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Over 46 thousand people from Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo have been forced from their homes and their countries. Living in the Dzaleka displacement camp, most will never get the opportunity to leave. There they may face discrimination based on their country of origin, their gender or their age. As Malawi law restricts their access to employment, their options for employment are slim. Additionally, education and vocational training opportunities are scarce and expensive with about 96% of the residents of Dzaleka living below the moderate or ultra poverty line. Our application allows users to connect more easily with other residents. We have a virtual marketplace where users can search for items on sale or create a post advertising an object they want to buy or sell. Users can view the jobs that need to be done around the camp, such as helping a resident carry a heavy load or paving a new road in the camp and can enroll in classes offered by other residents or post about a class they want to teach to others. They can even create a business account where they can advertise their goods or services to other residents. Our solution aims to give the residents of Dzaleka the tools they need to start a life within the confines of the camp. By giving residents a platform to advertise their skills to other people in the camp and to form connections with them, we hope to improve the quality of life for many of the refugees who may feel trapped in Dzaleka.