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**< ON THE COVER:**  
Farishta\*, a 28-year-old widow and mother of two, with her daughter in Kabul, Afghanistan.

\*Names changed for protection reasons.

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< UNHCR transports emergency aid from Pakistan to Afghanistan in September 2021.



**F**arishta\*, a 28-year-old widow and mother of two, fled the northern province of Takhar, Afghanistan, when Taliban fighters overran her town. Her parents managed to escape to Iran, but Farishta couldn't afford to leave the country. Farishta's brother, Salim\*, stayed behind to protect his sister and her two children, despite facing danger as a former translator for the US forces.

The family moved to a tiny room in Kabul. While trying to support her children, Farishta also sent money to her family, who struggled to get by in Iran. Farishta couldn't afford food or rent and was sinking further into debt when she heard she had received UNHCR's cash assistance, which helped her buy food, blankets and clothes to get through the harsh winter. "We have been getting all our food on credit," she said. "It's all that keeps us going, the help we get from UNHCR." ■

# Report from the Chairman and National Director

**Australia for UNHCR achieved a new milestone in 2021 as donor generosity surpassed all expectations. With multiple crises compounded by the ongoing global challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, Australians stepped up to help UNHCR provide humanitarian support to 16 emergencies.**

**AUSTRALIAN DONORS** provided the largest private sector contribution to UNHCR's emergency response in Afghanistan, exceeding funds pledged by many governments. At the same time, we continued our long-standing support for displaced communities in Uganda, South Sudan and Jordan, while forging new partnerships and engaging thousands of Australians in our mission to empower refugees.

Afghanistan holds special significance for Australia for UNHCR, with staff and family members directly affected by the conflict and ongoing humanitarian crisis. We have developed a strong connection with the country and its people over many years of support for refugee repatriation, shelter, livelihood and girls' education projects. This connection is shared by the Australian people, who stepped up to donate a massive \$10.8 million to our emergency appeal.

Like many refugee support and advocacy organisations, we were inundated with calls for help from the Afghan community here in Australia, and we worked closely with our colleagues in the UNHCR Multi Country Office in Canberra to connect people with support. We are extremely proud of the Australia for UNHCR team, who worked tirelessly to support Afghans both in Australia and in Afghanistan.

## **OUR IMPACT**

In total, Australia for UNHCR raised \$43 million in 2021 for UNHCR's global humanitarian programs, an increase of 30 per cent on last year's income. This includes \$17.7 million of generally earmarked funds, to be

used in areas of greatest need, and \$15.9 million of tightly earmarked funds going to emergencies in Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia and Syria, as well as to the COVID-19 response.

Thanks to generous Australians, women displaced by the war in Syria used cash assistance to care for their families, malnourished children in Yemen received emergency medical treatment, and families fleeing violence in Ethiopia found safety and protection. Australian donations also supported important education projects in Uganda and Cameroon.

Your gifts helped more children from both the refugee and host populations enrol in school, reduced student-classroom ratios and raised teachers' salaries. Refugees were also involved in green energy projects, with women who fled the conflict in Nigeria establishing a plant nursery and reforesting the land around their camp to combat climate change in Cameroon.

## **NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

In June, Australia for UNHCR and Islamic Relief Australia announced a three-year partnership to increase support from Australia's Muslim community for refugees. This partnership enables Muslim donors to give their Zakat – an obligatory donation – to forcibly displaced communities.

This year, Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne launched the Emergency Action Alliance (EAA) – a ground-breaking alliance made up of 15 international aid agencies, including Australia for UNHCR. The EAA will come together in the



event of large-scale emergencies to maximise fundraising and collective impact on the ground. The EAA has established media partnerships with SBS and the ABC, and has received funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs. Our Deputy National Director Trudi Mitchell serves as Chair of the EAA Appeals Committee.

We also launched the Les Murray Refugee Recognition Award, recognising the contribution of sports broadcaster and former refugee Les Murray, or 'Mr Football'. As co-sponsor of the Award, SBS, Australia's multicultural and multilingual broadcaster, will offer a \$10,000 prize to a refugee demonstrating excellence in sports, media or art, with the inaugural winner to be announced in 2022.

## **ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

This year we expanded our online engagement and webinar program. Our online briefings drew record audiences, allowing supporters all over Australia to hear first-hand from UNHCR staff working on the frontline of emergencies in Ethiopia, Yemen



^ L–R: UNHCR Deputy Regional Representative Nai Jit Lam, Australia for UNHCR National Director Naomi Steer, Australia for UNHCR Islamic Philanthropy Ambassador Raja Yassine, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates His Excellency Mr Abdulla Al Suboousi, Australia for UNHCR Islamic Philanthropy Ambassador Peter Gould.

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and Afghanistan. When Kabul fell to the Taliban, we were privileged to hear from Caroline van Buren, UNHCR’s Representative to Afghanistan, who spoke frankly about the humanitarian challenges on the ground.

A COVID-safe window in June allowed our World Refugee Day function to go ahead, attracting a large audience in person and online, and raising record funds for UNHCR’s COVID response. Our Gold Sponsor First Sentier also marked a new milestone – its eighteenth year supporting the event.

Now in its second year, the Leading Women Fund (LWF) continues to go from strength to strength, with 66 members supporting Syrian women displaced in Lebanon. We also welcomed former Board member Zoe Ghani to her new role as LWF Ambassador.

### FIT FOR PURPOSE

Working with the Senior Management team, the Board has ensured high standards of governance and a positive workplace culture, creating an organisation that is fit for purpose now and for the future.

We have also upgraded our back-end office systems during the year to support remote working, enhanced our security, and ensured continuity in all critical areas of business. In this robust, stable and secure work environment, we were able to continue our fundraising activities, increase our community engagement and maintain our high standards of donor stewardship.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

2021 marked cricket icon Ian Chappell’s twentieth anniversary as Australia for UNHCR Special Representative. Ian supported our first major appeal for Afghanistan in 2002 and has been a consistent champion and advocate for refugees. Coming full circle, he launched a new campaign, Batting for Afghanistan, which raised much-needed funds from the sporting community.

