

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR REFUGEES

Barriers

&

Opportunities





Who Are Refugees

Diverse Experiences, Diverse Challenges

Individuals who have fled their country due to threat from government, conflict, or natural disaster

17 Years

Average time spent in displacement

180 Days

Amount of time a refugee has to become "self-sufficient"

125,000

Number of individuals that can be resettled in the US next year

\$1,225

Amount per person that can be used for resettlement

Initial Barriers



Travel Debt:

Refugees automatically arrive in debt



Language and Culture

Difficult navigating the system



Ticking Clock

Limited time to find high paying jobs

Example

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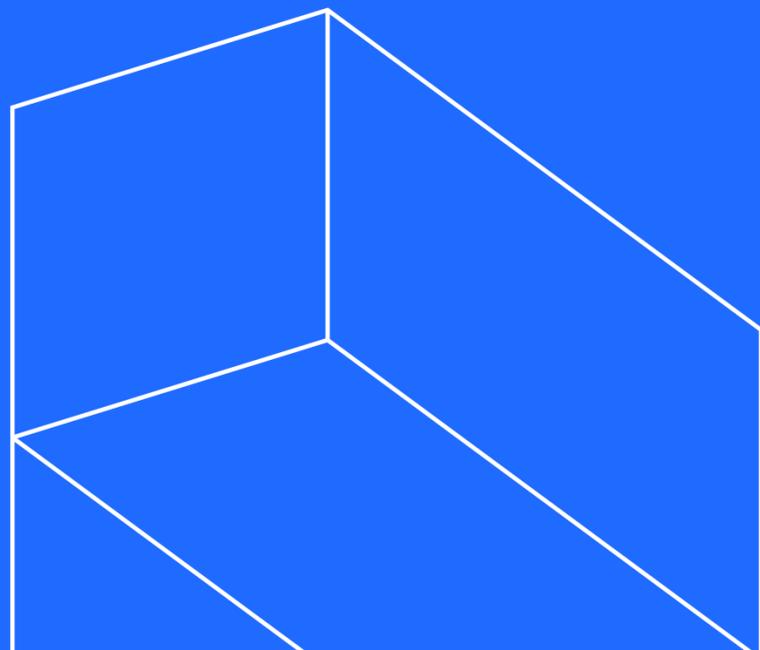
"J" from Congo: Speaks 3 languages, Diploma, Professional Experience, Interrupted Education

