

“Being part of a real construction team made me feel valuable and human again,” Achmed from Syria



Happy and colorful construction team in Kavala Greece 2016 people from all over the world, with a variety of talents, backgrounds and experiences.

Everybody should have a roof to feel welcome. A place where you can be yourself, no matter what.

We believe that social interaction is an essential aspect of building a life with human dignity. Social contact is a basic need of human beings, coming right after food and shelter. To be in connection with your social environment is intensely valuable to people.

Moreover, precisely in areas like refugee camps with little protection and comfort, there is a need for a stable place to grow in relation to others.

It is through cooperation and building together that we share expertise and experiences that contribute to the personal growth of those in the camps.

By building a roof for humanity, RfH where social activities find place in all different shapes. People in these harsh circumstances get the opportunity to connect and have social contact in a comfortable and safe place.

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Sharing knowledge and creating positive experiences with each other, makes people smile!



picture above: small part of the team in Kavala Greece 2016 "I am, because we are," great communal spirit.

In collaboration with Northern Lights Aid and UNHCR. Financed by crowd-funding and donations from both ngo's.

RfH at events creating awareness and dialogue



RfH at the Architecture Biennale in Venice 2016. In addition to the community centers in refugee camps, we also build temporary structures in the public space. Together with everyone who's passing by and wants to join. Inviting people inside for a dialogue.



picture up right: happy girls in their self made 'Giving Cafe' at RfH community spaces in Kara Tepe, Lesbos Greece 2015.



picture left: Volunteers of the ngo Movement on the Ground are teaching children English classes in the same community center in Kara Tepe.

In collaboration with the Boat Refugee Foundation and UNHCR. Financed by RfH's crowdfunding and donations of the Boat Refugee Foundation.

MISSION:

Our mission is to provide for those who have been forcefully displaced a safe, stable and social place in which they can rebuild a life of human dignity.

We do this by building a space in which everyone at all times feels welcome and protected. This community space shall offer room for education, social interaction, and a place where children can be children.

Our team offers expertise and support during the building process, from the design stage to the full realization of the project.

In every project, we cooperate with parties already present on site or in the surrounding area, allowing for existing knowledge, local materials and traditions to be integrated.

With a team of locals, camp residents, international builders and organisations, we join forces to generate a solid foundation that offers long-term stability.

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Bringing people together



Stimulate talent, create traineeships



Integrate traditional handcrafts



To show the beauty of old cultures and at the same time create opportunities to start small business for young talented handcraft-men.

These Ekichiolong chairs are part of the furniture in the Klabu Sportclub House in Kalobeyei, Turkana county Kenya. Realized January 2019.



PROCESS / CONNECTIONS:

With each project RfH comes with a basic plan, a flexible structure to create a communal space and which is able to adapt the input of the end users.

Local companies and traditional craftsman with the refugees to encourage them, coach them to work together and give both the opportunity to get to know one another.

By introducing them in a work mode creates a safe surrounding for the first step to come in a dialogue. Having the same goal, gives them a common sense whereby they understand each other from the start.

We encourage all parties to be open and guide the team to establish intercultural connections throughout the entire building process.

No matter which background, status or educational level, we believe all people are valuable and show that everybody can **LEARN FROM EACH OTHER!**

All this input makes our projects very rich, site specific and unique.

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Together we **can** make a difference!



Klabu Sports Club House, Kalobeyei settlement Kenya 2019 In Corporation with Klabu, LWF and UNHCR.

TOGETHER:

We share knowledge, experiences and traditions from all over the world. We connect, get to know each other and have a lot of fun.

By building these gathering spaces we also build a network of people who care about each other. A lively community which believes that sharing and giving is the start of a peaceful society.

Roof for Humanity believes that together we are stronger. Only by joining forces we can make the change we want to achieve.

A peaceful world with all kind of beautiful people, where children can play, study and develop their lives.

Where we support young adults to feel confident by developing their talent. Together we give opportunities to grow.

In a society where we live together with so many different people, it's important to make space for one another.

Room for Humanity.

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The average material and construction costs for each RfH project are approximately EUR 25.000,- collected together with our partners through crowdfunding, funding and donations. For future projects additional sponsors are more than welcome.