

# My experience as a university corridor student

from camp to campus



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# Introduction



- ✓ Yohannes Sisay Molla
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# Experience

## ➤ As a refugee

- Life in refugee camp
  - ✓ Its projected that Ethiopia will host **860,000** refugees by the end of 2020 ([www.reporting.unhcr.org](http://www.reporting.unhcr.org))
  - ✓ Life for *survival*
- Life as a student in Ethiopia
  - ✓ *The Ethiopian government grants a scholarship for refugees*

# Experience

- **As a student who wants to continue education**
  - After graduation 🎓
    - ✓ There are a lot of restrictions for refugees to get a job



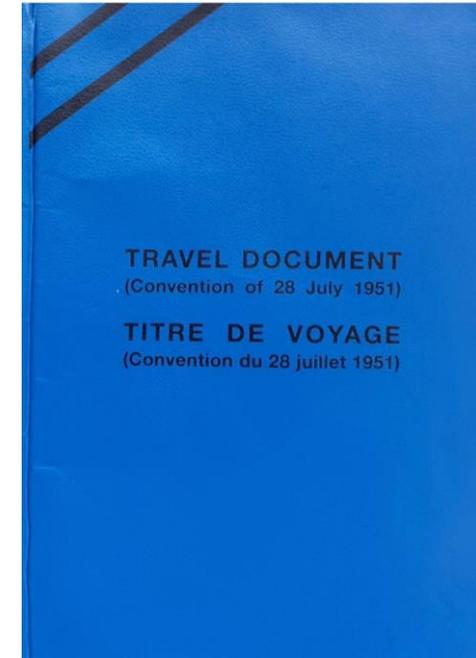
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## Barriers and obstacles

- ✓ Financial
- ✓ Bureaucratic
- ✓ Intake procedure
- ✓ **Refugee Travel Document**

*Universities are not willing to give study visa with (CTD)*



# Experience

- As a **UNI-CO-RE** student (University Corridors for Refugees)



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# Experience

## Challenges

- Language
- Integration
- Academic background

## Opportunities

- Support from the project
  - ✓ *Legal entry with study visa*
  - ✓ *Scholarship and Accommodation*
  - ✓ *Social integration (**Italian Families**)*
  - ✓ *Local **NGO** support*
- Learning from diversity
- Meeting new people
- International experience



# Why university corridor is so important

- Right now, over **70.8 million** individuals have been forcibly displaced by persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. This is a record high, and is roughly equivalent to the entire UK population being forced to flee their homes.
- **1 in every 113** people around the world is either an *asylum-seeker*, *internally displaced* or a *refugee*.
- *84% of refugees are hosted by developing countries*, and less than 1 in every 5 refugees is hosted in Europe.

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Refugees are people who can make a change

- ❖ Themselves and their family
- ❖ For the community they are living
- ❖ Their country
- ❖ The whole world



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*We are the one who build the future !!*

*Thank you*