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A short presentation
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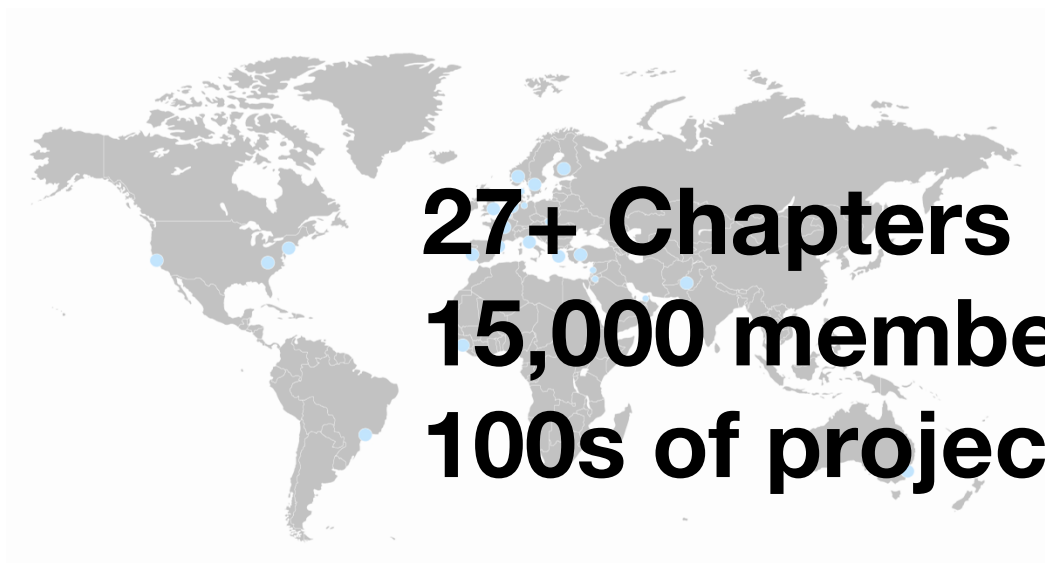
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Tech scales

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***“Less unicorn,
more tech support”***

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**Two problems of the
community**

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Lack of

Understanding

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Duplication



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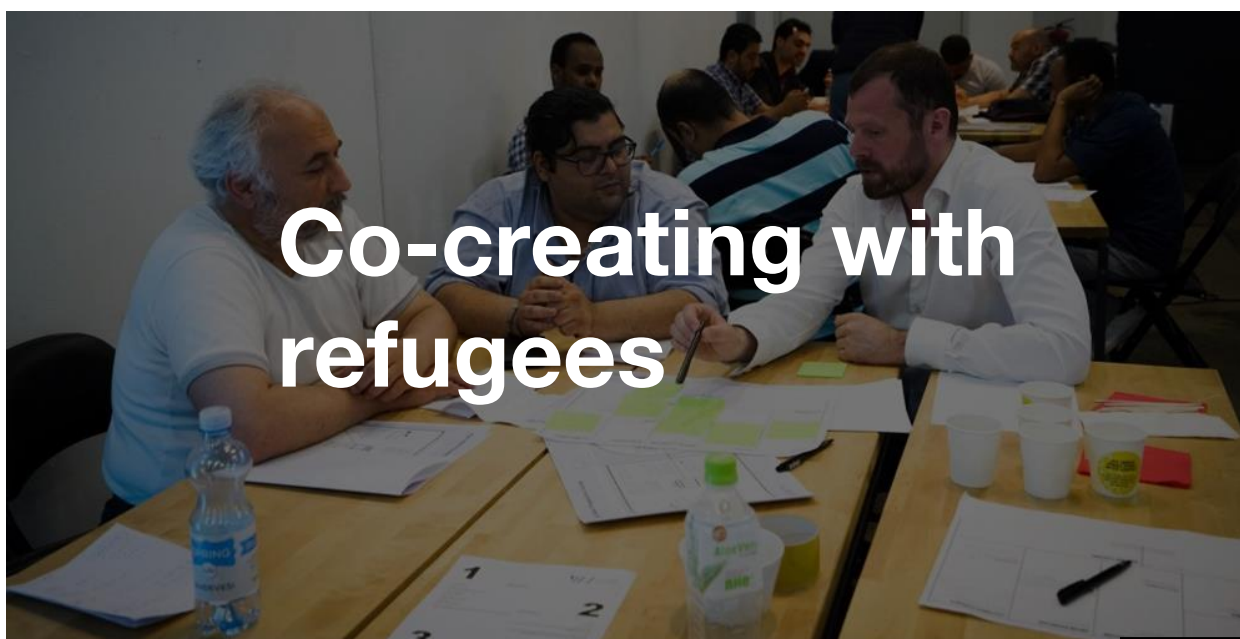


