



Reliable Refugee storytellers Association

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# ACRONYMS

<i>RRSA</i>	Reliable Refugee Storytellers Association
<i>CBO</i>	Community Based Organization
<i>DACE</i>	Digital Action for Community Empowerment
<i>ASKNET</i>	Access to Skills and Knowledge Network
<i>CC</i>	Creative Commons
<i>RWC</i>	Refugee Welfare Council
<i>GYM</i>	Global Youth Mobiliaztion
<i>KVA</i>	Kiryandongo Video Advocates
<i>UNOY</i>	United Network of young peacebuilders

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Yesua Aliko Uriah

Executive Director-  
RRSA

In 2025, RRSA reached over 1,688 people in Bidibidi through three independent yet synergistic pilots: The Green Camp Project: Empowered youth as Climate Champions. By blending environmental advocacy with indigenous knowledge, these leaders spearheaded community reforestation and e-waste initiatives.

The Refugee Archives Project: Secured narrative sovereignty for South Sudanese heritage. Refugees acted as cultural custodians, digitizing oral histories to ensure memory remains community-owned.

Digital Action for Community Empowerment: Focused on ethical storytelling training. This initiative equipped members with the tools to produce dignified, authentic content, countering stereotypes and amplifying refugee-led solutions and developed RRSA story checklist.

Together, these projects transform refugees from subjects of aid into environmental and digital leaders.

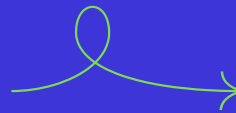
# Project Snapshot

## Green Camp Project

The team mobilized youth in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement to participate in environmental restoration and distributed over 500 tree seedlings to encourage re-greening of degraded areas. It also raised environmental awareness through community storytelling, integrating climate education into their grassroots media work.

The project has created a shared community space where refugees engage as storytellers, peacebuilders and environmental caretakers, strengthening ownership of local environmental action.

Greening the environment



## Refugee Archive: Culture in Commons

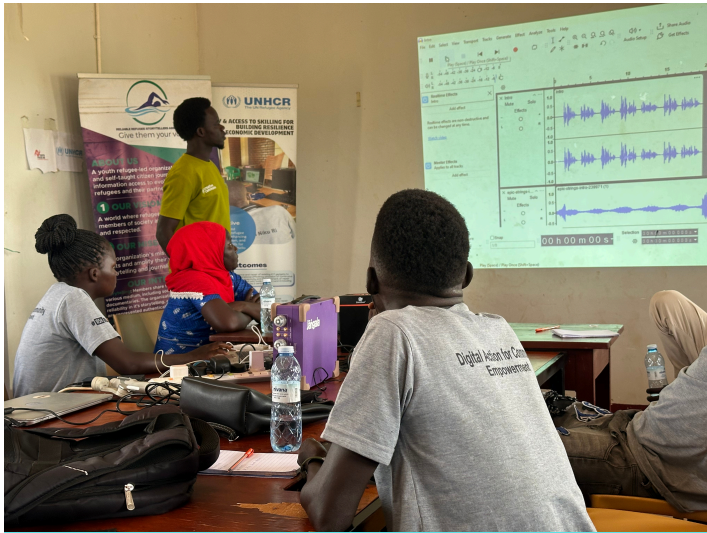
RRSA conducted three community workshops in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, documenting cultural heritage from five tribes, targeting two participants per tribe to be equipped with knowledge and cultural documentation and become active stake holders in the online and living archive for the next generation. Oral histories, songs, and traditional practices were digitized and published on open-access platforms using Creative Commons licenses.

## Digital Action for Community Empowerment (DACE)

The program strengthened youth skills in digital storytelling and ethical media use.

Through a short intensive course and field practice, participants received valuable skills in digital and ethical storytelling and learnt soft skills in recording, editing, and publishing community stories for impact.





## The Power of Storytelling

WE BELIEVE THAT STORYTELLING IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN TOOL THAT FOSTERS EMPATHY, CONNECTS PEOPLE ACROSS BOUNDARIES, AND PRESERVES CULTURE



## OUR IMPACT

**1200+**

**Refugees reached with peace message focusing on peaceful co-existence.**



**40**

**Youth Trained in Ethical Storytelling**



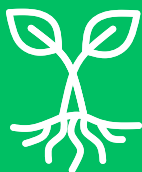
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cultural documentarians trained from the Bidibidi settlement so community members can record, preserve and manage their own cultural materials.



