



# FAIR SECURE DATAPODS

Data plays a crucial role in the digital economy, yet refugees are often excluded from AI and machine learning datasets, raising ethical concerns. In countries such as Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, and South Africa, many refugees flee oppressive regimes that restrict communication, as witnessed during Ethiopia's Tigray war. Even in refugee camps, poor connectivity and phone confiscations limit access to information and services. While humanitarian organisations collect valuable data, privacy and security concerns hinder its broader use, increasing the risk of exposure and harm. FAIR data infrastructures offer a secure solution for storing and managing refugee data, but their adoption remains limited.

## NAME

**FAIR Secure Datapods for  
Refugee Data**

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

**Europe External Programme  
with Africa - EEPA**

## PROJECT BUDGET

**269.999,86 EUR**

## COUNTRIES OF IMPLEMENTATION

**Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda,  
South Africa**

## PROJECT DURATION

**24 months**

## Innovation as a solution

FAIR Secure Datapods empower refugees to store and share sensitive information securely while maintaining control over their data. These datapods enhance data security, streamline humanitarian responses, and enable controlled reuse of information. By leveraging interoperability standards, the project ensures that refugee data is protected while being efficiently utilised for advocacy and support services.

With support from the EU, the project will help humanitarian and refugee organisations establish secure information chains using FAIR Secure Datapods. The initiative aims to accelerate responses to human rights abuses, improve data protection, and enhance refugee support networks.

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Europe External Programme with Africa (EEPA) is a Belgium-based knowledge centre focused on African-European relations. EEPA integrates innovation into its mission by leveraging secure data stewardship, open-source technology, and research to protect vulnerable populations.