



Windle Trust International

KENYA

Windle Trust Kenya (WTK) was established by the late Dr Hugh Pilkington in 1977 to invest in the education of refugees and other needy individuals in Kenya. The Trust provides opportunities for refugees to study so that they may rebuild their lives and acquire skills to bring peaceful development to their own communities.

Context

At the end of 2006 Kenya was host to over 250,000 refugees, the majority of whom have fled from the conflicts in Somalia and Southern Sudan. Kakuma camp in Northern Kenya is home to about 70,000 refugees, mainly Sudanese, and Dadaab camp in North-east Kenya to about 160,000 refugees mostly from Somalia.

**"It is in my mind that
if I am educated then
I can help others,
especially the
vulnerable ones"**
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Sponsorship in Higher Education

WTK, with funding from donors including the United Nations, European Governments, Trusts and private individuals, supports eighty refugees in higher education and professional training in Kenya. In partnership with the Swiss Government WTK assists thirty pupils from marginalised areas of Southern Sudan to study in Kenyan secondary schools because no such facilities exist in their home area.



English Language Skills

In Kakuma and Dadaab camps, with funding from Comic Relief, WTK runs English Language classes which equip refugee teachers and professionals with the language skills needed to work in the camp, and also enable vulnerable women to access employment and camp facilities. Alongside these two programmes, WTK supports libraries, a writers' club and a refugee-run magazine in Kakuma camp.

Referral to Universities in Canada and Europe

In partnership with the World University Service of Canada, WTK prepares about forty refugees each year from Kakuma and Dadaab camps for university study in Canada. A small number of refugees in Kenya are also referred to the United Kingdom for placement on Windle Trust International postgraduate scholarship programme.