**500+**

**Seedlings Distributed to 150 youth in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement zone one**



**135** Reached

In June 2025, RRSA implemented a localized campaign aimed at empowering refugee voices through storytelling dialogue in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, Yumbe District, Uganda. The campaign sought to spotlight refugee experiences, foster advocacy through personal narratives and promote community-led dialogue and awareness.



# From the community



My name is Denma Susan. I represent the women's section. I am originally from Muru and married into Madi. I was glad to attend the cultural documentation training held in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement. This was the first training of its kind since I arrived here. I learned how neighboring tribes organize ceremonies, how they pass down stories, and which traditions need safeguarding. The sessions also helped me reflect on customs in my own community and to separate what to preserve from what we might change.

I thank Reliable Refugee Storytellers Association for organizing the training and for working directly with our community. The knowledge we gained will help us document our culture and hand it on to the next generation.



I participated in the DACE training, which strengthened my professional capacity in ethical storytelling and media documentation. The training equipped me with practical skills in responsibly approaching sources, conducting structured interviews, gathering accurate information, recording high-quality video and audio content, and editing audio and videos for effective storytelling. I sincerely appreciate the Reliable Refugee Storytelling Association for organizing and implementing the DACE Program, as the knowledge and skills gained have enabled me to contribute meaningfully to community storytelling and media initiatives with professionalism and integrity.

collaborative  
community means a  
better tomorrow

Every day is a *step*  
*closer* to success



# LOCAL

# IMPACT

# About Reliable Refugee Storytellers Association

*Reliable Refugee Storytellers Association is a dynamic community based organization (CBO) dedicated to promoting access to open knowledge, economic empowerment, environmental protection and peacebuilding initiatives in displacement settings. By fostering holistic approach to development Reliable Refugee Storytellers Association aims to create resilient, knowledgeable, and economically vibrant communities that live harmoniously and sustainable.*

## Vision

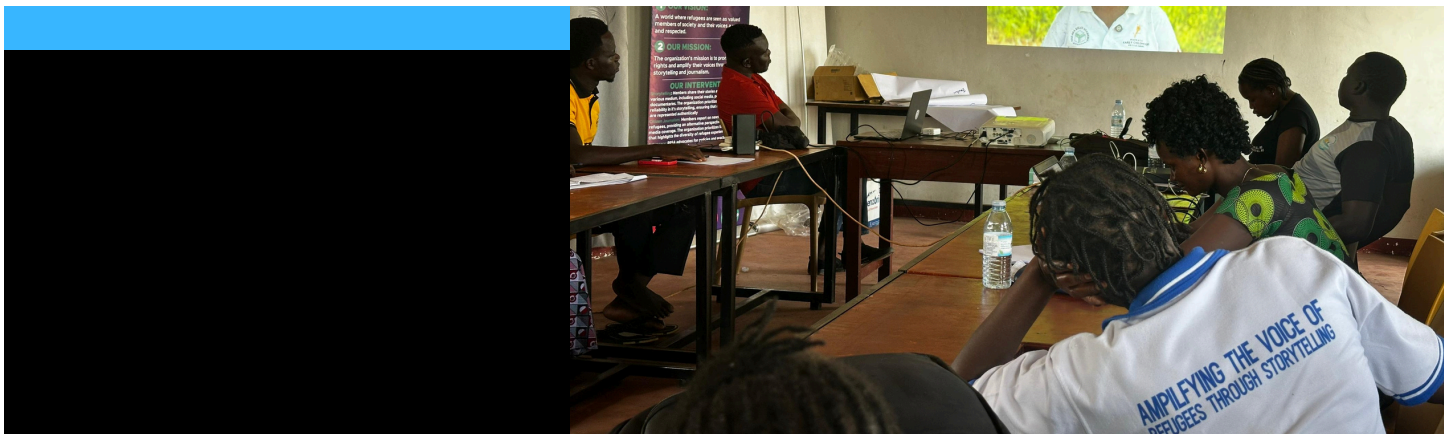


To build a thriving and harmonious society where every individual has the knowledge, resources, and opportunities to live sustainably, achieve economic prosperity and contribute to lasting peace.

## Our MISSION



To empower communities through accessible knowledge, economic opportunities, gender equality, and peacebuilding efforts fostering sustainable and inclusive society.