Debra O’Neill, our long-standing Strategic Director and former Deputy National Director, also celebrated her twentieth anniversary with Australia for UNHCR. With Debra’s expertise, Australia for UNHCR has become a leader in emergency fundraising and sustainable giving, especially through its face-to-face program. Debra has also created innovative campaigns, such as the Leading Women Fund and Batting for Afghanistan, raising millions for forcibly displaced communities.

Deputy National Director Trudi Mitchell was named 2021 Fundraiser of the Year by the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA). The prestigious award recognises Trudi’s services to fundraising, working with some of Australia’s leading charities and as a Board member of the EAA.

UNHCR colleagues re-elected Naomi as Global Chair of both the National Partner Standing Group and the UNHCR Partnership Council. She is proud to continue representing the National Partners in global forums, including the annual UNHCR Pledging Conference.

In March, we welcomed Adrian Edwards to the role of UNHCR Regional Representative in Canberra. We are grateful for the cooperative relationship we enjoy with Mr Edwards, along with the Deputy Regional Representative Mr Nai Jit Lam, and our UNHCR colleagues in Canberra and globally.

We thank all members of our team – our fellow Board members, our Committee Chairs Rick Millen and Kate Dundas, and all our staff and volunteers – who worked so hard, under challenging circumstances, to realise our organisation’s goals and respond to world events as they unfolded.

Finally, we thank our Australian donors who, in a year of crisis and uncertainty, continued to show compassion and concern for the world’s refugees and displaced people. ■



**Michael Dwyer AM**  
Chairman



**Naomi Steer**  
National Director

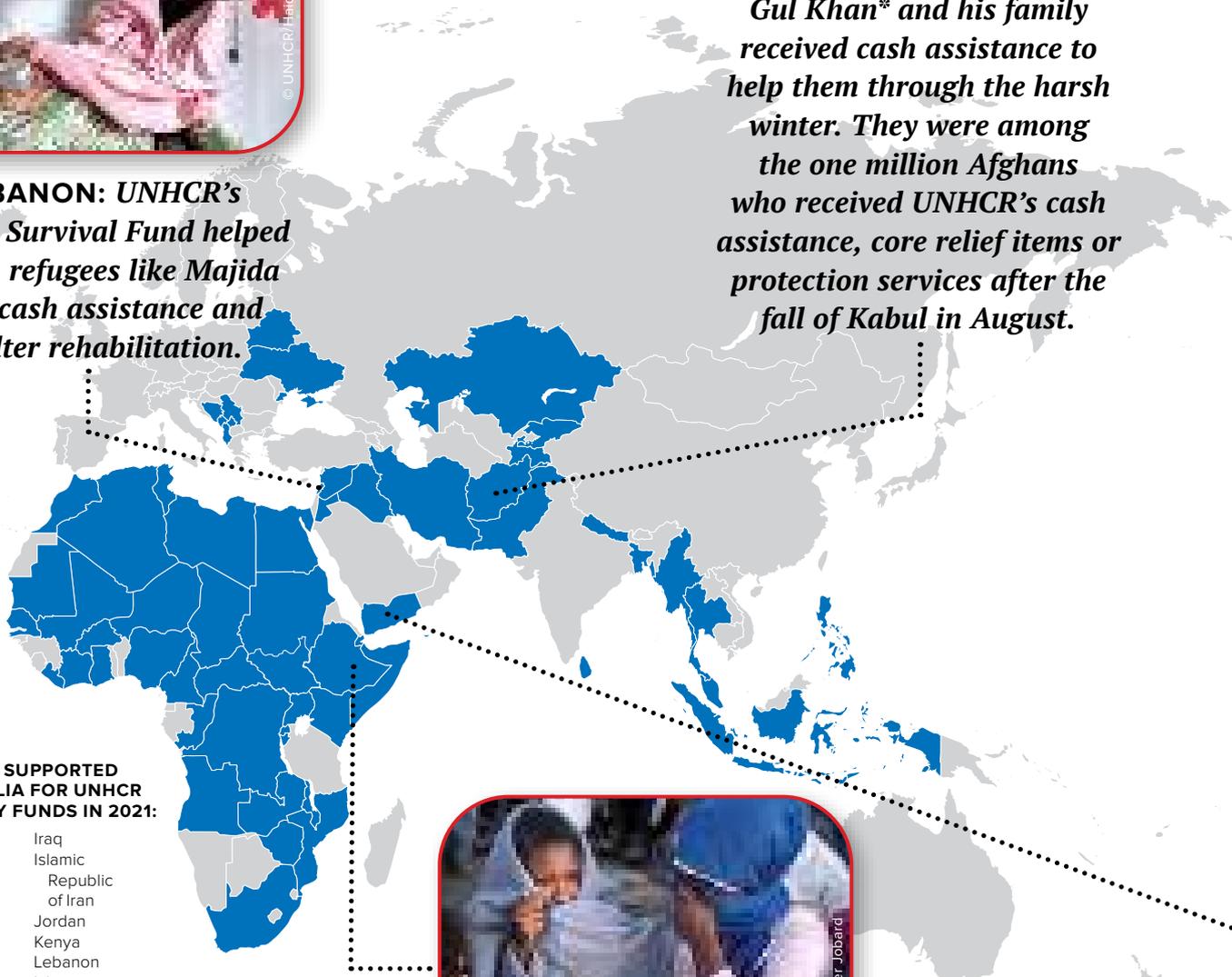
# The year in review



**AFGHANISTAN:**  
*Gul Khan\* and his family received cash assistance to help them through the harsh winter. They were among the one million Afghans who received UNHCR's cash assistance, core relief items or protection services after the fall of Kabul in August.*



**LEBANON:** *UNHCR's Winter Survival Fund helped Syrian refugees like Majida with cash assistance and shelter rehabilitation.*



