



HI, MY NAME IS...

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I'am so happy to be a volunteer at CCIF Cyprus



I'm from Democratic Republic of Congo



I'm 20 years old, I majored my baccalaureate in philosophy in college and I went on to do oil and gas in university. What I like above all is learning, to invent new things, and to understate in various fields by providing solutions to certain problems of society. This is why it is an honor for me to be a volunteer at CCIF Cyprus...

I describe my experience how was the journey to get to Cyprus, how long ago I arrived, how has my life been since to day? And what do I expect from the future?

I left my country with my brother and two sisters because our lives were in danger of being killed because we were embarrassing witnesses to the assassination of our father who was a police commander. After that we had to receive anonymous letters of death threats, pursuits on the way by unknown people, etc. We even had to change our residence. We even had to change our residence because of all this, but they always managed to find us. Through this, mom was able to contact an old white friend of dad's who helped us to leave the country on March 14, 2022 by getting us study visas for North Cyprus and he helped us to cross the border to enter the southern part on March 25, 2022, to apply for asylum at the migrant registration center which is "Purnara". Once we arrived in Purnara, we had to stay there for 2 months and 8 days in order to get access to the Cyprus territory through identification.

Since my arrival in this country, I had to see and live the racism with some chyptiots in some public places, buses, etc. Some living conditions are not good for us, we are not respected, not considered here, many of us sleep outside, I also have to sleep outside for some time. According to the status we have, we can only work in certain places such as: Cleaners and helpers in office, hand launderers and pressers, elementary workers not elsewhe, kitchen helpers, Window cleaners, Crop farm labourers, hand our lack of knowledge of Greek and English is a real problem for us, we feel excluded in the society, we can't work. And for the future I hope that one day all the difficulties that we are facing now can change and we believe in the sustainable development of Cyprus, in a few years I see myself speaking Greek and English fluently. I see myself working and creating a family, in short I see myself stabilizing my life.



**thank you for
wanting to know me**