



SELF-RELIANCE INDEX

The Self-Reliance Index (SRI) is a tool for measuring the progress of refugee households toward self-reliance. It supports practitioners in designing and providing effective services and can be used to target populations for assistance, highlight service gaps, and inform funding priorities.

Use of the SRI is expected to help build an evidence base for enhancing refugee self-reliance opportunities and allow for comparative global analysis. It may also promote collaboration among service providers to ensure that the holistic needs of refugee households are addressed.

Simple and holistic

The SRI is designed with simplicity in mind to provide a quick, high-level indication of key status changes within a refugee household across twelve domains associated with socioeconomic inclusion: **Housing, Food, Education, Healthcare, Health Status, Safety, Employment, Financial Resources, Assistance, Debt, Savings and Social Capital.**

Target populations

The SRI is designed primarily for use with urban and non-camp-based refugee populations in countries or regions of first asylum. Though untested, the SRI might also prove useful with other displaced populations, including internally displaced, camp- or rural-based refugees, economic migrants, and potentially even non-displaced nationals of the country in question. It might also be tested with resettled or repatriated refugees.

Collaboration

The SRI was developed through a three-year multi-stakeholder process that consolidated input from over 25 partners, including NGOs, UNHCR, researchers, foundations, and government agencies. It is expected to evolve and improve as user feedback increases.



Get the SRI

The SRI and User Guide may be accessed online at the Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative website: www.refugeeselfreliance.org.

The Refugee Self-Reliance Initiative was launched and is co-led by RefugePoint and Women's Refugee Commission. It is a multi-stakeholder collaboration that promotes opportunities for refugees around the world to become self-reliant and achieve a better quality of life, while simultaneously advocating for the full enjoyment of their rights.