

FIND Symposium - April 2021 - Breakout session Livelihoods Programming 21 April 2021, 8:20 EDT (14:20 CET)

Key provocative statement: *We just don't know what works to support livelihoods and financial health for refugees and displaced populations?*

Summary

Refugees around the world consistently say that accessing jobs, income generating opportunities, and financial services is a top priority to support their families and establish self-reliance. While NGOs, community-led organizations, government, and private sector actors work to meet the livelihoods needs of refugee communities, there continues to be a dearth of evidence on what works to support employment and income outcomes for refugees and more specifically broadly financial health. The demand for livelihoods services to support these outcomes continually rises, especially in response to recent crises such as COVID-19. But more research is needed to expand our understanding of the best way to improve livelihoods programming.

This session will feature an overview of existing evidence on livelihoods programming recently conducted by CGD, as well as a discussion of the FIND research in Uganda, and IRC's accompanying pilot programming based on research findings.

The session will include the space for a lively discussion from participants on their experiences with livelihoods programming and research, what has worked and what hasn't. Ultimately, we hope to unpack how to support full financial health for refugees, and brainstorm new areas for research and programming focused on financial health.

Moderator

- Brian Ssebunya - Sr. Advisor IRC

Presentations

- Livelihoods programming evidence - CGD
- IRC Uganda programming examples and research - IRC