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## About Us

The Women's Refugee Commission (WRC) is creating a better world for refugees. **WRC catalyzes transformative change to protect and empower women, children, and youth displaced by conflict and crisis.** WRC is recognized by UN agencies, governments, and humanitarian organizations around the world for our deep knowledge of critical issues impacting women and children who have been forced from their homes.

With unprecedented numbers of people displaced globally, **WRC's work to improve the lives and protect the rights of women, children, and youth is more critical than ever.** We research their needs, identify solutions, and advocate for programs and policies to strengthen their resilience and drive change in humanitarian practice. We shine a light on issues and identify opportunities. We sound the alarm. We advocate tirelessly for positive change. We bring key players around the table to engage in solution-oriented conversations on topics of global importance.

WRC brings more than 30 years of expertise to ensure that the humanitarian community anticipates and responds to the ever-changing and evolving nature of refugee and forced migration crises. As a leading expert on these issues, **WRC influences refugee policy in the US and abroad, illuminates human rights violations on the US/Mexico border, and strives to ensure that gender equality is prioritized throughout humanitarian response work.** While we continue to support the safety and survival needs of women and girls at the onset of a crisis, we also actively advance solutions that accelerate their ability to rebuild their lives.

When women and girls feel safe, they can access health care and education. When they earn a living and play a role in shaping their environment, they can achieve independence. When they are economically independent and empowered to make decisions about their lives, their families and their communities also benefit and can thrive. This is WRC's work. **We move refugees from survival to independence.**

# Our Impact

## Economic empowerment and self-reliance

We afford refugees the opportunity to earn a living to increase their self-reliance and resilience, restore their dignity and choice, and protect them from harm.

## Sexual and reproductive health

We ensure that lifesaving sexual and reproductive health services are available to all refugees from the onset of every emergency.

## Gender and social inclusion

We advance gender equality and ensure marginalized groups, including displaced women, persons with disabilities, and adolescent girls, play an active role in decisions affecting their lives.

## Rights and justice

We work to ensure that the legal and human rights and dignity of migrant, stateless, and refugee women and children are respected.

## Sexual and gender-based violence

We are fundamentally transforming the way sexual and gender-based violence is addressed in humanitarian settings.



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