



How to find us

We are on the same compound as the JRS Eastern Africa Regional and Kenya offices on Gitanga Road in Lavington, Nairobi.

Coming from Gitanga Road, take the turnoff towards Maria Immaculata Hospital opposite Vanga Road. Instead of going left to the hospital, continue straight down the descending paved road and you will see the JRS signpost. If you come by public means, use a matatu or a bus with either number 46 or 56 and get off at Vanga Rd which is almost opposite our gate.



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About JRS

JRS is an international Catholic organisation with a mission to accompany, serve and advocate the cause of refugees and forcibly displaced people. JRS was set up by the Society of Jesus in 1980 and is now at work in over 50 countries worldwide. JRS started working in Nairobi in 1991, responding to the needs of newly arrived asylum seekers and urban refugees, providing emergency assistance, education and small loans.



Jesuit Refugee Service

Mikono craft shop

Mikono (Kiswahili for "hands") is a craft shop in Nairobi where 70 refugees from different countries sell their products. Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) opened the shop in 1993 to help refugees in the city become self-reliant by marketing their products. Over the years, many refugees have been able to meet their daily needs with the income earned through the shop.

The refugees who supply crafts to the shop are aged between 20 and 60 and almost 50 of them are women. The shop operates as a non-profit entity and is an outlet to both domestic and export markets.



How to purchase our products

For orders from outside Nairobi, please send a request indicating the number and kind of products you wish to have to mikono@jrs.net.

At Mikono craft shop in Nairobi, we accept cash payment in Kenya Shillings, Euro and US\$, travellers cheques and cheque payments. Credit/debit cards or money orders are not accepted.



Our products

Mikono sells quality crafts made by refugees from many different countries such as Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Southern Sudan. Their products boast a great variety and include baskets, batiks, cards, clothes, carvings, household items, jewellery, personal items, paintings, toys and dolls.

By purchasing a quality product from Mikono you help improve the lives of refugees and their families in Nairobi.