# Areas of intervention



## Peacebuilding

At RRSA, our Peacebuilding programs are designed to heal divisions and foster unity. By equipping local facilitators with conflict-resolution tools, creating safe spaces for honest conversation, and celebrating shared cultural bonds, we help rebuild trust and lay the groundwork for lasting harmony.

## Livelihood

At Reliable Refugee Storytellers Association, our livelihood programs equip refugees and host-community youth with the practical skills, mentorship, and market connections needed to build sustainable incomes

## Storytelling

We record, edit, and publish stories with dignity and consent and we work with storytellers to make sure their voices are heard.

## Environmental Protection

We use storytelling as a powerful tool to raise awareness, mobilize communities and influence behavior change around environmental protection in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement and host communities.

## HEALTH

At RRSA we support whole person health mental, emotional and reproductive through community centered education, counselling, and safe referrals.

## Cultural Preservation

RRSA documents, protects and shares refugee and host-community cultures so future generations can learn, heal, and celebrate their identity.



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YOUTH RECEIVED  
CERTIFICATES AFTER  
COMPLETION OF  
STORYTELLING TRAINING



A Digitally informed  
world **Today**, is a secured  
**Tomorrow**



# OUR PARTNERS

To our partners, thank you for your continued partnership and trust. Your support has strengthened our programs and lifted the voices of the communities we serve in Bidibidi. We look forward to deepening this work together.



Since 2024 rOg agency has partnered with RRSA, this was made possible through Access to Skills and Knowledge Network (ASKNET).



The Access to Skills and Knowledge Network has been one of the prominent networks that helped us reach the community in Bidibidi Refugee settlement through sub granting our activities such as Podcast, media trainings



in 2025 Global Youth Mobilization made it possible for us to take action on environment. Through the grants, RRSA was able to distribute tree seedlings that was planted in response to the environment protection



Creative Commons has been a key partner to us CC has given us support to train cultural documentarians, document and archive the cultural heritage of the south Sudanese refugees living in Bidibidi refugee settlement



Since 2024, Jangala has bridged the digital divide by providing internet access. this has made our communication with Development partners, stakeholders in Bidibidi and beyond possible and simplified.



The United Network of Young Peacebuilders, has enhanced our Capacity as an Organization through series of online capacity building sessions from Financial management, Programs and international exposure and 4days fundraising training in Ethiopia with member Organization in East and south Africa





132  
Reached

RRSA together with Kiryandongo Video Advocates (KVA) used facilitated community film screenings as a dynamic and inclusive tool to raise awareness, foster dialogue, and drive action on two intersecting issues affecting refugee communities in Uganda. this activity included Refugee Welfare Councils (RWCs)

VOICE OF RESILIENCE FILM SCREENING  
TOUR



My culture  
my Identity

In 2023 RRSA reached 20 youth as direct beneficiaries for Livelihood program supported by Global Refugee Youth Network (GRYN) where they got support in land renting that would aid them cultivate crops to supplement their food.

## **RRSA Team**

Thank you to every team member for the commitment, discipline, and care you put into this work. Your effort made the results possible, and it does not go unnoticed.

## **Board Of Directors**

1. Pagu Muhamed – Board Chair Person
2. Tarkwe Jacline – Finance/ Treasurer
3. Yesua Aliko Uriah – Secretary & Executive Director
4. Moro John Awu – Strategic planning committee chair
5. Ikisa Magret – Member

## **Staff Team**

1. Yesua Aliko Uriah – Executive Director
2. Emmanuel Alio Denis – Programs Manager
3. Asiki Ronalio – Finance Admin
4. Maneno Vivian – General Secretary
5. Kokole Jimmy – MEAL Manager
6. Ijobiru Sauda – Gender inclusion Officer
7. Dadi Wilbert – HR Manager
8. Emmanuel Sabote – Procurement Officer
9. Christine Onzia Wani – Media Officer
10. Sheriffa Siwezi – Field Officer
11. Monday Harriet – Field Officer

## Financial Summary

### 2025 Revenue in (UGX)

Income	Total (UGX)
Opening Balance	16,204,88
Donations	34,828,000
Local Incomes	2,500,000
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>35,844,204</b>

### 2025 Expenses (UGX)

Expenses	Total (UGX)
Open Culture Activity Fund 2025	6,284,000
Global Youth Mobilization	8,800,000
Rog Agency	15,827,000
RRSA General Fund	2,500,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>33,411,000</b>

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