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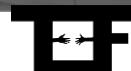




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Curating the tech community's response
to the needs of refugees

FOCUS AREAS

CONNECTIVITY

EDUCATION

IDENTITY

HEALTH

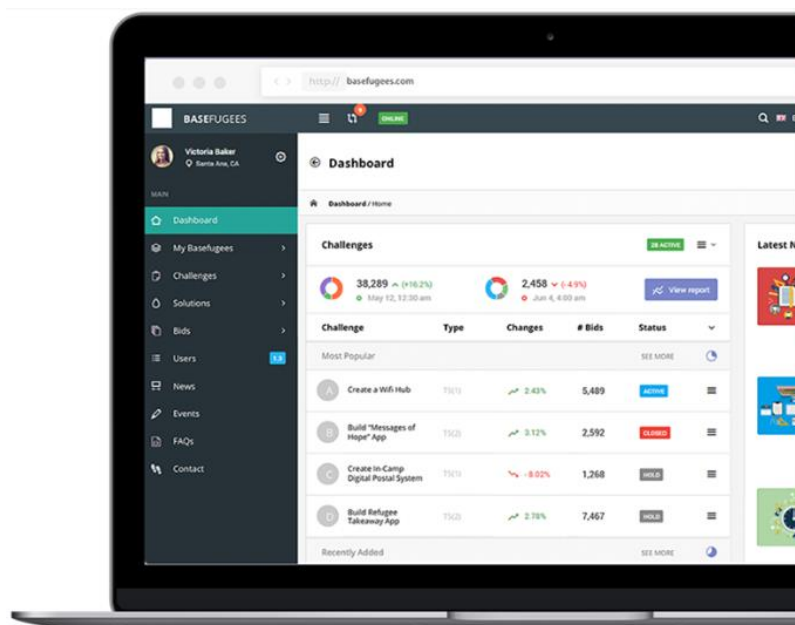
INCLUSION

**Techfugees curates the tech solutions
to the needs of refugees**



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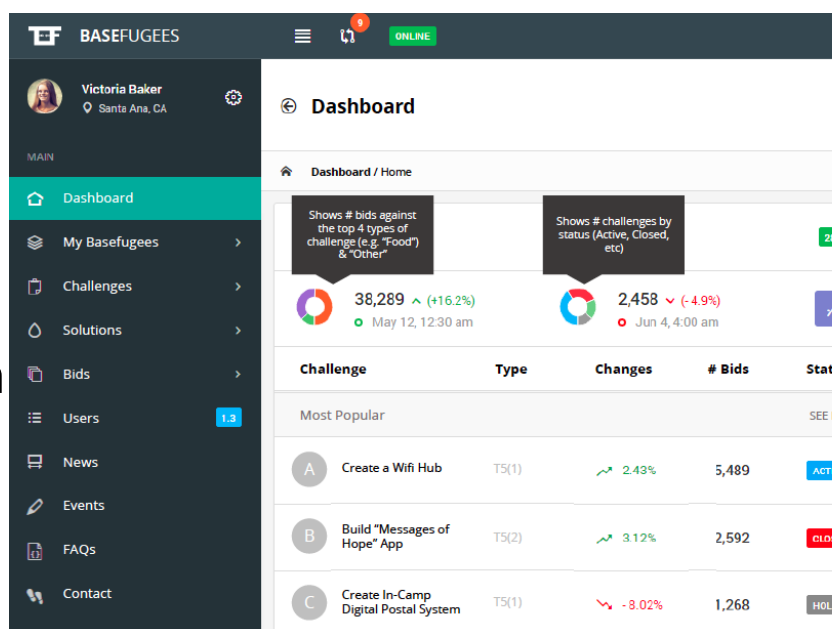
BETA: Product Database & Support For NGOs



