# Roundtable "Refugees & Restoration" (2)

How to use the potential of regenerative practices to improve the living conditions of forcibly displaced people?





Movement on the Ground

What we need to scale our projects

www.movementontheground.com

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YICE Uganda

How regenerative practices can empower refugees

www.yiceug.org

Open link

## Why are regenerative practices a good idea for refugees?

working with and for refugees and host communities	using the environment as a healing space, trees for shading	fundamental needs like food and infrastructure need to be met	massive influx of waste and destruction of olive trees for fire wood	mental health		Movement on the Ground =	Dutch organization, founded in 2015	operating in Greece	started as music festival camping	3 pillars: Infrastructure, programs and communities
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What is needed to establish restoration projects with refugees?

# Why do regenerative practices have a big impact in our camp?

fc	oting od urity	WFP has cut rations due to lack of funding, and refugees have difficulties with getting enough food	1.4 Mio. refugees in Uganda in 11 settlements	Uganda provides 50- 100 feet land pieces for refugees	small pieces of land to build a home and farm for food			improved nutrition for young kids			
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How did we achieve a lot with small grants?

grass root	active community living in the camp	trust, cohesion and respect for the environment and community	first, fundamental needs of the refugees need to be met before they can think about other things, such as waste reduction	trust and inclusion to minimize tensions		Movement on the Ground does this through	camp to campus philosophy	transform refugee camps in safer surroundings	renewable energy	olive groves: renewable energy helps to not cut trees for firewood
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#### How can projects like ours multiply, speed up and scale?

more attention for the positive impact on health	economic and human resources	being able to show the impact of the work	demonstrate willingness of refugees to engage, in order to enable the programs better	willingness from camp management to implement projects	<b>T</b>			

creating incomes for small farmers	teaching them how to make organic fertilizer	organize them in small groups to start savings to increase their resilience	enhancing biodiversity	achieving climate change adaption		train refugees in permaculture design farming				
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target reach 5.000 refugee households	looking for 100,000 US Dollars funding	agriculture has been perceived as not sexy for young people, but there is a mind-set change	motivate young people with Apps etc.		

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Bayoudha Village

Working with locals and refugees in Jordan

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#### Founder of Ecosystem Restoration Camps

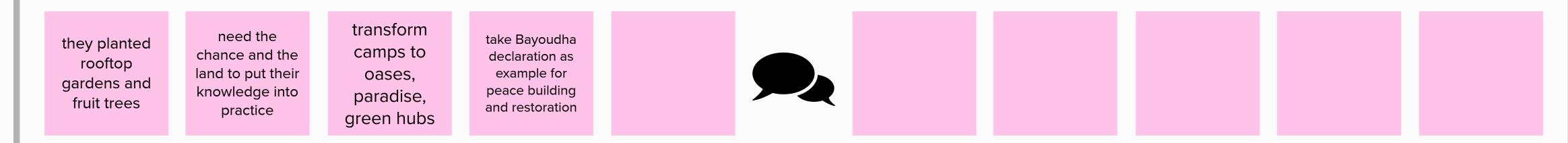
How knowledge, education and media can help

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## What is needed to establish projects in Jordan?



## What do we need to start?

discuss with local authorities talk with scientific arm of environmental ministry	start with 2 forests as a pilote raise awareness of community to work together: refugees and villages	begin with a pilote project!		

ecosystem restoration has to become central into our civilization	we are at a turning point and a huge opportunity to grow the knowledge and wisdom about how we deal with ecosystems and refugees	peace.	There is no us and them. There is just us.							
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## What should we take into consideration?

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#### How can knowledge, education and media help?







European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

What funders & impact investors need to fund projects

What is the funding / economic potential for regenerative projects in refugee camps?

There is enough funding out there.impact investing has become a trend
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# What do impact investors / funders need to fund such projects?



How can projects and investors / funders communicate better with each other in the UN Decade Ecosystem Restoration?

