



# THRIVE PROGRESS UPDATE - AUGUST 2020 -

*Helping Australian refugees make headway in their careers*



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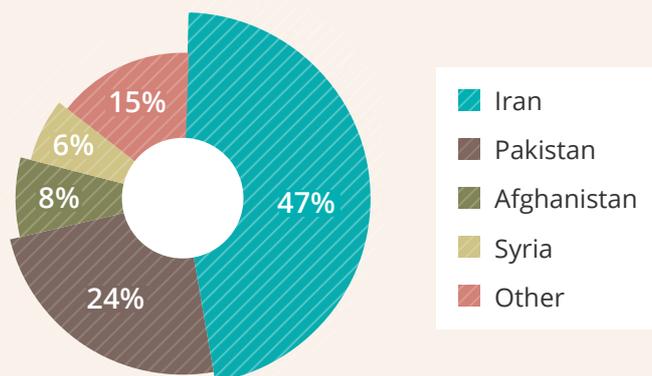
Since our inception, Thrive has had the honour of working with aspiring refugee entrepreneurs and being a part of their journey to success.

In three years, we formed countless meaningful connections with refugees and aspiring entrepreneurs from all over the world. They obtained loans that helped them get started. They received mentorship while navigating complicated business practices and processes. Most importantly, they successfully took their first steps in their respective career paths.

Below, we have compiled a list of key statistics that detail our current progress and achievements. Read on to find out what we have done thus far, as well as our plans for the future.

## MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

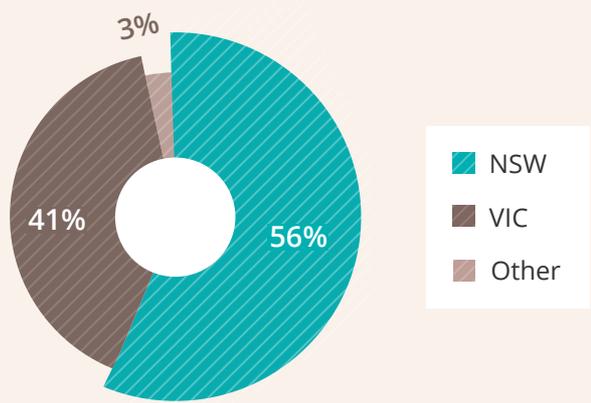
To date, Thrive has provided loans to over **200** refugee entrepreneurs around the world. While the majority of them come from Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan, we have also worked with Syrian, Iraqi and Burmese refugees as well as others.



# OVER \$3.6M LOANED TO REFUGEES

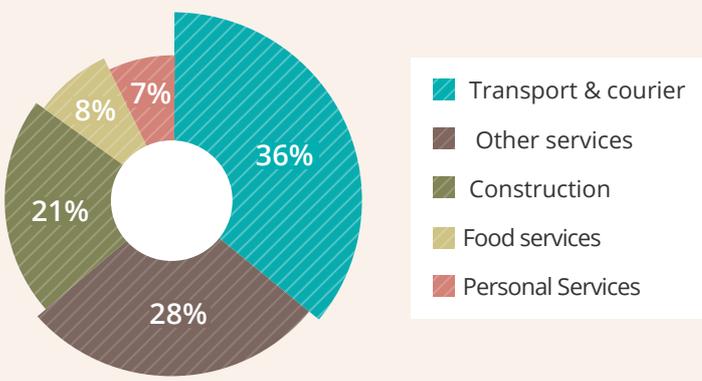
(AND MORE TO COME)

To date, Thrive has given a total of **\$3,633,250** in loans to refugees, 97% of whom are located in NSW and VIC. Loans help aspiring refugee entrepreneurs get their business off the ground, or help them expand their current business.



