Refugee Athlete Support Programme – Scholarship Holders

Following the success of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016, Olympic Solidarity (OS) launched the Refugee Athlete Support Programme which offers National Olympic Committees (NOCs) the opportunity to identify and support refugee athletes living in their host countries to prepare and participate in high-level competitions. 18 host NOCs are currently assisting Olympic Solidarity in this project.

Below is the list of the current 50 Refugee Athlete Scholarship-Holders, including:

* 10 athletes who were part of the first IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016. After the Olympic Games Rio 2016, the support provided by OS continued and allowed them to continue their training and education.

** 26 new individual athletes in various sports identified and assisted by the NOCs of their country of asylum since the launch of the programme.

*** A group of athletes training at the Tegla Loroupe Refugee Training Centre in Ngong, Kenya. Athletes have been identified in various refugee camps and brought to the training centre since the partnership between Olympic Solidarity and the centre began in September 2015.

Inclusion on this list is only a first step towards making the actual IOC Refugee Olympic Team Tokyo 2020.

Jamal ABDOU-MAGID **

- Country of origin: Sudan
- Currently living in: Israel
- Sport: Athletics (10000m)
- Training location: Tel Aviv
- Scholarship start date: April 2018

Ubaa Dinta ACHOTO ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (800m/1500m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre
Amir AL AWAD

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Egypt
- Sport: Greco-Roman Wrestling (97kg)
- Training location: Alexandria
- Scholarship start date: September 2019

Sanda ALDASS **

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: The Netherlands
- Sport: Judo (-57kg)
- Training location: Almere
- Scholarship start date: November 2019

Wael Fawaz AL-FARRAJ **

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Jordan
- Sport: Taekwondo (-58kg)
- Training location: Azraq refugee camp
- Scholarship start date: June 2018

Masomah ALI ZADA **

- Country of origin: Afghanistan
- Currently living in: France
- Sport: Cycling
- Training location: Villeneuve d'Ascq
- Scholarship start date: November 2019

Aker AL OBAIDI **

- Country of origin: Iraq
- Currently living in: Austria
- Sport: Greco-Roman Wrestling (67kg)
- Training location: Inzing
- Scholarship start date: September 2019

Habtom AMANIEL **

- Country of origin: Eritrea
- Currently living in: Switzerland
- Sport: Athletics (10000m)
- Training location: Aigle
- Scholarship start date: November 2019
Rami ANIS *

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Turkey
- Sport: Swimming (100m butterfly)
- Training location: Istanbul
- Scholarship start date: January 2016

- Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016
- Refugee in Belgium before the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, he moved to Turkey in 2018

Dominic Lokelong ATIOL ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (1500m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Josephine Tain AUGUSTINHO ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (1500m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Yiech Pur BIEL */**

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (800m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

- Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016
- Board Member of the Olympic Refuge Foundation

Ukuk Utho’o BUL ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (5000m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

James Nyang CHIENJIEK */**

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (400m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

- Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016
Duol Charles ELIJAH ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (800m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Joseph Elia ERNESTO ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (800m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Amir Mohammad HOSSEINI **

- Country of origin: Islamic Republic of Iran
- Currently living in: Germany
- Sport: Taekwondo (-58kg)
- Training location: Dusseldorf/Nuremberg
- Scholarship start date: January 2019

Dorian KELETELA **

- Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo
- Currently living in: Portugal
- Sport: Athletics (100m)
- Training location: Lisbon
- Scholarship start date: September 2017

Yonas KINDE *

- Country of origin: Ethiopia
- Currently living in: Luxembourg
- Sport: Athletics (marathon)
- Training location: Luxembourg City
- Scholarship start date: January 2016
  ➢ Member of IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016

Dina Pouryounes LANGEROUDI **

- Country of origin: Islamic Republic of Iran
- Currently living in: The Netherlands
- Sport: Taekwondo (-49kg)
- Training location: The Hague
- Scholarship start date: May 2018
Anjelina Nadai LOHALITH ***/
- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (1500m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre
  ➢ Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016

Simon Lodai LOHUJU ***
- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (1500m/5000m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Rose Nathike LOKONYEN ***/
- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (800m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre
  ➢ Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016
  ➢ Flagbearer of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team during the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games Rio 2016

