streets as they pursued reunification with a relative in Sweden.

Education and employment pathways continued to open new options for refugees. In Chad, our Expert supported 75 refugee learners to enroll in an English-language program, and three students received conditional university offers pending scholarship confirmation. In Rwanda, Experts supported refugees with university and scholarship applications, mentorship, and internships. In the Americas, refugees departed for Italy through labor mobility pathways and for Mexico on higher education scholarships. Ultimately, these pathways give refugees new ways to reach safety, put their skills to use, and pursue a future beyond the camps and cities where many have waited for years.

Opposite: Mubarak and Nasra, refugees from Sudan, speaking with RefugePoint Resettlement Expert, Daniel Gikonyo, at their home in Sherkole Refuge Camp, Ethiopia. Photo: Chris Jensen



Refugees assisted in accessing resettlement and other pathways to safety in Q3

Q3 Impact

3,818

*To protect refugees' confidentiality, RefugePoint does not collect personal data from those accessing third country solutions. As a result, totals might include some double-counting and are not unique client counts.



Community members take part in an awareness session in Kounoungou Refugee Camp, Chad, near the border with Sudan. A RefugePoint Complementary Pathways Expert designed the sessions to help refugees learn about available pathways to safety, such as family reunification, labor mobility, and education opportunities. Sessions across 11 camps in eastern Chad reached approximately 2,000 Sudanese refugees, including community leaders, teachers, students, and refugee-led organizations. Photo: Jumaine Gahungu

Field Building

RefugePoint strengthens the capacity of partners to expand access to resettlement and other pathways. We host trainings, develop and share tools, and deploy staff to build the systems that support these pathways. During the third quarter of 2026, our staff trained 3,383 individuals from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), partner organizations, and local refugee communities on topics ranging from child protection to resettlement and other pathways.

Training activities reached colleagues across the sector this quarter. The Family Reunification team in Kenya trained 31 researchers at Asylex, a Swiss legal organization, to inform their upcoming research on safe pathways. We continued investing in local and refugee-led partners, beginning a sub-granting process for RLOs in Nairobi to carry out family reunification activities. In India, our partner reached 213 people with family reunification information and referred 20 people to legal service providers. Investing in local and refugee-led partners means families receive support from organizations rooted in their own communities, helping more of them reunite safely.

Experts working within UNHCR also strengthened the systems that make pathways possible. In Bangladesh, they worked with resettlement countries to organize refugee interviews, ensure cases met each country's requirements, and move stalled cases forward. In West and Central Africa, our Experts advanced a regional strategy to expand complementary pathways. Through missions to Burkina Faso, they helped UNHCR's national offices improve documentation, data quality, and reporting, and built the skills of UNHCR, NGO, and international organization staff to manage complex cross-border family reunification cases. Their work with partners also addressed transportation barriers and provided technical guidance for three unaccompanied children in Niger seeking to reunite with their mother in Sweden.

RefugePoint's Kenya-based Labor Mobility team made progress toward formal agreements with partners that enable refugees to earn internationally recognized credentials and explored new destination countries. This work builds the systems and partnerships that help more refugees reach safety and put their skills to work in new countries.

Individuals trained by RefugePoint staff

Q3 Impact

3,383

*Reflects trainings led by RefugePoint staff across all our programs.

Systems Change

RefugePoint aims to multiply our impact through systems change. We work with governments, UNHCR, and other decision-makers to improve the global systems that shape refugees' access to resettlement and other pathways. We lead and participate in key global networks, including the Third Country Solutions Identification and Referral Network, the Global Family Reunification Network, and the Global Task Force on Refugee Labour Mobility. Drawing on evidence from our work, we make policy recommendations and promote equitable access to resettlement, especially in host countries where refugees have had little to no access in the past.

In 2021, RefugePoint was one of the founding members of the Global Task Force on Refugee Labour Mobility. From 2025 to 2026, alongside the International Organization for Migration, we co-led a working group within the task force to promote coordination among partners working in host countries to support refugee access to labor mobility pathways. Drawing on years of experience with labor mobility in Kenya, we developed concrete, action-oriented recommendations for the Global Task Force and other labor mobility stakeholders. The work concluded this quarter with several final outputs: three country case studies, a final report, and a presentation to the Global Task Force. This is important because coordinated, practical guidance helps more host countries and partners open labor mobility pathways, allowing more refugees to rebuild their lives in safety.

