

# Networks' Value in Refugee Crisis

Previous *Postings* have highlighted the value of networks ("[Better Together](#)"). But the recent refugee crisis has pointed out additional contributions that networks can offer. In the midst of this emergency, there has been little if any time to research new partners and establish new trust relationships. Some Western churches considered sending survey teams to assess the needs and find partners. But it quickly became evident that those on the ground had no capacity to host such groups or the margin to step aside from ministry to interact with potential partners. It was all hands on deck to meet the urgent needs of the flood of displaced people.

Enter established networks! Local churches which had previously joined networks were already aware of who was serving in various ministries and how to plug into key projects. For churches not yet involved in a related network, there are upcoming meetings where churches can quickly get a bird's-eye view of ministry in the region and learn where and how they might best plug in.

To those who invest time and energy to build and serve networks—thank you for your valuable contribution!