UWC REFUGEE INITIATIVE
STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

UWC Congress
Trieste, October 2016
65.3 million forcibly displaced people worldwide

Refugees 21.3 million
- 16.1 million under UNHCR mandate
- 5.2 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

Stateless people 10 million

Where the world’s displaced people are being hosted
- 12% Americas
- 29% Africa
- 6% Europe
- 39% Middle East and North Africa
- 14% Asia and Pacific

54% of refugees worldwide came from three countries
- Somalia 1.1m
- Afghanistan 2.7m
- Syria 4.9m

Top hosting countries
- Jordan 664,100
- Ethiopia 736,100
- Islamic Republic of Iran 979,400
- Lebanon 1.1m
- Pakistan 1.6m
- Turkey 2.5m

33,972 people a day forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution

9,700 staff
UNHCR employs 9,700 staff (figures from December 2015)

126 countries
We work in 126 countries

We are funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions, with 86 percent from governments and the European Union.
OBJECTIVES OF UWC REFUGEE INITIATIVE

1. Offer a beacon of hope to aspiring young refugees and migrants
2. Educate future civic leaders
3. Set a benchmark for successful education pathways for refugees and migrants
4. Educate up to 100 additional refugee scholars per year at UWC Colleges on full scholarships
CURRENT SITUATION

5% 50 2-4
Current UWC students refer Per year Average number of Students refer to themselves as having a to themselves as having a to College having a refugee or displaced refugee or displaced background background background

UWC Refugee Initiative 100 4-6
Working towards Students refer to themselves as Average number of Having a refugee or displaced having a refugee or displaced refugee students per having a refugee or displaced displaced background per year College background per year

Mostly from:
Syria, Western Sahara, Palestine & Yemen
1. PASTORAL CARE - more specialist training in trauma therapy, psychological support
2. VISAS - more complex and longer process requiring specialist support, especially if the student has UN paper instead of a passport
3. ADDITIONAL COSTS - travel, documents, academic support, pastoral care, and unforeseen costs
4. POST-UWC SUPPORT - What after graduation? Will they be sent back? How to transition to tertiary education or professional internship
5. MIGRANTS - select more refugees in their new host countries
6. SENSITIVE PLACEMENT - close to home or in countries that make sense for scholars’ particular personal, social or familial circumstances

According to 2016 February survey
RAISING AWARENESS

UWC Events

CITY OF THORNS
BEN RAWLENCE

UWC WEDDINGS

UWC FOODIES

UWC Alumni initiatives

And many more...
FUNDRAISING

100 = $7.5m

Full Scholarships for refugees

Per year

Scholarship funding for 2017 entry available for 39 refugee scholars (situation at the end of October, 2016)

Current donor partnerships:

- 100 LIVES (Aurora Humanitarian Initiative)
- Horizon Foundation
- Cogito Scholarship Foundation

Several donor prospects
DEVELOPING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS
1. BROKEN EDUCATION - attracting qualified students
2. POTENTIAL - assessing academic motivation and aptitude
3. PSYCHOLOGICAL - assessing fitness and ability to cope at UWC
4. FUNDING - to support students’ “extra” costs of attending a UWC (pocket money, travel and visa fees)
5. SAFEGUARDING FAMILIES - where the scholar is the only breadwinner in their family
6. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT - before and during - and sometimes after - their UWC
7. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, VISAS

According to 2016 survey: National Committees in Afghanistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Palestine, Syria