**COUNTRIES SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR EMERGENCY FUNDS IN 2021:**

- |                                  |                          |                             |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Afghanistan                      | Iraq                     | Senegal                     |
| Algeria                          | Islamic Republic of Iran | Somalia                     |
| Argentina                        | Jordan                   | South Sudan                 |
| Armenia                          | Kenya                    | Sudan                       |
| Angola                           | Lebanon                  | Syrian Arab Republic        |
| Bangladesh                       | Libya                    | Tajikistan                  |
| Brazil                           | Malawi                   | Thailand                    |
| Burkina Faso                     | Malaysia                 | Tunisia                     |
| Burundi                          | Mali                     | Turkey                      |
| Cameroon                         | Mauritania               | Uganda                      |
| Central African Republic         | Mexico                   | Ukraine                     |
| Chad                             | Morocco                  | United Republic of Tanzania |
| Colombia                         | Mozambique               | Venezuela                   |
| Costa Rica                       | Myanmar                  | Yemen                       |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Nepal                    | Zambia                      |
| Djibouti                         | Niger                    |                             |
| Ecuador                          | Nigeria                  |                             |
| Egypt                            | Pakistan                 |                             |
| Ethiopia                         | Panama                   |                             |
| Georgia                          | Peru                     |                             |
| India                            | Republic of the Congo    |                             |
| Indonesia                        | Rwanda                   |                             |



**SUDAN:** *UNHCR provided blankets, shelter materials and other core relief items for refugees who have fled the violence in Ethiopia.*

\*Name changed for protection reasons.



82.4 MILLION PEOPLE FORCIBLY DISPLACED WORLDWIDE

26.6 MILLION REFUGEES

48 MILLION PEOPLE DISPLACED WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES

4.4 MILLION ASYLUM SEEKERS

135 COUNTRIES SUPPORTED BY EMERGENCY FUNDING

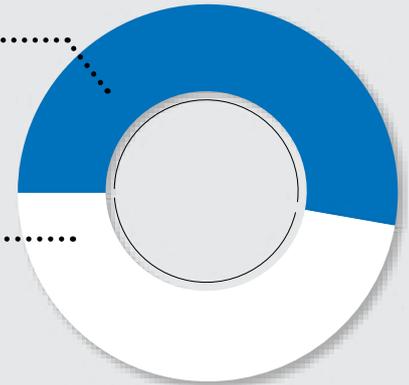
# \$43 million raised

78% OF FUNDRAISING TRANSFERRED TO UNHCR

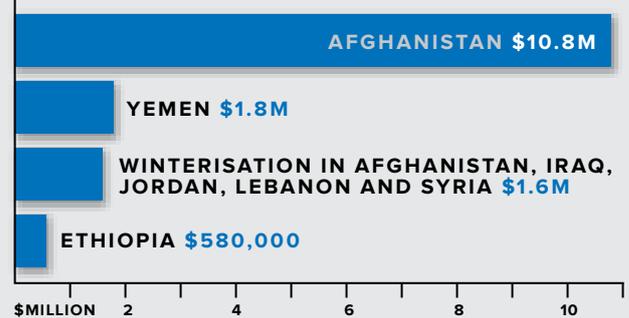
WHERE THE MONEY GOES: \$33.6 MILLION TRANSFERRED TO UNHCR IN 2021

53% TO UNHCR'S EMERGENCY PROGRAMS OF GREATEST NEED

47% TO SPECIFIC REFUGEE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS



## EMERGENCY FUNDRAISING:



## UNHCR's global operations

UNHCR works in **over 130 countries**, supporting refugees and displaced people at every stage of their journey – at the height of emergency, in established camps, settlements and urban centres and, where possible, on their eventual return or resettlement in another country.

UNHCR and its partners work to ensure the needs of refugees are met, in terms of their safety, protection and access to essentials like shelter, food, water and sanitation, health care, education, legal rights and livelihoods.

Within 72 hours, UNHCR can deploy emergency teams and essential supplies by air, land or sea, to meet the immediate needs of up to **600,000 displaced people**. ■



**YEMEN:** *Ahmed used UNHCR's cash assistance to purchase food for his family. They were forced to flee their home, which was on the frontline of the conflict, and found shelter in Taizz.*

# Afghanistan emergency

## AFGHANISTAN'S LONG-RUNNING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS ESCALATED IN AUGUST, AS TALIBAN FIGHTERS ADVANCED ON THE CAPITAL, KABUL.

Scenes of desperate Afghans at Kabul International Airport shocked the world and galvanised support for UNHCR's emergency response.

Almost 700,000 Afghans fled their homes in 2021, joining the three million people already internally displaced. Families sought refuge in cities like Kabul and Herat, where they sheltered in schools, mosques and abandoned buildings, or sank under mountains of debt in order to pay rent. Others camped in city parks and vacant lots, exposed to the elements and vulnerable to harassment and exploitation.

With its established presence in the region, UNHCR played a critical role in the emergency response. In September, our High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, led a delegation to Kabul to meet with the interim government and ensure that humanitarian access and supply lines were maintained.

A surge in philanthropic support enabled UNHCR to quickly expand its relief operations. Tonnes of emergency supplies were delivered by road and air, and distributed in almost every province. By December, more than 1.1 million Afghans had received UNHCR's help in the form of emergency shelter, winter survival kits and cash assistance.

Mullah Ahmed\* was living in an abandoned house after his family fled the fighting and, without reliable work, fell deeper into debt. He received UNHCR's cash assistance, which helped his family through the harsh winter.

"The cash assistance is very important because my work stops in winter as there is no construction," said Mullah Ahmed. "So we need it to buy food and also warm clothes for the children."

While conflict subsided in the final months of the year, conditions inside Afghanistan went from bad to worse. The country faced economic collapse and a growing food crisis, triggered by a severe drought, restricted border movements and the withdrawal of international support for the Taliban regime. Challenges will remain, however, UNHCR is committed to stay and deliver for the people of Afghanistan. ■

\*Names changed for protection reasons.

▼ Marjina\* and her children live in a one-room home in Bamiyan.

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▼ A UNHCR aid shipment arrives in Kabul with 33 tonnes of humanitarian assistance.

