

with limited direct assistance to cover certain expenses. Additionally, support for survivors of SGBV includes mechanisms for communal healing that view suffering collectively and encourage recovery and reintegration of survivors into the community.

Legal Services

HIAS advocates for favorable policies and legislation for refugees. HIAS works to create partnerships to protect the rights of refugees and also promotes community-based protection by educating refugees and empowering them to speak up for their rights. Additionally, HIAS provides a safe and dignified safe housing facility the most at-risk refugees.

HIAS also engages in stakeholder coordination and capacity-building activities to advance refugee protection at the policy level. Partners include refugee community leaders, refugee organizations, civil society groups, government agencies, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) hospitals, schools, universities, lawyers, and other professionals. This coordination and capacity building allows HIAS to refer clients to needed services and trainings; build capacity in the sector on refugee rights; develop joint initiatives to advance policy change to increase refugee protection; and, as appropriate, support strategic litigation by other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to advance refugee rights.



As part of its legal protection work, also HIAS partners with local NGOs, resettlement country governments and UNHCR to ensure the integrity of the refugee resettlement system and to advocate and promote durable solutions – local integration, safe and voluntary repatriation and resettlement, where critical.

Livelihood Services

The livelihood program seeks to enhance opportunities for self-reliance and skills-building for refugees, promote and support business enterprise development for refugees and advocate for a business-friendly environment for refugees. The program works closely with refugee communities and their leadership in development of program design, evaluation, and follow through. HIAS builds the organizational, technical, and operating capacity of local community-based organizational partners to provide, services that benefit both vulnerable refugees and host communities. This is done through skills training, financial literacy and issuing of business startup kits.

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