

Focus group discussion (FGDs) with RLOs managers, staff and volunteers

Instructions to the interviewer

The research team will conduct FGDs with RLO managers, staff, and volunteers. Those FGD will be used to triangulate KIIs with RLO leaders, and to gather further information on the factors that understand the practices and response of RLOs (RQ1), gather their perceptions of the impact they are making in the community (RQ2), and understand the factors that determine the response and impact of RLOs (RQ3).

Presenting the project and objectives of the interview

My name is X, and I am the Kenya/Uganda/Ethiopia/Tanzania lead researcher for a study on refugee-led initiatives in East Africa. The study is led by the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network (LERRN) at Carleton University in partnership with the Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) at the University of Oxford.

In this study, we are interested in exploring the work and impact of refugee-led organisations or refugee-led initiatives like you. We have included formal or informal associations, groupings, initiatives or organisations that work for the benefit of the refugee community. Those initiatives can be created and led by refugees, or have refugees in the management and leadership of the organisation. Your participation in this research is important, as managers, staff and volunteers of [name of the RLO].

This FGD intends to gather further information on the work that your RLO does, what challenges you face, and the impact you make on the community.

[At the beginning of the interview, go through the oral consent form.]

Checklist before starting the interview.

FGD date	
Start time	
End time	
Location	
Moderator's name	
Note taker's name	

FGD participants' profiles

#	Age	Sex	Nationality	Phone number (or alternative means of communication)	Organisation	Position within the organisation
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Questions:

1. What motivates refugees to start RLOs?

- What motivated your group to start a RLO?
- What motivated you to work or volunteer for a RLO?

Participants' responses

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2. In what ways has your RLOs/organisation/group impacted the community?

- How does your community perceive your impact/work?
- How do your beneficiaries perceive your impact/work?
- How do other organizations (including other RLOs, UNHCR and its implementing organizations) perceive your impact/work?
- How does the local authority perceive your impact/work?

Participants' responses

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3. What support do you get (if any) from your community and/or from donors, partners, government authorities, UNHCR and its implementing partners?

Participants' responses

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4. What successes are you proud of to date?

Participants' responses

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5. What challenges (if any) are you facing in carrying out your mission in regards to:

- domestic and local political opportunities?
- regulatory environment?
- registration process?
- legal recognition

- public infrastructure
- accessing funding opportunities?

Participants' responses

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6. How did/do you manage to tackle the mentioned challenges?

Participants' responses

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7. Only for participants from co-led RLOs only: Why do you think refugees opt to start co-led organisations/groups?

- How is the composition of your organisation/group leadership (refugees vs citizens)?
- How is the power balance within your organizations/groups between refugees and citizens in terms of decision making?
- What roles/responsibilities do citizens have?
- What roles/responsibilities do refugees have?

Participants' responses

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