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**^ Abdul Sattar\* and his four-year-old daughter, Munawara, were forced to leave the Panjshir Valley when their home was destroyed, and move to Kabul.**

## + FACT FILE

- Afghans already constitute one of the largest refugee populations, with more than 2.2 million Afghans registered as refugees
- 90% of refugees are hosted in Pakistan and Iran
- 3.4 million Afghans were already internally displaced before 2021
- 700,000 people were newly displaced in 2021
- 55% of people don't have enough to eat and almost nine million are on the brink of famine
- Less than 4% of the population is fully vaccinated against COVID-19

## >> UNHCR RESPONSE

**AUSTRALIANS LED THE WORLD** in their response to the Afghanistan emergency. Afghan-Australians, business leaders, philanthropists, artists, sportspeople and many thousands of individuals responded to our emergency appeal, which raised \$10.8 million to protect and support displaced Afghans.

Collaborations with award-winning artist Ben Quilty and cricketing legend Ian Chappell amplified the appeal and engaged new sectors of the Australian community, attracting major gifts and widespread media coverage. An online briefing connected Australia for UNHCR supporters with frontline staff to learn about the humanitarian challenges in Kabul and across the country. ■

## >> IMPACT



Reached one million people



Delivered 500,000 core relief items such as jerry cans and blankets



Distributed 13,000 emergency shelter kits



Provided 300,000 families with winter cash assistance

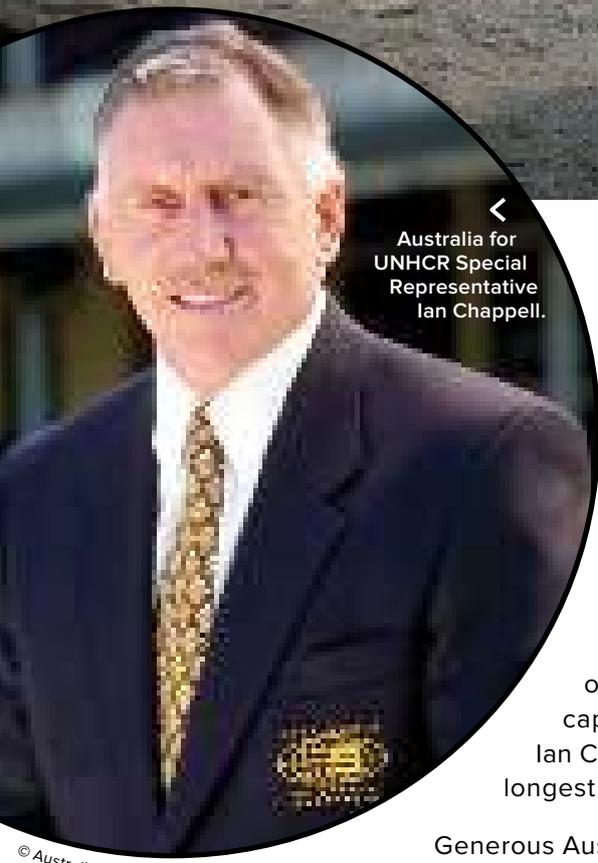


Conducted 151,000 assessments of vulnerable people



← Afghan children play cricket in a refugee camp in Pakistan.

# Batting for Afghanistan



← Australia for UNHCR Special Representative Ian Chappell.

**The Batting for Afghanistan campaign launched in October and targeted Australian sports fans to raise over \$100,000.**

The campaign was the brainchild of legendary Australian cricket captain and sports broadcaster Ian Chappell, Australia's for UNHCR's longest serving Special Representative.

Generous Australians purchased virtual cricket bats, or bid in the online auction for sporting memorabilia and fan opportunities provided by a stellar list of Australian sportspeople and personalities.

Batting for Afghanistan generated interest from both the mainstream and sports media, with Ian Chappell appearing on TV and radio. Journalists Gideon Hay, Peter Lalor and Peter FitzSimons also promoted the campaign. ■



**[HIGHEST BIDS]**

**\$11,000**

*Ryder Testimonial Bat signed by Sir Donald Bradman AC*

**\$7,500**

*Lunch with Ian Chappell, John Newcombe and Bryan Brown*

**[MOST BIDS]**

*David Warner's T20 cricket bat*

*Shirt signed by cricketer Alyssa Healy*

*Zoom chat with the Australian Women's Cricket Team.*

# [MESSAGES]



## OVER 300 PEOPLE LEFT MESSAGES OF SUPPORT AS PART OF THE BATTING FOR AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN.

*“Our hearts go out to all those people stuck in Afghanistan. May our small contribution help.”*

*“My heart aches for the innocent people caught up in the turmoil in Afghanistan. I want my small donation to help them.”*

*“I hope this small donation can help to bring hope for a brighter future filled with freedom, sport and security.”*

*“I hope this small donation can help a child or family with basic necessities of food, water and education.”*

*“Love and goodwill to all the Afghanis who are caught up in the current situation and find themselves displaced.”*



## BEN QUILTY RAISES \$6 MILLION FOR AFGHANISTAN

**AWARD-WINNING** artist Ben Quilty inspired new supporters from the arts community and corporate Australia to get behind the Afghanistan emergency response.

Ben worked in Afghanistan in 2011 as Australia’s official War Artist and felt a strong affinity with the country, its people and the Australian forces who served there. He was also familiar with UNHCR’s work, having visited Syrian refugee camps in Lebanon’s Beqaa Valley to produce a documentary and a picture book featuring the drawings of refugee children.

Ben initially set a fundraising target of \$30,000. He posted on Instagram, promoting his ‘little fundraiser’ among his 61,000 friends and followers. The campaign gained momentum quickly as some of Australia’s most creative and influential people threw their support

behind his campaign. Within days, he had attracted thousands of donations, along with major gifts and dollar-matching offers from businesses and private foundations.

Some 200 artists banded together as Artists for Afghanistan, selling their works on Instagram and directing donations to Ben’s fundraiser. The campaign also received offline gifts from small businesses and artisans donating a portion of their sales.

A strong and passionate communicator, Ben’s campaign attracted significant media attention. His participation in Australia for UNHCR’s Afghanistan webinar in October also helped bring new audiences to the cause. ■

*“I’ve seen what UNHCR does in refugee camps – incredible scenes of humans helping humans. It’s been a real honour to help UNHCR and play a very small part in their important work.”*

Ben Quilty

**A**USTRALIA FOR UNHCR is grateful to the following individuals and foundations for their generous contributions, and for using their influence and dollar-matching offers to motivate others to give.