Month one: R&P

\$1225- \$500 rent, \$500 security deposit, \$225 furniture

Month 2-6: Match Grant

Cash allowance to cover costs while job searching



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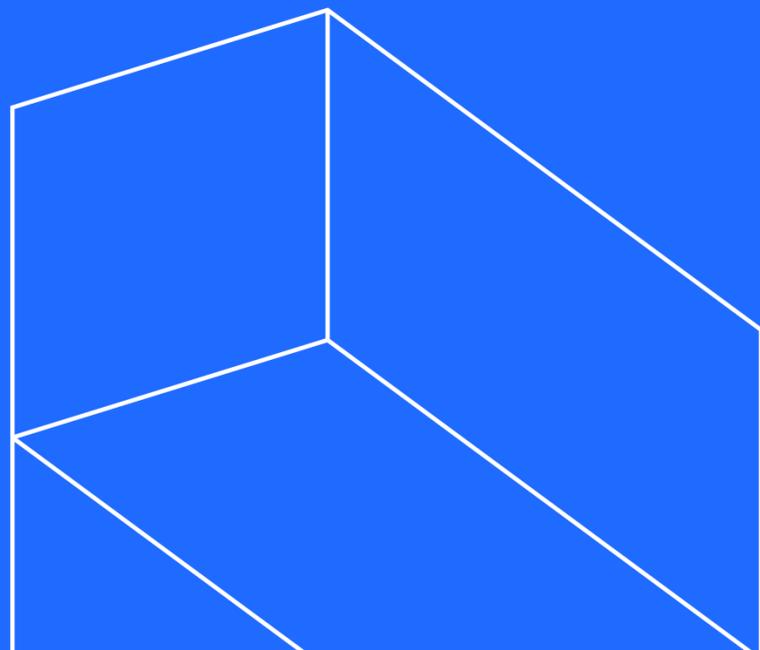
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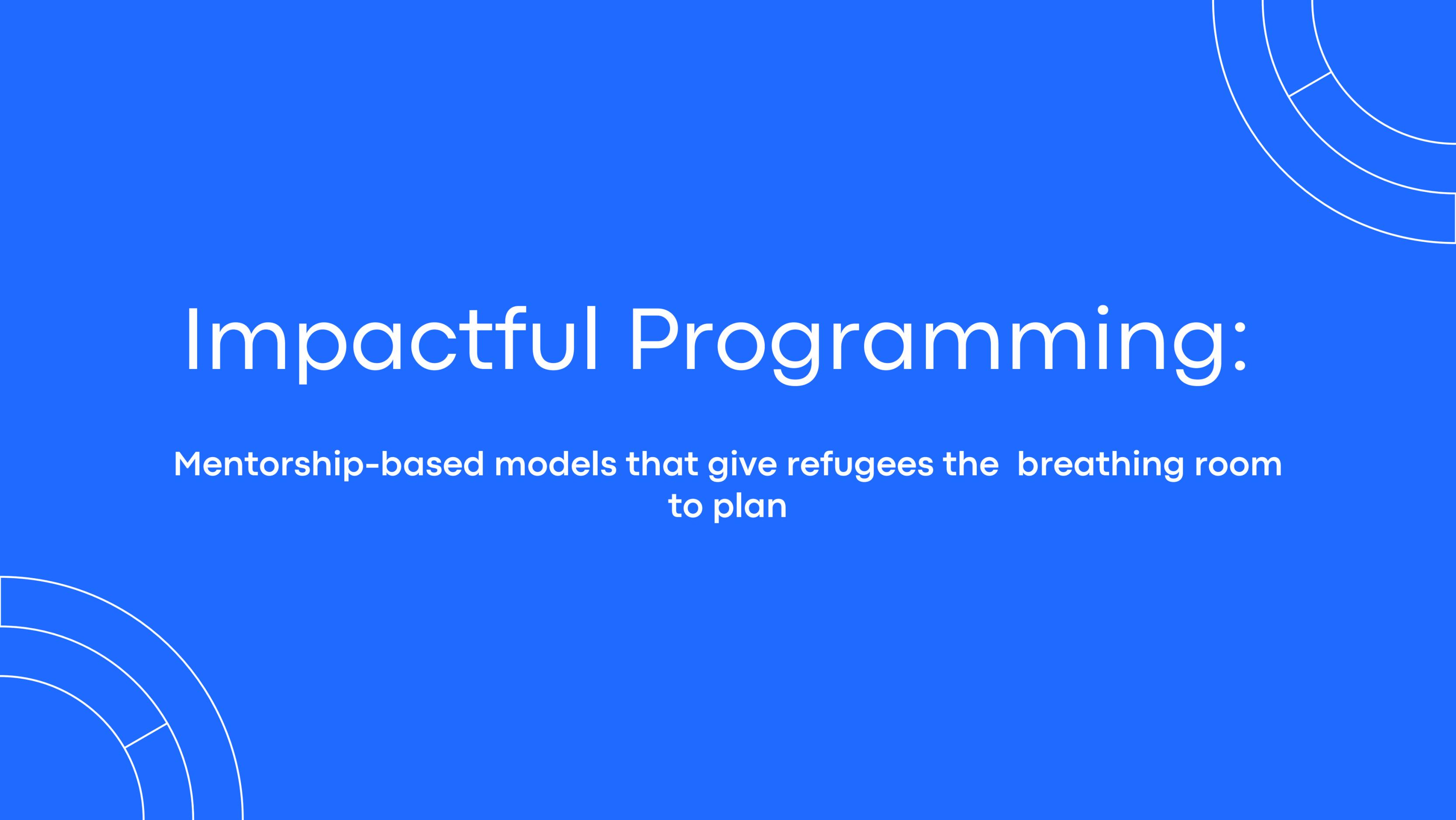
""I" from Sudan: English speaker, 18 years old, no high school diploma

Race Against the Clock to Graduate High School

High Pressure to be an Income Earner

Educational Background in Camp





Impactful Programming:

Mentorship-based models that give refugees the breathing room
to plan

Teen Response

Providing long-term mentoring to first generation college students.

Engages with families and social service providers.

100% graduate on time.



Flexible Learning Programs

J attended free Phlebotomy Training
Worked around his work schedule
Graduated in 10 weeks





Innovative Programming

Comes from within refugee communities themselves

CAB Program

Small grants to refugee and immigrant community leaders



