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**Midior Assists Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma  
with Information Architecture and Website Design of [www.hpert-cambridge.org](http://www.hpert-cambridge.org)**

Cambridge, MA - - January 7, 2002 - - Midior, a management consulting firm based in Cambridge, MA, has architected a public website for Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma (HPRT), that will distill 25 years of research and action in refugee-related mental health. Midior, a firm that specializes in helping both large and small companies become better innovators, is helping HPRT to increase the availability and accessibility of HPRT's accumulated knowledge. Through years of commitment to the important problem of refugee suffering and post-conflict economic stabilization, HPRT has collected volumes of research, findings and clinical experience. HPRT's research findings, methodology and curricula will be shared with Internet users around the world – people ranging from physicians and aid workers to policy makers and students. Midior will work with HPRT to present the findings of two HPRT projects – The Massachusetts Torture Trauma Project, funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and the Bosnia Project, funded in part by the World Bank. As Susan Loconto Penta, co-founder and managing partner of Midior explained, "We at Midior view this engagement with Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma as an opportunity to apply our expertise and knowledge of product and service delivery to effectively package and scale HPRT's highly specialized information at a crucial time in history. This is no longer a topic of interest only for academia. Doctors, policy makers and the general public want and need this information now more than ever. Midior is proud to help HPRT meet that demand."

HPRT, headed by world-renowned trauma specialist, Dr. Richard Mollica, has defined the field of refugee mental health and survivor trauma since its inception in 1976. HPRT approaches the problem of refugee suffering through long-term research studies, clinical psychiatric practice, physician training

programs, policy influence and education. Over the past 25 years, HPRT has worked with Cambodian survivors of the Khmer Rouge regime; earthquake victims in Kobe, Japan; physicians treating trauma victims in post-conflict Bosnia; and various groups of refugees that have immigrated to the United States.

Midior provides strategic consulting services to innovators in the technology and financial services sectors and welcomes the opportunity to apply its expertise to assist non-profits who are pushing the accepted limits of their fields. Its client list ranges from start-ups to the Fortune 500 and includes State Street Corporation, OpenReach, and Schools for Children, among others. Midior's own website can be found at [www.midior.com](http://www.midior.com).

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