



We were unable to identify any readings directly related to partnership with refugees led organisations and other stakeholders. However, we found this article interesting because, while focusing on academic partnerships, it highlights the many problems which can also be experienced in partnerships where the two potential partners have uneven access to resources, information and power.

Beyond the Partnership Debate: Localizing Knowledge Production in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Richa Shivakoti, James Milner. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Volume 35, Issue 2, June 2022, Pages 805–826, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/feab083>

- UN agencies
- All donors
- Host Governments
- Host Communities

To be true partners, as far as possible, each group needs to share a common understanding and agreement of the principles of meaningful participation, and the principles which underpin it. These include:

- Using a human rights approach
- Applying an Age, Gender and Diversity framework
- Respecting the commitments in the Global Compact on Refugees.

As we consider forming partnerships, we need to record and consider what each group could bring to the relationship, and work out together how best to use these resources.

We need to look at what each stakeholder can bring to the table



- Over 35 years of experience in the field
- A Track record at the United Nations
- Networks with refugee women's organisations across the Asia Pacific region and around the world
- Academic knowledge and credibility
- Knowledge of how *the system* works.

- Lived experience as a refugee
- Loss of country, status, citizenship, family members
- Experience of torture, and sexual and gender-based violence
- Experience of extreme poverty and deprivation
- Experience of violence and severe discrimination
- Knowledge of the community, strengths and vulnerabilities
- Prior skills and qualifications
- Skills and knowledge gained as a refugee.
- Historical understanding of their people
- In depth cultural understanding
- Experience providing support to their families and communities.
- Analysis framed by this lived experience
- Determination to build a new and better futures
- Potential solutions based on their knowledge and wisdom
- The strength of survivors.