

FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

## REAP FOR REFUGEES

The global refugee population has more than doubled in the last decade. At least 100 million people have been forced to leave their home over the last ten years. Today, sub-Saharan Africa hosts more than 26% of the world's refugee population, a number that has soared in recent years due to protracted wars and conflicts the Central African Republic (CAR), Nigeria and South Sudan.

Forced into unfamiliar environments, refugees and displaced persons often face low security and lack access to the most basic human rights and sustainable livelihoods.

In response, BOMA is adapting REAP to meet the needs of extremely poor refugees, displaced persons, returnees and host communities. In engagements in Chad, Uganda, and soon in Cameroon, these adaptations vary based on the specific program requirements, needs, livelihood and market context, and layering with program elements that are provided by various actors within the humanitarian system.

## KEY IMPACTS



### Refugee Empowerment

BOMA has adapted our approach to serve the specific contexts of refugees in multiple countries throughout the Arid and Semi-Arid lands of Africa.



### Thriving Communities

REAP for Refugees engages displaced persons, refugees, and host communities to deliver sustainable livelihoods.



### Sustainable Enterprise

BOMA and our location-specific partners engage participants for 12 to 24 months to build lasting businesses.

REAP for Refugees is engaging refugee populations and host communities to end the vicious cycle of extreme poverty. The steps of this approach include:



TARGETING



TRANSFER



TRAINING



MENTORING



SAVINGS



LINKAGES

# A GLOBAL APPROACH

BOMA, Caritas Switzerland (CACH), the Agency for Accelerated Regional Development (AFARD), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) are collaborating on a program called Street Children – Prevention through Sustainable Graduation from Poverty (PSGP) in the Yumbe District of West Nile, Uganda. This three-year multi-sectoral project aims to serve 500 households and adapt the graduation approach to address the needs of extremely poor refugee and host community households in the region. The program's objectives include improving financial resilience, child protection, and natural resource management outcomes for the targeted households and communities in West Nile, Uganda. The program has enrolled 450 households since its inception, comprising 30 percent refugees and 70 percent members of the host community. Of these participants, 78 percent are female, while the remaining 22 percent are male in West Nile, Uganda.

Across the continent in Burkina Faso, BOMA is supporting Swiss Caritas, and local NGO, APIL, with a the "Projet de Graduation pour l'Autonomie et la Dignité des personnes Déplacées et leur integration au sein des Communautés Hôtes (GADICH)." This is a graduation project aiming to strengthen the resilience and socio-economic development of displaced people and host communities to allow them to become productive members of their host communities. The target is 3,000 households (50% IDPs, 50% host communities) to graduate out of extreme poverty, increase income generating opportunities and livelihoods, and increase respect for human rights and increased feeling of security for displaced people.

So far, approximately 3,000 participants have been enrolled in Burkina Faso with an even proportion of IDPs and members of the host community represented. While 80 percent of the entrepreneurs in this program are women, 20 percent are men.

In January 2022, BOMA launched a similar program in Cameroon, in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). The program targets the Adamaoua and Eastern regions of the country, with a focus on enhancing economic resilience and food security for refugees and host communities facing extreme poverty. The program aims to achieve this by providing savings and access to financial services, as well as livelihood opportunities and market inclusion. Life skills training and awareness raising will also be conducted to reinforce behavior change, social inclusion, and social cohesion. The program has already enrolled 1,200 participants, who have formed 866 businesses to date.

In 2023, BOMA is enrolling 15,600 women, youth, and refugees living in extreme poverty as they initiate and grow 3,650 environmentally friendly enterprises in Samburu and Turkana counties through LIFT Northern Kenya, a program funded by IKEA Foundation. LIFT will establish green enterprises that can provide sustainable livelihoods while protecting the planet. A total of 4,950 participants from Kakuma Refugee Camp and the surrounding host community will be enrolled as part of LIFT – approximately 3,200 refugee participants and 1,750 from the host community.



## BOMA'S MISSION

BOMA's mission is to provide the people and governments of Africa's drylands with economic inclusion programs that increase resilience to multiple crises. Our vision is to see the end of extreme poverty in Africa's drylands by building lasting resilience to economic and environmental shocks.

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