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Figure 1. Emmanuel with UNHCR Head of Sub-Office, Paul Kenya and MindLeaps Executive Director, Rebecca Davis

Inaugural MindLeaps Annual Scholarship

Rebecca Davis awarded the Inaugural MindLeaps Annual Scholarship to Mahama trainer, Emmanuel Isengwe. Emmanuel will travel to Guinea on his school break in December to be a part of the International Train The Trainer’s program led by American Trainer, Caitlyn Casson. He will also receive training from Guinean MindLeaps Trainers. There he will enhance his ability to communicate and teach the MindLeaps curriculum and methodology. He will then return to his camp to share his newly acquired knowledge with his peers and community. They will develop the necessary skills to gain opportunity for an improved life.

Scholarship Recipient, Emmanuel Isengwe

Emmanuel was born in Burundi. He and his family fled Burundi as refugees, and they have been living in the Mahama Refugee Camp in Rwanda since 2015. Emmanuel is currently a student at Paysannat L Secondary School in Mahama where he studies Literature (English), Kiswahili, and French. In 2018, Emmanuel was selected to join the MindLeaps training program where he quickly rose to the top of his cohort for his natural technical dance ability and his exemplary character. He is currently the lead trainer of the Mahama program. Emmanuel is passionate about ballet and contemporary dance, and he has the natural physical qualities for a classical dancer, like flexibility, excellent feet, and the ability to be emotive when dancing. He is a role model for youth in Mahama.



Figure 2. Emmanuel with Mahama Camp Manager Gorret Murebwayire



Figure 3. Mahama MindLeaps Trainers Perform



Figure 4. Mahama MindLeaps Trainers with Director of Strategic Partnerships, Bashir Karenzi