

World Renew Case-Study

Case-study Partnership...

- **Community Partner:**

- **World Renew
(Sponsorship
Agreement Holder)**



- **Academic Partner:**

- **Centre for Philosophy,
Religion, and Social
Ethics (Institute for
Christian Studies)**



Our methodology...

- **Two sets of key informant interviews:**
 - Three key informant interviews (Sponsorship Agreement Holder Representatives)
 - Eight key informant interviews (Private Sponsors)
- **One focus group discussion:**
 - One focus group discussion with staff (World Renew, Refugee Program)

Our results...

Vision: To what extent are faith-settlement partnerships viewed positively?

Emerging themes:

1. Global vs. local
 - Importance of local partnerships when responding to specific cases
2. Collaboration, Cooperation, Networking, Referral
 - Not only a linguistic distinction; varied expressions of partnerships are needed
3. PSR: An emerging mode of collaboration
 - Constraints proper to PSR empower communities to collaborate

A decorative graphic consisting of a network of interconnected nodes and lines, resembling a molecular structure or a social network. The nodes are represented by circles of varying sizes and colors (blue, grey, white), and the lines are thin and light grey. The graphic is positioned on the left and right sides of the page, framing the central text.

“Our main goal is to create a network around our refugees, a network that allows us to walk with them through the hardships they experience in this country. As Private Sponsors we are responsible... sometimes we work with broken hearts, but working together with others alleviates some of the pain.”
- KI Private Sponsor

Our results...

Structure: What type of partnerships currently exist and how could they be improved?

Emerging themes:

1. Government is approached at different levels
 - High-level partnership between Ministry and SAHs Council
 - Ground-level partnerships between sponsoring groups, local settlement (and non-settlement) agencies, other community organizations, and businesses
2. Multi-sector cooperation (community partners around the refugee)
 - PSR calls for, and results in, partnerships beyond Faith-Settlement
3. Informal-formal interaction if productive
 - The response to the challenges isn't necessarily to formalize emerging partnerships



“It really helps to have clear, transparent communication with the government on what can and cannot be changed.”
- SAH Representative

“Approaching the government in a positive way (as positively as possible) really makes a difference when development a long-term government-community partnership.”
- SAH Representative

Our results...

Process: How can effective partnerships be better facilitated?

Emerging themes:

1. Key informants (emerging in different contexts)
 - Importance of the figure of cultural/cross-sectoral bridge-builders
2. Language, form, function
 - Partnerships do not develop as global relations; they are often circumscribed to (and facilitated by) concrete needs and possibilities
3. Blended programs appear as creative solutions



“We should not lose the ability to have frank and open conversations.”

“Life is messy and a system has been developed that combines structure and ability to respond to chance.”

“We want to work as a team, we want to collaborate. It isn’t always possible but we try our best.”

-KI Private Sponsors



Recommendations...

- To SAHs
- To Private Sponsors
- To Government Bodies