

## OUR RESULTS

### 70+

sponsored students enter Canada each year to pursue their education at Canadian universities and colleges.



### 1,400+

post-secondary students have been sponsored via the Student Refugee Program since 1978.

### 97%\*

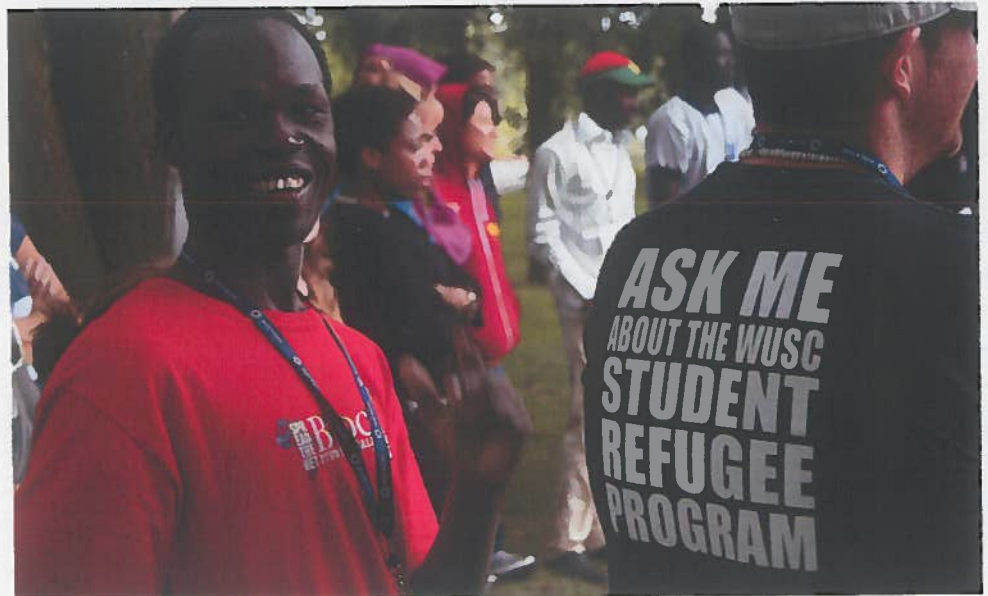
of SRP students successfully complete their studies and 85% find employment in their field.

\* (as per impact study)

## STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM

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5. Working with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and other partners to check the exit and entry requirements for sponsored students and to make sure that the sponsored students meet the admissibility criteria set by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
6. Providing comprehensive pre-departure orientation for sponsored students
7. Providing support, guidance, and training to Local Committees who work with the sponsored students
8. Welcoming refugee students to their new adventure in Canada!



## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Our SRP donors include the hard-working Local Committees across Canada, many individual donors, and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities, as well as many others who provide essential in-kind support around the world.

WUSC – World University Service of Canada – is a Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to providing **education, employment** and **empowerment** opportunities to disadvantaged youth around the world. WUSC's approach is informed by decades of experience linking our network of over 80 universities and colleges in Canada to civil society and public and private sector partners to facilitate the exchange of skills and knowledge.

WUSC works towards a world in which all young people can grow up in safe, secure and supportive environments; have access to high quality education opportunities from early childhood to adulthood; are able to secure fair, decent and fulfilling employment; and can actively participate in all aspects of their society's development.

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In refugee camps, opportunities for higher education remain limited, and many bright and talented young students are unable to achieve their academic and professional goals. Since 1978, WUSC's youth-to-youth sponsorship arrangement, the Student Refugee Program (SRP) is the only long-term program of its kind worldwide. The SRP places refugee students with Canadian student groups on campuses who give financial and day-to-day support to help students integrate to their new life and their studies at universities and colleges across Canada. In addition to benefiting the individuals who come to Canada, the SRP is a tool for Canadians to deepen their understanding of forced migration, development challenges, and the connection between global and local issues.

## STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM

Every year, WUSC staff travel to refugee camps in Kenya, Malawi, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia to select promising young candidates that will benefit from the Student Refugee Program. Refugee students come from a wide variety of countries such as Burundi, Burma, DRC, Ethiopia, Iraq, Rwanda, Somalia, Syria and South Sudan. Each refugee student is sponsored by a WUSC Local Committee on campus, which consists of students, staff and faculty. These volunteer groups raise the necessary funds to support the student for his or her first year in Canada by negotiating with their college or university

administrations to waive tuition, residence fees, meal plans or by soliciting donations for other necessary items. Local Committees also act as a social network for students and help them adapt to their new community and campus environment.

The SRP is the only one of its kind in the world, and that allows refugee students to pursue their education in a safe and peaceful environment. At the same time, it enables Canadian students, faculty and the broader public to learn first-hand about newcomer integration, fostering greater cross-cultural understanding. Many WUSC Local Committees organize campaigns and public events to raise awareness on refugee and international development issues among wider campus and community audiences.

## HOW THE SRP WORKS

Throughout each sponsorship, SRP staff and volunteers are responsible for:

1. Selecting refugee students, which takes place in refugee camps or urban refugee centers in Malawi, Kenya, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Selection is based on personal aptitudes and academic merit
2. Negotiating with Canadian universities and colleges for the enrolment, placement and tuition of sponsored students
3. Ensuring that sponsored students are academically prepared for study in Canada, including through English language testing
4. Arranging for one year of accommodation for sponsored students

