

Leaving your home, and abandoning what you worked hard to build, is not something that anyone does
[redacted] But this was the only choice we had. In July 1991, when civil war ravaged my home

[redacted] my parents feared for our lives. They knew that we were not safe in South Sudan, so my father

Fourth, support young refugees to access services and activities that support their mental, emotional, and physical health and happiness, and their ability to engage and develop socially, physically, spiritually, and emotionally with their peers, family, and community.

Lastly, channel and reinforce young refugees' abilities to build connections and relationships across

to peace-building processes.

The solution to addressing large movements of refugees and migrants is right in front of us. We, young people, have so much to offer. Given support, skills-building, and empowerment, we can help mend our homelands to become more prosperous and secure places for the next generation to live their lives.