The Trade Exchange

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Many of the refugees coming to Europe, the United States, and Australia find themselves jobless and living off of aid. However, many of these refugees have unique skill sets and special experience in different jobs. At the same time, craftspeople are becoming more difficult to find, especially in more developed and industrial countries. This is creating a high market demand for these professions. Refugees with the right skills and experiences could fill the gaps in these markets.

**UNEMPLOYMENT BETWEEN REFUGEES COULD RESULT IN**

- Increased rates of depression, anxiety, and somatoform disorders.
- Additional costs to government.
- Crime and violence.
- Loss of skills' usage.

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**SUCCESS STORY**

Ali was a talented young pastry chef working with his dad in their family owned bakery. His wife, Suzanne, while a stay at home mom, was slowly learning baking from her husband. Due to the Syrian war, the couple had to flee their home in Hama, Syria. The UNCHR found a new safe home for the young couple and their children in Sydney, Australia. After hearing about our organization, Ali decided to apply, and we found a demand for his skills and experience in Perth, Australia. After only a year and a half, Ali is the head pastry chef at the now new favorite destination for sweets enthusiasts in Perth, and his wife Suzanne and a couple of other Perth locals work under him to learn more about eastern sweets.

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**“EMPLOYMENT IS THE KEY DETERMINANT OF MENTAL HEALTH”**

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