

Disaster Response Innovation Fund

REFUNITE

Unlocking income for refugees in Uganda

Refunite connects refugees and displaced populations through their missing persons platform. Through this GSMA grant, and in partnership with Malet Labs, Refunite will launch and scale a mobile application for data and image categorisation aimed at refugees for machine learning outcomes.

Machine learning is a method of data analysis that automates things so that computers can learn without being specifically programmed to perform each task. Large and verified image data-sets are required for most machine learning systems.

Refunite plans to prove their concept works at scale in order to demonstrate commercial viability and attract clients from the private sector. As a result of undertaking tasks on the application, refugees will receive a micro-payment (\$) through mobile money transfer for each set of correctly categorised images. Over the course of the grant, upwards of 4000 refugees in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement in Uganda are expected to get access to new sources of income.