Paulo Amotun LOKORO ***/
- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (1500m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre
  ➢ Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016

Yolande MABIKA *
- Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo
- Currently living in: Brazil
- Sport: Judo (-70kg)
- Training location: Rio de Janeiro
- Scholarship start date: January 2016
  ➢ Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016
Aram MAHMOUD **
- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: The Netherlands
- Sport: Badminton
- Training location: Almere
- Scholarship start date: June 2019

Lydia Philip MAMUN ***
- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (800m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Yusra MARDINI *
- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Germany
- Sport: Swimming (100m freestyle)
- Training location: Hamburg
- Scholarship start date: January 2016
  - Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016
  - UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

Alaa MASO
- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Germany
- Sport: Swimming (50m freestyle)
- Training location: Hannover
- Scholarship start date: December 2019

Mohamad Eyad MASOUD **
- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: New Zealand
- Sport: Swimming (100 m freestyle)
- Training location: Auckland
- Scholarship start date: September 2019

Simon Ayong MAURIS ***
- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (5000m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre
**Kasra MEHDIPOURNEJAD**
- Country of origin: Islamic Republic of Iran
- Currently living in: Germany
- Sport: Taekwondo (-80kg)
- Training location: Berlin
- Scholarship start date: January 2019

*Popole MISENGA*
- Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo
- Currently living in: Brazil
- Sport: Judo (-90kg)
- Training location: Rio de Janeiro
- Scholarship start date: January 2016
  - Member of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team Rio 2016

**Seyed Ehsan NAGHIBZADEH**
- Country of origin: Islamic Republic of Iran
- Currently living in: Switzerland
- Sport: Taekwondo (-58kg)
- Training location: Urnäsch
- Scholarship start date: September 2019

**Otmame NAIT HAMMOU**
- Country of origin: Morocco
- Currently living in: Sweden
- Sport: Athletics (3000m steeplechase)
- Training location: Stockholm
- Scholarship start date: November 2019

**Ali NOGHANDOOST**
- Country of origin: Islamic Republic of Iran
- Currently living in: Croatia
- Sport: Taekwondo (-58kg)
- Training location: Zagreber
- Scholarship start date: September 2019

***Gaston NSAZUMUKIZA***
- Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (5000m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre
Clementina Ihure RILANDO ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (1500m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Wessam SALAMANA

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Germany
- Sport: Boxing (-57kg)
- Training location: Völklingen
- Scholarship start date: December 2019

Abdullah SEDIQI **

- Country of origin: Afghanistan
- Currently living in: Belgium
- Sport: Taekwondo (-58kg)
- Training location: Antwerp
- Scholarship start date: January 2018

Khaoula SELLAMI **

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Switzerland
- Sport: Shooting (10m air rifle)
- Training location: Lausanne
- Scholarship start date: November 2019

Wael SHUEB **

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Germany
- Sport: Karate (Kata)
- Training location: Eppertshausen
- Scholarship start date: June 2019

Asif SULTANI **

- Country of origin: Afghanistan
- Currently living in: Australia
- Sport: Karate (-75kg)
- Training location: City of Maitland
- Scholarship start date: October 2018
John Lokibe TABAN ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (5000m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Gabriyesos TACHLOWINI **

- Country of origin: Eritrea
- Currently living in: Israel
- Sport: Athletics (1500m)
- Training location: Tel Aviv
- Scholarship start date: April 2018

Cyrille Fagat TCHATCHET II **

- Country of origin: Cameroon
- Currently living in: United Kingdom
- Sport: Weightlifting (-94kg)
- Training location: London
- Scholarship start date: September 2018

Rose Ihisa UWARO ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (200m)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre

Ahmad Badreddin WAIS **

- Country of origin: Syria
- Currently living in: Switzerland
- Sport: Cycling
- Training location: Berne
- Scholarship start date: December 2019

Farid WALIZADEH **

- Country of origin: Afghanistan
- Currently living in: Portugal
- Sport: Boxing (-56kg)
- Training location: Lisbon
- Scholarship start date: January 2018

Chajen Dang YIEN ***

- Country of origin: South Sudan
- Currently living in: Kenya
- Sport: Athletics (Javelin throw)
- Training location: Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation Training Centre