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Working for refugees

Monrovia, Liberia: I am the focal person for World Refugee Day in Liberia. As a Public Information Officer, working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) gives me the opportunity to listen and tell the stories of people torn apart by war – nursing mothers, children, pregnant women and the elderly.

I’m motivated to volunteer my services because I worked with UN Volunteers with professionals who tremendously contributed to peace and development in my home country, Sierra Leone, some of whom paid the ultimate price.

Without information, nobody will know what UNHCR is doing in Liberia to assist refugees and other persons of concern.

I feel privileged that my duties are critical in humanitarian assistance by contributing to disseminating credible information to refugees, to UNHCR colleagues in and out of the country, and to other external audiences.
Sometimes listening to stories of refugees brings a tear or two to my eyes, but bringing their issues to the attention of various audiences for the necessary intervention gives me a deep sense of satisfaction of rendering service to humanity.

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