

GED Project – Expanding Access to Quality Secondary Education for Refugee Youth in Malaysia

The Problem: Refugee youth in Malaysia are barred from public schools and denied legal status, employment, or higher education. Just 16% access secondary education (UNHCR). Private schools are expensive or unaccredited, and existing GED options are limited and misaligned with U.S. standards.

Our Response: KRC aims to equip 20 refugee youth (ages 16–22) annually with the knowledge, skills, and credentials needed to pass the GED exam, preparing them for better employment opportunities in Malaysia, as well as expanded educational or vocational pathways if they are repatriated or resettled in the future. In addition, select graduates will be trained to become future educators within KRC’s programs—creating a long-term cycle of empowerment and sustainability. This effort is part of our broader mission to help break cycles of systemic poverty and marginalization within the refugee community.

Program Overview

- **Timeline:** 1 Year (Jan.–Dec.)
- **Subjects:** Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies
- **Schedule:** 4 days/week, 5 hours/day
- **Location:** Garden City Learning Center, Ampang Jaya
- **Extras:** Digital literacy, study skills, character formation, career coaching

Strategic Focus: GED Test Funding: We aim to secure GED test funding prior to our program’s start date (January 2026), ensuring all accepted students can test for free. This funding:

- **Widens access:** More students from diverse backgrounds can apply
- **Improves outcomes:** A more competitive pool leads to stronger performance
- **Builds culture:** Students enter with expectations of testing, which raises attendance and rigor

GED test funding is essential to this program’s success.

Year 1 Outcomes

- 20 students enrolled
- 80% attendance rate
- 50% GED pass rate
- 3–5 graduates enter KRC’s Year 2 mentorship program, focusing on teacher training and character building.

Budget Snapshot

Category	Cost (USD)
Staff Salaries (2 refugee teachers)	\$12,000
GED Test Fees (Prepaid)	\$7,300
Learning Materials	\$1,500
Internet	\$1,000
Student Meals	\$4,500
Rent	\$6,000
Student Technology	\$6,000
Total	\$38,300

Long-Term Vision: The GED Project is designed to be **self-sustaining and leadership-building**. Graduates will be invited to return as teachers or mentors, creating a **pipeline of trained refugee educators** and increasing program ownership within the community. This model will multiply impact and elevate educational standards for years to come.

Call to Action: Join us in transforming refugee education. Your gift helps fund test fees, equip classrooms, and support refugee youth as they build their futures with confidence and hope.