**\$1m** Wilson Foundation

Karen Wilson, Chair of the Wilson Foundation, met with Ben Quilty and Australia for UNHCR’s Head of Philanthropy, and followed through with an exceptional gift of \$1 million.

**\$1m** Mike and Annie Cannon-Brookes

When Mike Cannon-Brookes, co-founder of the global tech giant Atlassian, and Annie Cannon-Brookes saw their friend Ben Quilty’s post on social media, they immediately offered to match donations, dollar for dollar, to the value of \$1 million.

**\$1m** Scott Farquhar and Kim Jackson

Atlassian co-founder and co-CEO Scott Farquhar and his wife, Kim, pledged a further \$1 million to the campaign. The Atlassian Foundation also hosted a webinar for its staff and corporate partners, featuring Mike Cannon-Brookes, Ben Quilty, Australia for UNHCR National Director Naomi Steer, and Australia for UNHCR Director and Atlassian employee Zoe Ghani.



YEMEN

While rarely in the headlines, Yemen remains one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world. The country is beset by conflict, natural disasters, rampant COVID-19, and acute food shortages that have pushed five million Yemenis to the brink of famine.

In April, Australians donated generously to fund critically under-resourced relief operations in Yemen. UNHCR Yemen Representative Jean-Nicholas Beuze spoke passionately with donors about the extreme hardship and imminent risk of famine for Yemenis from his office in the rebel-held capital, Sana'a.

This led to a surge of support, with total donations of \$1.84 million for emergency relief – enough to provide four months of cash assistance for over 20,000 vulnerable families so they can cover rent, food and other essentials. UNHCR also delivered emergency shelter kits to people fleeing the fighting in Marib and Al Hudaydah governorates, funded a network of refugee health centres, and donated medical equipment to hospitals and labs in Sana'a, Aden, Lahjj and Taizz. ■

Displaced children receive core relief items in Hudaydah.

ETHIOPIA

Violent clashes

in the Tigray region of Ethiopia forced more than 120,000 people to flee into eastern Sudan. With the militia destroying refugee camps and cutting off supply lines, thousands more inside Tigray were stranded.

Australian donors rallied to the cause, having long supported UNHCR's refugee operations in the region. An emergency appeal in March raised more than \$580,000 to provide families displaced on both sides of the border with frontline protection services, shelter, food, water and medicine. ■

UNHCR staff help displaced families in northern Ethiopia relocate to Sabacare 4, a new site for people who can't return home.



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◀ Nazania queues with her 10-month-old daughter, Madina, for cash assistance to help them survive the winter.

## ⤴ WINTER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Almost every year since the Syrian war began, Australia for UNHCR donors have provided thousands of vulnerable Syrian and Iraqi refugees with shelter kits, warm clothing and additional cash support, helping them weatherproof their homes and survive the coldest months of the northern winter.

At the end of 2021, the Christmas appeal was extended to include Afghanistan. This helped fund UNHCR's distribution of emergency shelter and winter items, and helped UNHCR's trucks reach as many vulnerable Afghan families as possible before temperatures plummeted and heavy snows made roads impassable. ■



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◀ Um Abdallah lost her sight as a psychological effect of the conflict in Syria. She and her son rely on UNHCR's cash assistance to pay their rent and bills.

## ◀◀ SYRIA

Ten years into the refugee crisis, Australian donors have given over \$16 million to provide life-saving relief within Syria and in neighbouring countries such as Lebanon and Jordan. In 2021, members of the Leading Women Fund offered critical support for Syrian refugee women who are the heads of their households in Jordan, providing cash assistance to help women pay for rent, food, medicine and other essentials. ■

## » FLASH E-APPEALS



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⤴ Survivors of the fire receive emergency food supplies and relief items.

**COX'S BAZAR FIRE**  
**\$63,000 for victims of a destructive fire in the Kutupalong camps for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.**



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⤴ Zhara Shafaie received her first shot at a COVID-19 vaccination centre in Delhi.

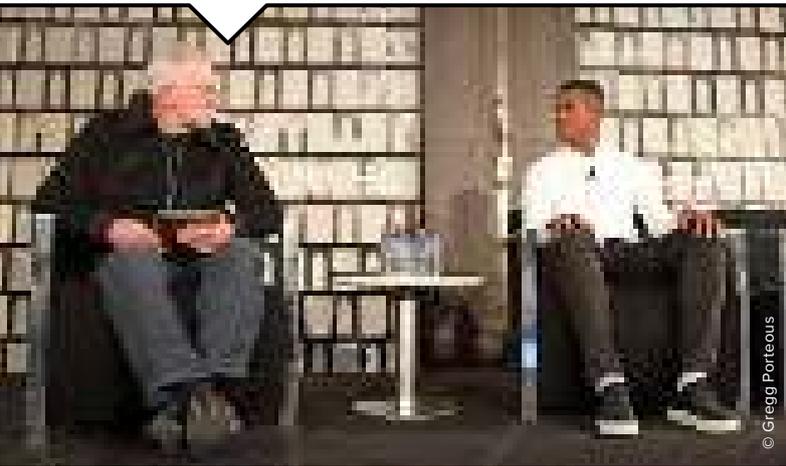
**COVID-19 RESPONSE**  
**\$427,000 to boost COVID-19 prevention and treatment measures for displaced communities.**



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⤴ Neema and her six children found safe shelter after they fled the volcanic eruption.

**VOLCANO IN THE DRC**  
**\$9,200 for families displaced by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Nyiragongo near the city of Goma in the east of the DRC.**



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# World Refugee Day

**IN JUNE**, Australia for UNHCR hosted its first ever hybrid event for World Refugee Day, with guests attending in person and online to raise \$240,000 for global COVID-19 prevention and relief projects.

World Refugee Day is Australia's largest corporate event supporting refugees and displaced people. More than 300 guests attended the luncheon at the Sheraton Grand Sydney, with another 200 joining the livestream.

