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# URBAN REFUGEES

The influx of refugees into countries and cities is currently an emerging global issue that needs to be tackled not only by bordering countries, but also by the global communities. Doubled over the past two decades, by January 2017, there are more than **67.7 million of people of concern to UNHCR around the world which include refugees, stateless persons, returnees, and IDPs affected by conflict** — making one in every 113 people worldwide forcibly displaced (UNHCR, 2018).

RDI Urban Refugees Research Group is part of the **Children, Social Welfare and Health (CSWH) cluster**, working in collaboration with **Bandung Disaster Study Group**. The research group focusing on **urban refugees, to increase awareness, knowledge-base, and public discourse on the topic and how it can contribute to urban development**. At the core of the research is to find out **how cities in Indonesia, which directly experience the influx of migration, welcome and deal with refugees despite the limited regulation and framework in the country**.

## RESEARCH FOCUS

- Refugees in transitory context in Southeast Asia
- Insights on how cities welcoming refugees in transit countries
- Best practices at city level
- Experimental research



## RESEARCH ROADMAP

2019

- Exploratory studies on selected topics: place and identity, social integration, vulnerability and resilience of youth refugees
- Experimental research: Creative Placemaking

- In-depth research on selected topics: place and identity, refugee management, global health crisis
- Knowledge building and management
- Science-based policy advocacy, research dissemination and public discussion

2020

- In-depth research on selected topics
- Experimental research
- Comparative studies in Southeast Asia

2021



## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Documenting Refugee Management in Transitory Context: Lessons-learned from Indonesian Cities (2020) - ongoing
- Constructing a Shared Identity: Engaging Youth in Creative Placemaking for Social Integration of Urban Refugees in Indonesia (2019)
- Place-Identity in the minds of Refugees: A Case Study of Hazaras in Cipayung and Kalideres (2019)
- Navigating the infinite timeline: Social Integration of refugees in long-term transit (2018)

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