RefugePoint's Director of Third Country Solutions, Erica Marcus-Raina, and Chief of Policy and Practice, Marty Anderson, participated in a working group meeting of the Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways, in Oslo, Norway. This is a critical time for third country solutions, which was evident in the rich and constructive discussion at the meeting. RefugePoint is one of the very few NGOs working to identify and refer refugees across multiple pathways, from multiple countries, to multiple countries, making ours a unique perspective in these settings. From our vantage point working closely with refugee communities in host countries, we highlighted the importance of sustaining needs-based, refugee-centered pathways alongside newer approaches. Keeping refugees' needs at the center of these discussions helps ensure that as pathways evolve, they continue to reach those who need them most.



Chol, a refugee from South Sudan and Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot candidate, received a job as a continuing care assistant in Nova Scotia, Canada through the program. Read more about how RefugePoint is shifting systems to open and expand labor mobility for refugees here.
Photo: Jessica Masibo

Partner organizations that have joined networks co-convened by RefugePoint to transform refugee response

Q3 Impact

75

Promoting Refugee-Led Efforts

Refugees are often the first to respond to the needs of their own communities. RefugePoint is committed to creating space for refugee voices and leadership, both within our organization and across the humanitarian sector. We work alongside refugee-led organizations (RLOs) and community-based organizations in three ways. We support coordination, including building RLO networks. We strengthen capacity through training, mentoring, and peer learning. And we provide financial support, both through direct grants and by connecting these groups with funders.

This quarter, RefugePoint's RLO Engagement team, in partnership with Kenya's Urban RLO Coordination Board and other partners, hosted the Urban RLO Convening under the theme Meaningful Participation of Refugee Leaders. The event brought together 53 RLO leaders from Nairobi, Mombasa, and Nakuru to network, learn from one another, and strengthen a unified voice in their engagement with partners, government, and funders. The team also trained the Board's seven members in leadership and conflict resolution. As the core body representing urban RLOs with government and partners, the Board plays a central role in ensuring refugee leaders are heard in decisions affecting their communities.

At the global level, RefugePoint was elected one of five co-leads of the Global Refugee Forum's Multi-Stakeholder Pledge on Meaningful Refugee Participation. The pledge unites governments, RLOs, humanitarian actors, and others committed to giving refugees real influence over decisions that shape their lives. As co-lead, RefugePoint's role is to help set the pledge's strategic priorities, foster collaboration among signatories, and strengthen accountability for their commitments. On July 9, the co-leads launched the pledge's Community of Practice, an online platform for sharing experiences and practical approaches. RefugePoint is leading preparations for a discussion in November, which will explore how to measure and document the impact of refugee participation on policies, programs, and institutional practices.

9 **Refugee-led and community-based organizations supported to build capacity this year**

Urban RLO board members after a training session at RefugePoint's office in Nairobi, Kenya. Photo: Diana Karua

Cross-Cutting Protection Priorities

Child Protection

RefugePoint prioritizes refugee children in all our programs and collaborates closely with partners to fill critical gaps in refugee child protection. During the third quarter of 2026, our staff conducted and reviewed child protection assessments for 199 refugee children.

This quarter, RefugePoint strengthened child protection capacity in Pakistan, Rwanda, Uganda, and Thailand. One RefugePoint expert in Uganda collaborated with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), government counterparts, child protection partners, and community actors to provide technical guidance, support case follow-up, and address operational gaps, particularly in contexts of heightened vulnerability. Another Expert in Uganda monitored five refugee settlements, gathering evidence to improve case management, staffing, referral pathways, and data quality. Stronger case management and referral pathways mean refugee children in high-risk environments are identified sooner and connected to the support they need.

In Thailand, RefugePoint's Expert advocated for stronger inter-agency collaboration, helped inform national child protection policies, and contributed to long-term planning for operations along the border. Ultimately, these efforts will help more refugee children along the border grow up in safer environments.

In Nairobi, RefugePoint's Child Protection Officer raised concerns about child labor in the refugee community at a Child Protection Working Group meeting. In response, the Department of Children's Services, in collaboration with other refugee agencies, held community awareness sessions on the issue. RefugePoint reinforced these efforts through community forums, helping caregivers understand the risks and adopt protective practices. When caregivers understand the risks of child labor, more children can stay in school and build the foundation for stable and thriving lives.