This year's theme was Refugees in Sport. Guests heard deeply moving and inspiring stories from refugee athletes Asif Sultani, Akec Makur Chuot and Golgol Mebrahtu. The athletes also discussed the role of sport in building inclusive communities on a panel chaired by Australia for UNHCR Special Representative Ian Chappell.

"Refugees – a lot of time we see them as people who we have to

help," said Golgol Mebrahtu, a former Eritrean refugee and now professional footballer. "These people have something that often times gets overlooked. It's that joy that they have in their heart, that they carry in their everyday lives. If we tap into that, they can be outstanding citizens in our country. Organisations like UNHCR – they give us this opportunity."

Guests also heard from Rosemary Kariuki, a former Kenyan refugee, now the star of the award-winning documentary *Rosemary's Way* and winner of the Australian of the Year Local Hero Award.

Online attendees took a virtual tour of Jordan with Lily Carlisle, UNHCR's External Relations Officer, where they met a Syrian refugee family and learned about how cash assistance helps women meet their families' everyday needs.

**“...It's that joy that they have in their heart, that they carry in their everyday lives. If we tap into that, they can be outstanding citizens in our country. Organisations like UNHCR – they give us this opportunity.”**

Australia for UNHCR also launched the Les Murray Award at the event. This award recognises the outstanding achievements of a former refugee in Australia, in honour of the late Les Murray AM – a much-loved icon of Australian sport and refugee advocate. The inaugural winner will be announced in 2022. ■



TOP LEFT: UNHCR Special Representatives Ian Chappell and Golgol Mebrahtu.

TOP RIGHT: SBS presenter Kumi Taguchi hosts the World Refugee Day luncheon.

BOTTOM LEFT: Adrian Edwards, UNHCR Multi-Country Representative, addresses the audience at World Refugee Day.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Audiences at the World Refugee Day luncheon.

## Online events

**ONLINE BRIEFINGS** for Frontline Club members drew record audiences in 2021. The Frontline Club is a passionate group of Australia for UNHCR supporters who come together to hear first-hand from refugees, humanitarian workers, journalists and other leading voices on their experiences in refugee crises and conflicts.

The Afghanistan Briefing in October raised \$110,000 to provide emergency relief for displaced Afghans in the aftermath of the Taliban takeover. The exceptional panel featured Indrika Ratwatte, Director of UNHCR's Asia Regional Bureau, who had just been in Afghanistan negotiating with the Taliban to secure humanitarian access in Kabul.

The crises in Yemen and Ethiopia also attracted large audiences. In March, the Frontline Club heard from Axel Bisschop and Ann Encontre, UNHCR's Representatives in Sudan and Ethiopia, discussing the Tigray crisis. In June, supporters tuned in to hear Jean-Nicholas Beuze, UNHCR's Representative for Yemen, and Samerra Banwair, UNHCR Senior Public Health Associate, in a passionate discussion on the country's declining hunger, health and humanitarian crises. ■

# Leading Women Fund

## THE LEADING WOMEN FUND (LWF)

is a network of Australian women, united in their passion for supporting forcibly displaced women around the world. In 2021, the Fund continued to grow, with members providing cash assistance to help Syrian refugee women in Jordan cover rent, food and other essentials. LWF funding also helped 134 refugee women participate in a micro-business program in Jordan, covering business, marketing, innovation and financial management.

In March, LWF partnered with Vogue magazine to host Australia for UNHCR's first ever International Women's Day forum. LWF Ambassador and Boost Juice founder Janine Allis was joined online by a dynamic panel of women, including UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner Kelly T. Clements, supermodel and former refugee Adut Akech, author and Australia for UNHCR Special Representative Carina Huong, and Edina Dziho from UNHCR Jordan.

"We were really pleased to see Australia for UNHCR launch the Leading Women Fund last year to help support refugee women and girls directly," said Deputy High Commissioner Clements. "The Fund has been recognised as a great way to connect committed changemakers with the refugee experience in an innovative way."

Other LWF events included an online forum with refugee sportswomen and 'Tea with the Experts' which took participants on a virtual field mission to Jordan, demonstrating the positive impact of UNHCR cash assistance on the lives of women and girls. LWF members also tested UNHCR's Connecting Worlds app to communicate with the refugee women they supported. LWF member Thu Nguyen said it was a very humbling experience.

"We talked about our day-to-day – she really loved cooking (her favourite meal is pizza) – but there was a deeper layer as well, where she told me about her husband and I shared with her how my dad passed away recently," said Thu. "It's a very personal experience but also universal; everyone experiences loss. I still think about her positivity, and her wishing the best for me and my kid. I carry that with me." ■

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Syrian refugee Neem connected with LWF member Sarah via the Connecting Worlds app. "I felt like she was [my] real sister," said Neem. "I told her about everything going on at home."

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# Islamic Philanthropy

## » OUR PARTNERSHIPS

^ Peter Gould, Australia for UNHCR Islamic Philanthropy Ambassador, presents his artwork at an Eid event.

# Geoffrey Peacock's legacy in Bidibidi

**AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR** is among the National Partners collaborating on a major education and community safety project in Africa's largest refugee camp – Bidibidi settlement in north-west Uganda.

More than 230,000 mostly South Sudanese refugees will benefit from the three-year project, which will upgrade school facilities, pay teacher salaries and create energy-efficient lighting.

A single generous benefactor provided Australia for UNHCR's first contribution to the project through a residual gift in his Will. The late Geoffrey Peacock was a long-term supporter of refugees and his bequest, the largest Australia for UNHCR has ever received, is now transforming the lives of Bidibidi's children, improving the quality of their education and the safety of their community. ■

**IN JUNE, AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR** and Islamic Relief Australia announced a three-year strategic partnership. The ground-breaking agreement will enable the two organisations to leverage their respective networks and areas of expertise to raise awareness of refugees and funds for UNHCR's emergency and humanitarian programs.

Charitable giving is an institution in Muslim communities. Through the practice of Zakat, adults contribute a fixed portion of their excess wealth to help the poor and vulnerable. The partnership will collect and distribute Zakat funds to forcibly displaced people.

