

AGAINST THE ODDS: REFUGEE INTEGRATION IN KENYA

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20 March 2020 – Kisumu, Kenya – Access to a new resource has been added to the PM World Library (PMWL) related to solving global human and social problems. The new resource is titled “Against the odds: Refugee integration in Kenya”, by Sorcha O’Callaghan and Georgina Sturge published as a Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) Working Paper in December 2018.

Kenya has a long history of hosting refugees and is the home of the 10th largest refugee population in the world. The constitution guarantees freedom to all refugees to enter, remain and reside anywhere in the country but they are prohibited from leaving the camps. They have access to water, education and have free medical facilities. Refugees are given the same right to employment as other non-nationals and are given “refugee identity cards” that affords them a small measure of protection from harassment, extortion and violence at the hands of security officials.

The perceived negative impacts of refugees can be seen as they are considered to be a burden on one hand and on the other as competitors for Kenyan jobs. It has been stated that there are negative impacts associated with refugees as the camps contribute to shortage of firewood and reduction of ground water levels. The macroeconomic impacts of the camps are negligible. Majority of the refugees are self-employed or are engaged in the informal sector. They are linked to crime, illegality and insecurity where an increase in proliferation of light arms and small weapons is on them. They are linked with terrorism and piracy and are said to procure Kenyan IDs through black market.

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O’Callaghan, S. and Sturge, G. (2018): **Against the odds: Refugee integration in Kenya**. Published in HPG Working Papers, December. Available online at <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/12542.pdf> ([Chebet](#))

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