Children supported through child protection casework

Q3 Impact

199



Manishimwe Anne-Marie, Community-Based MHPSS Senior Associate at RefugePoint, speaks during the Urban RLO Convening in Nairobi on September 29, 2026.

Photo: Carolyne Njung'e

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) includes any support that people receive to protect or promote their mental health and psychosocial well-being. MHPSS encompasses physical, economic, social, mental, emotional, cultural, and spiritual determinants of health. It is a key component of wellness for staff and crucial for the self-reliance of clients.

This quarter, the MHPSS team reduced distress for 55 clients, helping people reach a point of stability and move toward self-reliance. The team reached 196 people at 14 mental health events, and 97 percent of community conversation participants reported a greater understanding of mental health. Manishimwe Anne-Marie, RefugePoint's Community-Based MHPSS Senior Associate, who has lived experience of forced displacement, was featured as a keynote speaker during the Urban RLO Convening 2026. She also participated in a panel discussion during the Kenya Evidence Platform on employing refugees and discussed the mental health impacts of social media during the Refugee Led Research Hub Festival.

RefugePoint's Senior Technical Advisor for MHPSS, Dr. Sonasha Braxton, trained 22 staff from RefugePoint's NGO partner in India in trauma-informed care. At the International Conference on Community Psychology in Nigeria, she presented a model that draws on ritual, wisdom, deep knowing, and embodiment to help practitioners decolonize the self and better serve their communities.



Ngwu with his case manager, Robert, RefugePoint's Senior Associate, Social Work, outside his retail shop in Nairobi. With a business grant from RefugePoint, Ngwu opened a shop and now earns an income that helps cover his food and rent. Photo: Carolyne Njung'e

Ngwu: Building a Path Toward Self-Reliance

"My home had a very big river. When we were young, we would go swimming and fishing; it was something that made me very happy. We would lay under mango trees," Ngwu, an Ethiopian refugee living in Nairobi, Kenya, shared with us about his home country.

In 2004, conflict forced Ngwu to flee Ethiopia and seek safety in Kenya. He spent years in Dadaab Refugee Camp, where he worked, returned to school, and pursued electrical training. He later relocated to Kalobeyei Settlement, where renewed conflict forced him to flee to Nairobi. He arrived in Nairobi with almost nothing. Starting over in a new city was difficult for Ngwu.

"The biggest challenge was getting a place to stay," he recalled. Ngwu depended on others for somewhere to sleep, and moved between friends' homes. Access to food remained uncertain.

During this period, RefugePoint identified Ngwu and provided support with housing, rent, food, and essential household items. For Ngwu, this was a turning point. He finally had a home to call his own.

"I found happiness," he shared. "Before, I used to stress a lot. Now I have joy in my heart; I am happy."

Ngwu later participated in a RefugePoint business training and received a small business grant to establish a general retail shop. The business has become an important source of income and a foundation for his growing self-reliance.

"The money that I get from the business I pay house rent with," he explained. "Even that shop's rent I pay from it [the business]."

Looking ahead, Ngwu hopes to expand his business and even start a family of his own. "The things that were unachievable in my life, if I commit myself, they can be achieved," Ngwu said. "Everything that I do not have now may become possible."

Finances

As of the third quarter, RefugePoint has revenue totals of $8,613,415 against expense totals of $9,750,027. We anticipate strong fourth quarter fundraising efforts to end the year with a positive variance.

Year-to-Date Revenue

$ 8,613,415

Development

This quarter, RefugePoint and the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative co-hosted Redefining Humanitarian Leadership: Centering the Voices and Wisdom of Those Impacted by Conflict, an evening reception in New York during UN General Assembly High-Level Week. The event brought together philanthropic and humanitarian leaders and offered a valuable opportunity to connect with friends and supporters from our global community.



Abid Shamdeen, Co-Founder of Nadia's Initiative and RefugePoint Board Member, opened the evening's event with his own story. Abid spoke about growing up in Sinjar, Iraq, and about the lesson he took from ISIS's attack on the Yazidi community in 2014: the people living a crisis understand it best. That belief shaped Nadia's Initiative, where survivors lead the work instead of being its subject. "Humanitarian leadership to me is closing that distance," Abid shared.

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