In May, Australia for UNHCR also announced the appointment of a new Ambassador, Peter Gould. Peter is a leading voice for Australia for UNHCR's Islamic philanthropy initiatives, engaging the Australian Muslim community in support of refugees from all faiths and their host communities.

“ *I have seen the generosity that lies within the Muslim community, and I look forward to investigating this further and representing the Islamic community in the advocacy of refugees everywhere.* ”

**PETER GOULD, AMBASSADOR**

In May, Peter held a special Eid event, sharing photographs and insights from his creative and spiritual journey across the Middle East. ■



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> South Sudanese refugee Sophie attends a science class in Bidibidi, Uganda.

# Special thanks

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Margaret, 15, is a student at Bhar-El-Naam Girls Primary School in northwestern Kenya's Kakuma Refugee Camp. Margaret and her fellow students at Bhar-El-Naam Girls Primary School are supported by UNHCR and its partner, Educate a Child (EAC).

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT:

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### Australia for UNHCR gratefully acknowledges the supporters who left a gift in their will in 2021 and thanks their families and executors:

Estate of the late Geoffrey Peacock  
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 Estate of the late Neville Langsford Arthur  
 The Estate of the late Frank Choate  
 Estate of the late Justine Denise McKenna  
 Estate of the late Mary Markey  
 Estate of the late Ean McArthur  
 Estate of the late Terry Moore

Australia for UNHCR also acknowledges those donors who left a gift in their Will but wished to remain anonymous.



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# Who we are

**Australia for UNHCR is the UN Refugee Agency's National Partner in Australia, raising funds and awareness to help UNHCR deliver humanitarian relief to displaced families across the globe.**

Australia for UNHCR unites caring Australians – individuals, community groups and businesses – to support refugees and people displaced from their homes, families and countries by conflict and persecution. We advocate and fundraise for refugee protection, emergency aid and long-term support and solutions, helping UNHCR reach millions of displaced people each year.

**OUR VISION:** To empower refugees to build a better future.

**OUR VALUES:** Integrity, sustainability and ambition in our work; teamwork, inclusiveness and investment in our people.

**OUR OBJECTIVES:**

- » Ensure that the voice of refugees is at the forefront of our organisation.
- » Maximise sustainable financial and in-kind support from the Australian private sector and other sources for the benefit of refugees and displaced people.
- » Strengthen visibility, public awareness and advocacy around UNHCR's humanitarian work.
- » Embed a supporter-centric, innovative and evidence-based focus in our operations.
- » Promote employment and livelihoods for refugees within our own organisation, and across the private sector nationally and globally.
- » Work with UNHCR to strengthen reporting and monitoring for Australia for UNHCR funded field-based projects.
- » Maintain a strong, respectful and positive workplace culture.

**CORPORATE STATEMENT**

Australia for UNHCR is an Australian company limited by guarantee. It was registered under the Corporations Act on 4 July 2000. UNHCR and Australia for UNHCR's Directors are members of the company. A registered charity, Australia for UNHCR has tax deductible gift recipient status through its listing as a specific international affairs recipient under Section 30.80 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. It is endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as an Income Tax Exempt Charity and a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), the Australian Government's independent national regulator of charities.

Australia for UNHCR is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary, self-regulatory sector code of good practice. As a signatory we are committed and fully adhere to the ACFID Code of Conduct, conducting our work with transparency, accountability and integrity.

Australia for UNHCR is affiliated with the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA), which sets standards for the charitable and fundraising sector, and a member of the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association (PFRA), a self-regulatory membership body for charities and agencies that carry out street and doorstep fundraising in Australia.

**COMPLAINTS:**

- Australia for UNHCR prioritises prompt and appropriate handling of complaints as part of our commitment to operational accountability and transparency.
- » Our Complaints Handling Policy and Procedure is available at: [www.unrefugees.org.au/complaints](http://www.unrefugees.org.au/complaints)
  - » Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made at: [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)



South Sudanese families can now return home with help from UNHCR.



A UNHCR staff member activates a water pump for Ethiopian refugees filling jerry-cans in Sudan.



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## EVALUATION AND MONITORING

UNHCR is committed to evaluation, which supports organisational accountability, learning, and the continual improvement of performance. Evaluation addresses the protection, assistance and needs of refugees, stateless persons, internally displaced people, and other persons of concern.

The UNHCR Evaluation Policy 2016 provides for a strengthened evaluation function in UNHCR, based on the principles of independence, impartiality, credibility and utility. The policy incorporates United Nations evaluation standards and introduces evaluation quality assurance provisions to produce high quality evidence-informed and credible evaluation products. The policy applies to all evaluations commissioned and managed by UNHCR.

Australia for UNHCR is committed to working with UNHCR to support this approach and policy. In addition, Australia for UNHCR undertakes its own monitoring and evaluation activities in relation to earmarked projects, including:

- » Initial consultations with UNHCR and other implementing partners as appropriate over project description, scope and implementation timeframes
- » Regular communication and feedback on progress and key milestones
- » Field missions during implementation of funded projects, including meetings with partners and beneficiaries
- » Reporting on outcomes from UNHCR. ■



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## Our Team

**AT THE END OF 2021**, National Director Naomi Steer, supported by Deputy National Director Trudi Mitchell and Strategic Development Director Debra O'Neill, led a team of 69 employees, with 58 permanent staff based in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and the remainder operating as casual staff in our face-to-face fundraising program. Our staff includes former refugees with first-hand experience of displacement. Additional support in 2021 came from our dedicated volunteers, who assisted with office operations, research and special events.

