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**MindLeaps**



## Our Mission

MindLeaps harnesses the power of dance to guide vulnerable children and youth to safe spaces, academic opportunity and lifelong skill development to help them leap forward in life.

# UGANDA

A group of children in a refugee settlement, with a girl in the foreground raising her hands in a gesture of joy or prayer. The background shows other children and a simple, weathered wall.

Uganda has taken in 1.4 million refugees - the greatest number on the continent and the third highest in the world

60% of all refugees and asylum seekers are children below the age of 18

MindLeaps rehabilitates urban refugee youth in Kampala as well as children living in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement

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## PARTNERSHIPS

In 2017, in Kampala, MindLeaps partnered with HIAS, an international NGO facilitating the resettlement of refugees around the world, to work with urban refugee children. In 2018 and 2019, MindLeaps expanded to work with additional partners, to provide our program to urban refugee children and vulnerable Ugandan children living in Kampala. MindLeaps' dance program builds resiliency, helping them to see and work towards their futures by taking advantage of the resources available to them through our partnering organizations - M-Lisada, Agape World Ministries, and Save Street Children Uganda.



## OUR PARTNER

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is a United Nations program dedicated to protecting refugees who are forcibly displaced and assist in their local integration or resettlement to another country. UNHCR works to ensure that everybody has the right to find safe refuge and seek asylum, regardless of whether they have fled persecution, war, violence, or disaster in their home. In partnership with UNHCR Uganda, MindLeaps is operating a nine-month program in Oruchinga Refugee Settlement in Uganda. MindLeaps deployed a team to teach MindLeaps dance classes to refugee children as well as train refugee youth living in the settlement to become MindLeaps dance trainers through Train The Trainer programs. Every three months, MindLeaps teachers reach 150 new children through dance classes - taught 3 days per week, 2 hours each class. At the end of the three months, these children are sponsored into day school or vocational training in the settlement. As of August, MindLeaps had hired 10 youth certified through the Train The Trainer to sustain the program, reaching 450 children by calendar year-end.





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