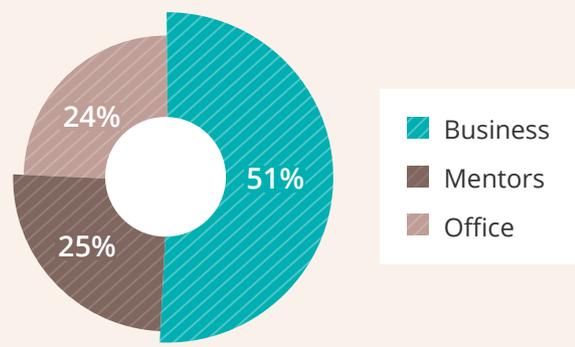
# LAUNCHING BUSINESSES ACROSS VARIOUS INDUSTRIES

Thrive supports aspiring refugee entrepreneurs across a wide range of industries and fields. Currently, **36%** of our partners have launched businesses in **the transport and courier sector**, but we're setting our sights on expanding our list of industries in the future.



# MENTORING FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

On top of financial support, Thrive also offers business mentorship to help aspiring refugee entrepreneurs go through legal procedures and admin. **51%** of our volunteers have assisted with creating business plans together with them.



# CELEBRATING SUCCESS AS A REFUGEE ENTREPRENEUR

At Thrive, every business launch is a success. But there are individuals who have gone above and beyond to achieve milestones that will pave the way for future refugee entrepreneurs. Below, we highlight two exceptional individuals who have not only succeeded in their businesses, but have used their newfound positions to give back to the community.



## FROM REFUGEE TO MODEL TO ROLE MODEL

Anyier Yuol is a female entrepreneur with the desire to see a more inclusive and multicultural fashion and modelling industry. [Click here](#) to see how she established a successful modelling agency for people of colour with Thrive's support and mentorship.

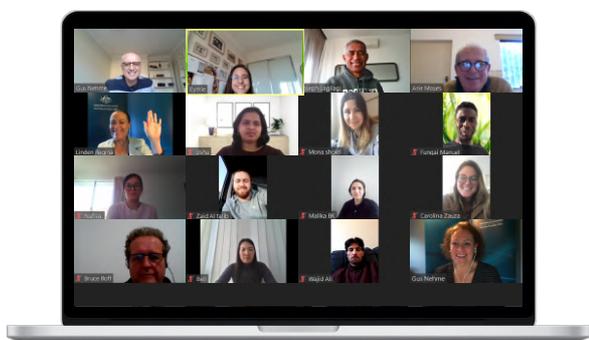
## TURNING PASSION INTO PROFESSION

Atefeh Hekmat, an artist, sees the world through colour by teaching others how to paint. She opened AtiArt to find her own sense of peace and calm after being persecuted for her faith in her home country. [Click here](#) to find out how Thrive helped her use her passion for art to give back to her community.



# STAYING IN TOUCH DURING COVID-19

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we make it our priority to ensure clear communications with both our existing partners and potential refugee entrepreneurs.

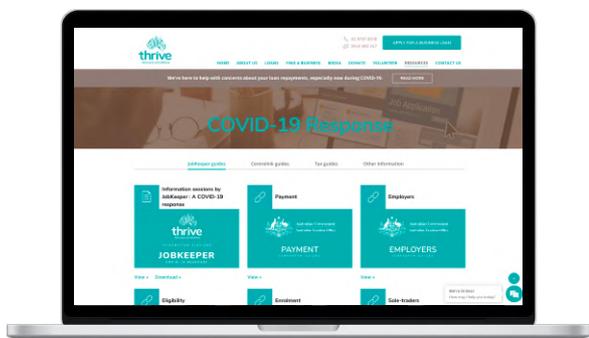


## THRIVE CONNECT

Our monthly e-learning initiative, **Thrive Connect**, allows business owners to learn from industry veterans and professionals on Zoom. Our latest session in July saw 21 participants, and we're looking to grow our attendance list even further.

## LIVE CHAT

On our website, we have implemented features and resources to support our entrepreneurs. Our [live chat support](#) allows our clients to communicate directly in real time.



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

Due to the uncertainties of the pandemic, we understand that you may have some concerns about working with Thrive. We have set up a [COVID-19 response page](#), where you can find resources and information to help you through this time.



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