Who We Are

Still I Rise is an Italo-Greek NGO launched in May 2018. We provide education and child protection to refugee children aged 12-17 in Samos, Greece and Gaziantep, Turkey, ensuring their personal and social development and facilitating their educational journey.

Our organisation is independent and apolitical. We do not accept funds from governments, the European Union or the United Nations. Our existence relies on private donations of individuals and groups who believe in our work and receive updates on exactly how their money is used.

We abide not by the interests of the powerful, but by the needs of the people we serve.

You’ll Find Us In...

- We run our youth centre on the Greek island of Samos, known as one of five refugee 'hotspots'. Our centre educates 150 children aged 12-17.

- In September 2020, we will launch the world’s first international school for refugee youth in Gaziantep. At no cost, graduates will receive an internationally recognised qualification.

- Our headquarters are in Italy where our team manages all administrative tasks, marketing, and donations.

- We recently launched our London office where our small, newly formed team will be managing funding, partnerships and quality control.
The Greek island of Samos is one of the refugee 'hotspots' in Europe. Supported by the EU, the refugee camp was designed by the Greek government to host 648 people.

As of December 2019, there are over 7000 people living in the camp and conditions continue to deteriorate.

**Refugee Crisis in Samos, Greece**

- **300+ unaccompanied minors**
- **1 SHOWER FOR EVERY 200 PEOPLE**
- **5 HOUR QUEUES FOR FOOD**
- **51% women and children**

**WHERE REFUGEES ARE FROM**

- Syria
- Iraq
- DRC
- Afghanistan

**6 TO 24 MONTHS WAITING TIME UNTIL REFUGEES ARE TRANSFERRED TO EUROPE**
Mazi Youth Center in Samos, Greece

We launched Mazi in August 2018. Mazi means 'together' in Greek and is a youth center that stands upon three core values: quality of education, safety, and personal development. We have 150 students aged 12-17 who attend our center six days a week.

![Mazi Youth Center in Samos, Greece](image)

Our innovative education model is rooted in multiple theories and psycho-educational methods including pedagogical personalism, constructivism, emotional intelligence, concept of trauma, and Tajfel's social psychological theory. This creates an environment where children can feel hopeful and trust each other again. In addition to the core subjects, we also teach respect, open-mindedness, self-confidence, teamwork, and human rights.

1500+ Children have attended classes at Mazi
12,710 Breakfasts served to our students
3,705 Hours of English classes taught

Mazi provides children with a safe space from the daily living in the camps and helps them transition into an educational setting so that they're better prepared for integration in Europe and mainstream schools.
Our 2020/2021 Plans...

The world's first international school for refugees

After a successful year of running Mazi, we are exporting our educational model abroad and launching international schools for refugees in Turkey, Kenya and in 2021 Mexico.

These schools will offer a six year curriculum and an internationally recognised diploma for free to the most vulnerable refugee children. Education of refugee children is extremely important for their protection, integration and empowerment.

Gaziantep, Turkey

Launching in September 2020

3.6 Million Refugees in Turkey

420,000+ Syrian Refugees in Gaziantep

ONLY 10% OF CHILDREN ATTEND SECONDARY SCHOOL DUE TO...

CHILD MARRIAGE & LABOUR

Nairobi, Kenya

We are setting up in March 2020

500,000 Refugees in Kenya FROM SOMALIA AND SOUTH SUDAN

KENYA IS THE 5TH LARGEST ASYLUM COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

56% OF REFUGEES ARE MINORS

ONLY 25% ARE ENROLLED IN SECONDARY EDUCATION
Our Financials

What does it cost to provide world-class education to refugee children?

Each of our schools cost €200,000 to run per year. This covers breakfast and lunch for the students, management and administration, staffing, rent, and utilities.

Help Us Provide Education to the World's Forgotten Children

- €1,335: Cost per child, per year
- €40,000: Covers costs of running classes for one year
- €5,000: Provides food for 150 children for one month
- €800: Covers school supplies for one month

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