

ManpowerGroup Marks World Refugee Day and Encourages Public Support for Refugees

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MILWAUKEE, June 20, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- ManpowerGroup (NYSE: MAN), the world leader in innovative workforce solutions, is observing World Refugee Day today to recognize the courage, strength and determination of men, women and children who are forced to flee their homes under threat of persecution, conflict and violence, and to unleash the human potential of refugees.

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Evolving from last year's "1" Campaign launched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), this year's "Dilemmas" campaign compels audiences to consider the same life or death decisions a refugee is forced to make in times of conflict. Refugee scenarios are presented to convey the dilemma they face. One campaign advertisement reads, "What would you do? Face death in a war zone? Or Escape but leave loved ones behind?"

"Few groups are as marginalized from the world of work as refugees, and on World Refugee Day it is imperative not only to raise awareness of their plight but acknowledge the human potential of refugees to earn a decent living, if only they are given the opportunity to succeed," said Jeffrey A. Joerres, ManpowerGroup Chairman and CEO. "ManpowerGroup's approach to assisting marginalized groups is to focus on their skills and find them sustainable work, which is at the core of our company."

ManpowerGroup is involved in programs around the world to foster self-reliance among refugees and help them find meaningful work. In South Africa, a partnership with Cape Town Refugee Centre (CTRC) and other national refugee service providers helps coordinate self-reliance efforts across South Africa. A task force consisting of these organizations is working to promote self-reliance and local integration advocacy. Directed at various government departments, the task force aims to recognize the rights that refugees are entitled to in South Africa, such as the right to work and banking services.

"Nobody chooses to be a refugee, and refugees are often forced into making the most difficult choices imaginable" said David Arkless, ManpowerGroup President of Corporate and Government Affairs and official advisor to the UNHCR. "Those of us who do have a choice, however, can help refugees to rebuild their lives. In ManpowerGroup's case, helping them develop the skills they need when they are resettled and ready to work."

ManpowerGroup urges people around the world to join Angelina Jolie, Special Envoy of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, to pledge support for refugees. Take the pledge at http://tinyurl.com/87e3x2c, because even one family torn apart by war is too many.

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