Refugee Mobility and Wellbeing
Understanding connections between mobility, transportation, and quality of life in refugee communities in Tucson, Arizona
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Introduction
This research aims to study how mobility and transportation impact refugees’ life-satisfaction, well-being; transportation’s role in the ability of refugees to access various opportunities; and how situations like the current pandemic shape refugees’ sense of well-being specifically. We also aim to understand the individual and collective strategies refugees use to address or overcome these challenges.

Tucson Transportation Methods
School bus, public transportation (bus, metro), personal vehicle, taxi, rideshare/carpool, bicycle, on foot…

Process
SLR
Stakeholder Meetings
IRB Approval
150+ Survey Takers
30+ Interviews
Data Analysis
GIS Mapping
Findings
Dissemination
Final Report

Identified Mobility Challenges
Gender Norms
License Process
Language Barriers
Public Transport Routes
Pedestrian Walkways
Socio-economics

Questions We Aim to Address
1. To what extent does the transportation system in Tucson meet the mobility needs of refugees? How does it change during a pandemic?
2. How does mobility impact refugees’ sense of mental, physical, social, and economic well-being?
3. What strategies do refugees employ to overcome barriers to mobility in the short and long term?