Sample Interview Note-catcher

Research Question: How does one refugee-led organization help refugees build new lives?

Directions: Generate at least two questions for each category about what you want to learn. As you research your chosen refugee-led organization, record important information and include a parenthetical citation for each note to show which source it came from.

Organization Name: Young African Refugees for Integral Development (YARID)	
Questions	**Research Notes**
Why... ...was the organization created? ...is the organization's mission important?	• Focuses on community solutions including both **refugees** and local Ugandans (YARID) • Created to help urban **refugees** in Uganda connect and solve problems together (Bronee and Haupt) • Empowers **refugees** to use their skills and become self-reliant (Bronee and Haupt)
Who... ...are the leaders of the organization, and what is their background? ...is supported by the organization?	• Supports **refugees** from Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Somalia, and other countries (YARID) • Co-founder and Executive Director: Robert Hakiza, Congolese **refugee**, started YARID at 25 (Bronee and Haupt) • Leaders include young **refugees** trained to mentor peers and manage programs (Ingber)
Where... ...does the organization operate, and which **refugee** communities does it serve?	• Operates mainly in Kampala, Uganda (YARID) • Programs run in community centers, classrooms, sports fields (TaRL Africa) • Community members participate by joining activities like sports, education, and job training (Ingber)

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...do community members participate in programs or activities offered by the organization?	
What... ...types of challenges or needs does the organization focus on addressing? ...programs or services does the organization provide to help **refugees**? ...successes has the organization achieved in supporting **refugees**?	• Successes: helping children catch up academically, **refugees** gain skills for independence (YARID) • Focuses on education, literacy, numeracy, sports, vocational skills (TaRL Africa) • Programs include "Bridging the Gap" classes, English, math, job readiness (TaRL Africa)
When... ...was the organization founded? ...did programs or initiatives begin, and how have they evolved over time?	• Founded in 2008 by three young **refugees** in Kampala (Bronee and Haupt) • Programs like "Bridging the Gap" started during COVID-19 school closures (TaRL Africa) • Expanded over time from sports to structured education and job programs (Ingber)
How... ...does the organization help **refugees** access education, jobs, or other support in their new homes? ...does the organization measure the success or impact of its programs?	• Helps **refugees** access education and jobs through classes, training, mentorship (YARID) • Measures success via improved literacy and math skills and transitions to mainstream schools (TaRL Africa) • Supports self-employment and small businesses (Bronee and Haupt)

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