



Refugee Support: an Integral Rural Incubator Approach

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In the past, the mainly agriculture based rural economy was job-skills-wise nearly fully separated from the trade and crafts driven urban one. However, mechanization and globalization have dissolved most gaps between rural and urban areas in our by now dominantly services driven economy.

Cities are efficient; they are hubs of human interaction and optimized specialization. Nevertheless are there many tasks which can be fulfilled remotely via Internet without any physical interaction with others. This can potentially address a severe drawback of urban areas, namely that they easily become overcrowded; resulting in high living cost.

Further, in cities interaction is more anonymous; their population density causes people to be selective and often hinders cultural integration. It frequently results in immigrants ending-up living in parallel societies. Smaller communities may seem more restricted in their interaction potential, but at the same time they tend to generate an intense exposure to inhabitants' social habits.

In a rural setting, rebuilding refugees' lives from scratch faces a much lower economical threshold, thus it might be better to invest in people rather than to allocate a large budget for their survival needs at expensive urban areas. In contrast to cities, rural villages offer ample low priced clean and safe room.

Refival proposes to implement a "rural incubator" scenario for refugees, similar to a "business incubator" approach used for start-up companies. Target is (by investing in and mentoring refugees) to create, grow and optimize bonds with their host countries.

The incubator approach is based on integrally addressing three levels:

- 1- an (individual) identity development level.
- 2- a (community) relationship development level.
- 3- a (optimized contribution to) society development level.

More detailed information can be found in my latest short presentation: ["Refugee Support: an Integral Rural Incubator Approach, Project Summary"](#).

I need your help! If you are aware of other organizations, employers or villages who could be interested in working with me and implement Refival, please forward them my proposal. I would be very grateful for this!

Kind Regards,

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