



HABESHA PROJECT

*"HIGHER EDUCATION IN MEXICO FOR REFUGEE
YOUTH FROM AROUND THE WORLD"*



The Habesha Project is an initiative of USCRI Mexico aimed at **ensuring access to higher education for refugee and forcibly displaced youth**. This project serves two populations: through Habesha Complementary Pathways, refugee youth in a first country of asylum are provided by USCRI with **safe and regular relocation to Mexico, access to permanent residency, an academic scholarship at Mexican universities, a monthly stipend, and health insurance**. Meanwhile, Habesha Americas provides refugee youth already residing in Mexico with an **academic scholarship at Mexican universities, a monthly stipend, and health insurance**.

The project implements a **comprehensive action model that combines international protection with local integration** through academic scholarships. Ten years after its implementation, the success of the Habesha Project is reflected in its—and its participants'—ability to transform their lives and become professionals who contribute to both their new communities and their communities of origin.



Since its establishment, the Habesha Project has guaranteed access to university studies for



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REFUGEE YOUTH

from more than 11 countries, including **Syria, South Sudan, Somalia, Venezuela, Haiti, Colombia, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador**.



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The Habesha Project is implemented within the framework of a quadripartite agreement between the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)**, the **Mexican Commission for Refugee Assistance (COMAR)**, and the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**.

The program has a
network of

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Mexican universities.

Likewise, it is aligned with the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and UNHCR's strategy to increase access to higher education for refugee youth from 7% to 15% by 2030.

