



Supporting resettled refugees French Red Cross

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IN 2019 10 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EAST AFRICA WHO WERE STAYING IN REFUGEES CAMPS IN NIGER ARRIVED IN THE FRENCH CITY OF MONTPELLIER

Since 2019, the French Red Cross manages refugees' resettlement programs.

In this context, in 2019, the **French Red Cross** started to manage a resettlement program aimed at reinforcing assistance to young refugees from East Africa.

Mohamed-Aman arrived in France in 2019. He was picked up at the airport by the French Red Cross and then taken to the Red Cross building to meet with a team of social workers. The team explained to him the necessary administrative steps to get his residency permit and access to his basic rights. Once Mohamed's administrative situation and French classes were on their way, he started taking classes on construction in a training center. It has not been always easy for him

“ *When I started at the training center, I did not know anything about the equipment. When I wanted something I did not know how to ask for it. There were times when I was a bit confused and it made me laugh a lot.* ”

Covid-19 has been very tough for all of the young refugees as it interrupted their training, French classes and social interactions. However, thanks to the resettlement program managed by the French Red Cross, Mohamed has been able to obtain the necessary support he needed for the smooth running of his integration in France.

IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

The program managed by the Red Cross has allowed for the young refugees to:

- To enjoy French classes delivered by the French Office of Immigration and Integration;
- To be delivered identity documents as well as residence permit;
- To enjoy a medical checkup and access medical structures with social security;
- To access their social rights and perceive income on a bank account;
- To enter accommodation as a tenant or housing based on personal situation, to learn to cohabit;
- To take part in cultural activities;
- To build up a professional project to access training, employment or education.

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