Exploring the Plight of Refugees

Since 9/11, the movement of refugees across the global landscape has become an increasingly important issue to many countries. 11.3 million people live in segregated settlements or refugee camps worldwide and 7.3 million of them have been there for 10 years or more. A further 23.6 million are internally displaced in their own countries, which means that they are not recognized as refugees under the UN Convention.

A Better Shared Understanding

The Refugee Research Cluster (RRC) will partner with academics, practitioners and policymakers across Canada and around the world to explore the complex issues surrounding all levels of the refugee experience. The RRC will not only change the way we think about refugees, but will help to contribute to the development of better public policy and improve lives. A sound investment in our future.

The Cost of Not Acting

By not exploring the complexities inherent to the refugee experience, Canadians will be at a serious disadvantage when it comes to formulating policy solutions. These solutions could improve the determination and settlement of refugees in Canada and meet our obligations for refugee protection and humanitarian aid abroad.

Real-World Solutions to Real-World Challenges

Real-world challenges demand different angles, different approaches, and different attitudes. Interdisciplinary and collaborative, York University research delivers relevant insights and meaningful solutions that address today’s complex social issues.