

GHANA REFUGEE BOARD (GRB)

LIVELIHOODS FOR REFUGEES

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Refugee Policy

Liberal Refugee Policy

- Education
 - Free Compulsory Universal Basic Education (FCUBE)
 - Free Senior High School (FREE SHS)
 - Tertiary Level – Refugees pay local fees
- Access to work
 - Refugees allowed to work
 - GRB assists refugees obtain work permit

Language Training

- Local language
- English for non-English speaking refugees
- Language training concurrent with vocational/technical courses.

Qualified Professionals

- Already qualified professionals within refugee population
 - Identification of professionals
 - Translation and Authentication of certificates
 - Advocacy with potential employers
 - Work permits – Gratis

Livelihood Activities

Skills Training

- Food assistance to refugees end after emergency phase
- Programme designed with refugees' input
- Studies into marketing competitiveness
- In consultation with TVET institutions
- **Certification**
 - **National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI)**
 - **Certificates recognized internationally**

Skills Training cont'd

- Incentive – Small business financing
- Apprenticeship and job placement
- Promotion of self-employment
- Advocacy with businesses to employ trained refugees
- Access to land for agriculture facilitated

Modules

Includes but not limited to

- Language Training
- ICT
- Driving
- Auto mechanics
- Soap making
- Dressmaking
- Hairdressing

Modules cont'd

- Agriculture
 - Poultry
 - Piggery
 - Crop farming
 - Mushroom cultivation
 - Snail rearing
 - Fish farming









Positives/Success Stories

- Refugees set up businesses
- Refugees get employment
- Refugees are equipped with skills recognised internationally
- Local economy benefits from livelihood activities
- Self worth of refugees improved

Challenges

- Short duration of training sessions due to annual programme cycle
- Lack of availability of ready jobs
- Inadequate funds for setting up new businesses
- Language being a barrier due to low interest in language courses
- Low business acumen regarding some refugees

THANK YOU