



Creating networks, recruiting volunteers and arranging expert trainers for grassroots projects across the globe.



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Refugee Testimonial

Amber Zulfiqar - Volunteer at Be A Robin

Amber is a 35-year-old refugee from Pakistan. Indigo placed Amber in a community centre in Greece which serves 300 people, offering language classes, children's activities and health training.

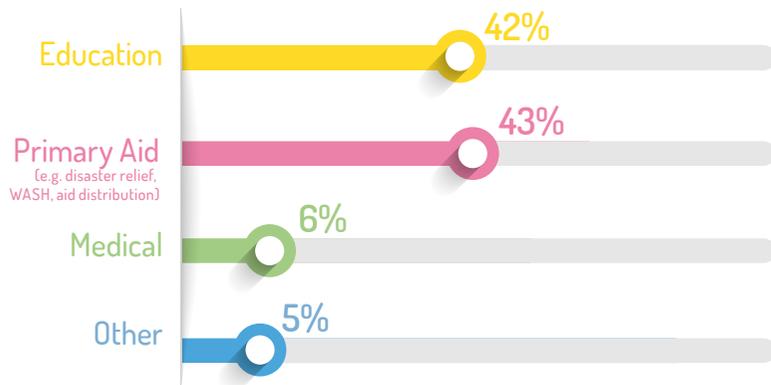
"Indigo was very helpful to me because I have always wanted to volunteer with an NGO to start my career and get some experience. I do not want a regular job, but a special career that I can be proud of!

When I found out that refugees could volunteer through Indigo, I was so excited that I filled out the form as soon as I could. Indigo placed me at Sindos community center, where we worked with refugees from many different backgrounds.

It has been a wonderful experience providing aid to others. I have learned so many things as a volunteer, and I now know that this is really what I enjoy doing"

“ I am very thankful to Indigo for finding a project and giving me a chance to serve people. ”

Key fields we supply volunteers to



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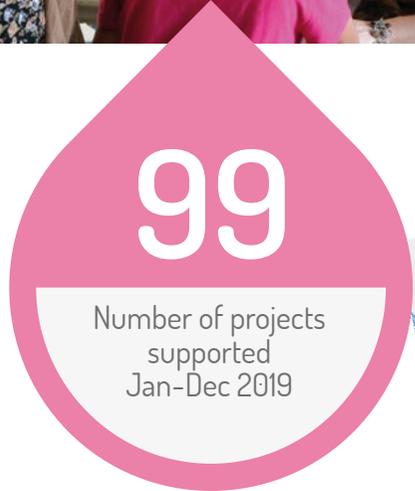
Partners





“ Indigo helps people to use their skills in places they wouldn't have thought of looking. This role was perfect for me because it let me combine volunteering with my design background. ”

Rebecca Tucknott - Volunteer at Habibi Works



Partner Projects

Our partner Refugee4Refugees supports people on the move across Lesbos & Samos. Every day, their free shops provide aid items to 160 people, whilst volunteers provide classes to 120 students and run activities for over 130 children!* Since April we have sent them over 90 volunteers to help run their programmes. Indigo supports 82 more grassroots organisations like this.

*Average per day

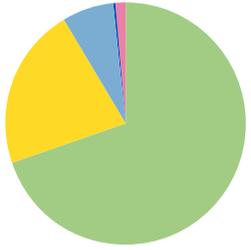


Medical Volunteer

Simon Boyd - Medical Volunteer

Simon is a medical doctor from the UK. Indigo first placed him in Athens, and he eagerly returned to us for a second placement on Lesbos. On both occasions, Simon worked with refugees to provide acute emergency care on the streets, health advice in squats and full medical clinics for those living in the refugee camps.

“ This work has completely changed my life. I suddenly found a way to work and live that I had always been looking for. After my time volunteering in Greece, I have worked in Palestine, Sierra Leone and I currently live in Bangkok studying tropical diseases. I cannot stress how much those two volunteering trips changed the course of my life. I owe a lot to Indigo. ”



Expenditure Split

Refugee & Migrant	69.7%
Community Development	21.7%
Marketing	6.9%
Admin	0.4%
UK Branch	1.2%

Project Testimonial

Still I Rise - Education Centre

"We have been very lucky to have had Indigo's support for the past few months as they have sent us many trustworthy, competent, and hardworking volunteer teachers. Thanks to them we were able to provide more core subjects to our students and extend opening hours to run more activities. The Indigo team has just been incredibly responsive, from sending prospective volunteers, to organising trainers, coordinating meetings and generally fostering cooperation among projects on the ground. These incredible women have worked tirelessly to support us with professionalism, kindness and passion."

Volunteer Testimonial

John Messer - Aid Brigade/Drop in the Ocean

"After I had failed at several attempts to find a volunteer opportunity with refugees, I stumbled on to Indigo Volunteers. I did not expect the level of personal attention that I received, and they placed me with an inspiring project in Bosnia that fed homeless refugees. Two weeks into my volunteering, the government unexpectedly shut down the project. With one phone call, Indigo found a new NGO in a neighboring country that desperately needed my help. In less than 24 hours I arrived at my new assignment and started working immediately. My hat is off to the people at Indigo!"



Trainer Testimonial

Negar - Self-Defence Instructor

"Indigo arranged our trip to Samos, where our team delivered self-defence classes to the women and girls living in the refugee camp. We saw around 80 girls and women a day, reaching around 250 people in total. During this time, we could see their confidence grow drastically! Every participant learned invaluable skills, ranging from different kicking and punching techniques, to setting boundaries and learning how to use their bodies and claim their space. We collaborated with five local organisations, all coordinated and planned by Indigo. We just had to show up!"



Beneficiary Testimonial

Nahid - Self-Defence Student

"My name is Nahid. I am from Afghanistan and I am 13 years old. I am a lucky student because I had wonderful teachers. I learnt so many things in self-defence class. I learnt how to protect myself in the camp and it makes me feel safe. I love them so much and I hope that I can see them again. I wish when I grow up I can become someone like them to help people. They were not just 3 women, they were 3 superwomen and their job was the best job in the world."

Creating a Ripple Effect

There is more to Indigo's impact than the work done by volunteers during our placements. Whilst out in the field and engaged in meaningful humanitarian work, many of our volunteers get inspired to stay active and continue to assist people in need, for example by

1. Inspiring friends and family to get involved
2. Returning to volunteer with the same project directly
3. Fundraising for the project they volunteered with
4. Spreading awareness for the cause
5. Working remotely for a project
6. Joining other projects, or even starting their own
7. Pursuing a humanitarian career

It is amazing to see so many people feeling engaged and developing a passion for making more things happen. Indigo is proud to serve as their starting point, and see our volunteers create a ripple effect of positive change in the world!

