Scaling Global South Climate Solutions | Inclusive Climate & Disaster Resilience for Refugees with Disabilities - Kampala, Uganda

RTST strengthens the resilience of refugees with disabilities and other vulnerable community members in Kampala through refugee-led community support, livelihoods, psychosocial support, protection, emergency response, and community resilience building.

Partners
RTST's work is supported through its refugee-led community network and volunteer team, while additional technical and implementation partnerships are being explored.

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Challenge
Refugees with disabilities can face heightened barriers during climate-related emergencies and disasters, including limited access to information, evacuation, essential services, livelihoods, and protection. In Kampala, where communities face risks such as flooding and heavy rainfall, inclusive approaches are needed to ensure that refugees with disabilities are not left behind in disaster preparedness and response.

Solution
RTST uses a refugee-led, community-based approach to strengthen resilience among refugees with disabilities and other vulnerable people. Through education, livelihoods and vocational support, psychosocial support, protection, advocacy, emergency response, and community resilience building, RTST works with communities to strengthen their ability to prepare for and cope with emergencies. The approach places refugees at the centre of identifying needs, building community support networks, and developing more inclusive responses.

Impact
Since 2020, RTST has reached over 2,000 refugees and vulnerable community members in Kampala, Uganda. Approximately 510 individuals are currently and actively supported through ongoing programs in education, livelihoods, psychosocial support, and community resilience building. RTST is building on this refugee-led experience to strengthen inclusive climate and disaster resilience for refugees with disabilities.