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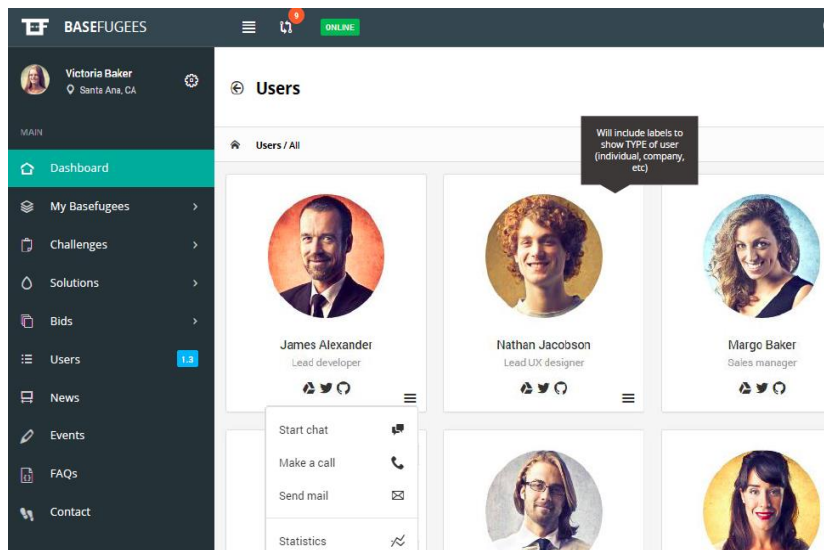
A prototype for now Building it with our tech volunteers



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A network of
techies



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Tech projects for youth

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Context:
Digital Literacy higher with kids

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Games, *Nigeria*



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Refunite *TF Kenya*



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Brussels chapter

Connect and give visibility to social, tech and civic innovations that help asylum seekers and refugees

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**Brussels responses
from the tech/social
community**

**CitizenLab platform
to “citizensource”
the best ideas –
generated 30
‘clusters’ of
solutions**



**Hack With Refugees
January 2016**

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Responses from the tech/social community in Belgium- Findings

→ Easier to meet immediate needs (donations, volunteering etc) than to tackle more complex challenge of integration. Much harder to mobilize people. Why?

→ Social Welfare State Belgium: mandate of responsibilities

→ Less positive political rhetoric, less public engagement and support – people lose interest

→ Integration has no immediate rewards or quick fixes, harder to define and measure ‘success’

→ Refugees’ status still uncertain: many do not yet have positive response, many have only 1- or 5-year permit to stay → lowers incentives

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Do the responses match the refugees needs?

Challenges

- Consulting with refugees/involving them in design is difficult
- Problem of timing
- State vs. Private initiatives
- Adapting different speeds: Tech companies, public institutions and publicly funded NGOs

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“Lessons learned”/Recommendations



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“Lessons learned” / Recommendations

Improve connectivity of young asylum-seekers and recognised refugees

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“Lessons learned” / Recommendations

2. Tech often reinforces existing inequalities: Providing tech support without taking this into consideration can just reinforce those inequalities.

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"Lessons learned" / Recommendations

3. "Internet bubbles" can enable integration of young refugees vis-à-vis host communities, or reinforce separateness and segregation

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Thank you

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