In 2021, we implemented our annual staff survey with positive outcomes. Employees said that Australia for UNHCR has continued to create a positive employee experience despite the challenges brought about by the pandemic, with 96 per cent of staff stating that their manager fosters teamwork and collaboration, and 100 per cent of staff agreeing that their manager demonstrates trust in them. In addition, we sought feedback about our diversity and inclusion strategy, and were delighted to see that 98 per cent of staff agree that people of all cultures and backgrounds are respected and valued. To support staff during the extended Sydney lockdown, we developed initiatives across five principles: connection and care, flexibility, wellbeing, professional support, and mindset. This included initiatives such as celebrating team achievements virtually, holding a wellbeing week to focus on staff health, and delivering training around positive mindsets. ■

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAME	QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND OCCUPATION	DIRECTOR SINCE
<b>Mr Michael Dwyer AM Chair</b>	Dip of Superannuation Management, Advanced Dip of Financial Services (Superannuation), Dip of Public Administration, FASFA, FAICD Retired from First State Super Trustee Corporation as CEO December 2018 Chair/Director, NSW Treasury Corp (NSW TCorp) Chair/Director, Bennelong Funds Management Director, Iress Director, Sydney Financial Forum	July 2000
<b>Mr John Boulton AM</b>	BA, LLB (Hons), LLM Director, Crossing the Line Sport Ltd Director, JFB Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd Director, The Athlete Transition Advantage Pty Ltd CEO, National Sports Tribunal	November 2000
<b>Mr Rick Millen</b>	MA, Law Oxford University, UK Member Institute of Chartered Accountants Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Director, Woor Pty Ltd Director, Jamjeswin Pty Ltd Director, Palmera Projects Ltd	April 2012
<b>Ms Kate Dundas</b>	BA (Communications) Charles Sturt University Vincent Fairfax Fellow, University of Melbourne Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Non-Executive Director, Sydney Festival Executive Mentor, McCarthy Mentoring Consultant/SME (arts and culture) to government/sector Consultant/SME to KPMG on specific projects	September 2015
<b>Ms Zoe Ghani</b>	BA Text and Writing (Communications) Western Sydney University Head of Product – Experience Platform, Atlassian (resigned 25 October 2021)	April 2017
<b>Ms Lynn Dang</b>	BA (Commerce), University of NSW HR Lead, Microsoft Singapore	March 2019
<b>Prof. Peter Shergold AC</b>	BA (Hull), MA (Illinois), PhD (LSE), Hon. DLitt (UNSW), FASSA, FANZSOG, FIPPA, FAICD, FAIM, FRSN Chair, Opal Healthcare Chair, Joblife Chair, NSW Education Standards Authority Chair, AMP Foundation NSW Coordinator-General for Settlement Patron, Good Things Foundation Chair, Crescent Institute Chancellor and Chair of Board of Trustees, Western Sydney University	April 2020

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Chaired by Michael Dwyer, the Program Committee includes individuals from the corporate sector who drive support for Australia for UNHCR and refugees within the finance industry and business sector. By opening their networks, committee members helped to make our 2021 World Refugee Day event our most successful yet.

Mr Michael Dwyer (Chair), Mr Michael Baldwin, Mr Marcus Van Vugt, Ms Joanna Davison, Mr Matthew Perrignon, Ms Deirdre Kennedy, Mr Gordon Noble, Mr Charles Wu and Ms Louise Farmakis. ■

# Our Ambassadors

Golgol Mebrahtu shares his story at a World Refugee Day event.



Akec Makur Chuot speaks at a World Refugee Day luncheon in Sydney.



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**AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR'S** Ambassadors are influential and prominent Australians who generously volunteer their time and use their public profile to inspire support for refugees.

Sporting icon Ian Chappell, actor Marta Dusseldorp, author Carina Hoang, entrepreneur Janine Allis and creative designer Peter Gould participated in our live and online events this year, and used their knowledge and connections to engage the public and develop new community partnerships.

Australia for UNHCR welcomed two new Ambassadors in 2021, both sportspeople from refugee backgrounds. AFLW star Akec Makur Chuot and A-League football player Golgol Mebrahtu participated in a panel discussion at World Refugee Day. ■

**“Being a role model and being involved in these programs is crucial,” said Akec Makur Chuot, whose family fled the civil war in South Sudan and lived for many years in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. “I remember when I was growing up, if someone like me came to an event, it was really important.”**

## IAN CHAPPELL MARKS 20 YEARS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

**WHEN THE TAMPA CRISIS** happened in 2001, Australian cricketing legend Ian Chappell was outraged. “Bad things happen when good people do nothing,” his wife Barbara Ann reminded him as he railed against the treatment of the mostly Afghan families stranded on board the Norwegian freighter.

Just days later, Ian agreed to put his name to Australia for UNHCR’s first appeal, raising funds to help Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

In 2002, Ian Chappell became Australia for UNHCR’s first Special Representative, a role he has filled with passion and generosity, setting an extremely high bar for all subsequent Ambassadors and Special Representatives.

Ian has been a long-standing supporter of refugee and asylum-seeker rights, and an advocate for how sport can bring people together and create life-changing opportunities. With Australia for UNHCR, he has visited sports projects in Timor-Leste and spoken at many events, including the annual World Refugee Day event where, year after year, he offers a special auction prize – sharing a private box with him at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This year, Ian once again used his public profile and connections to help Afghan families fleeing conflict. His Batting for Afghanistan initiative raised over \$100,000 through the online sale of virtual cricket bats and sporting memorabilia, galvanising support from the Australian sporting community. ■

**“Sport has the power to inspire and unite people from diverse backgrounds and bring hope.”**

Ian Chappell



Debra O'Neill, Strategic Development Director, presents Ian Chappell with an award for his 20 years of service.

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**A**BBAS KARIMI, an Afghan refugee swimmer who was born without arms, competed in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics on the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Refugee Team. Growing up in Afghanistan, Abbas faced discrimination and took up kickboxing to defend himself. But when he jumped in a swimming pool for the first time, he found his true calling.

*After becoming the national para-swimming champion, Abbas had to flee Afghanistan at 16 due to persecution and spent years in Turkey before resettling in the United States. “I am thankful for the support behind me – my family, my coach, my Afghan people, the IPC and UNHCR. They have my back and I don’t feel alone.”*

*Abbas was one of the Refugee Paralympic Team flag-bearers at the Opening Ceremony. He competed in the 50 metre butterfly event and qualified for the final, finishing eighth overall.*



# Financial summary

**A**USTRALIA FOR UNHCR raised \$43.0 million from the private sector. This is a 30 per cent increase on last year (2020: \$33 million), with donors responding strongly to record levels of displacement around the world. The Company received \$6.5 million in grant funding from UNHCR to assist donor acquisition programs and develop fundraising activities.

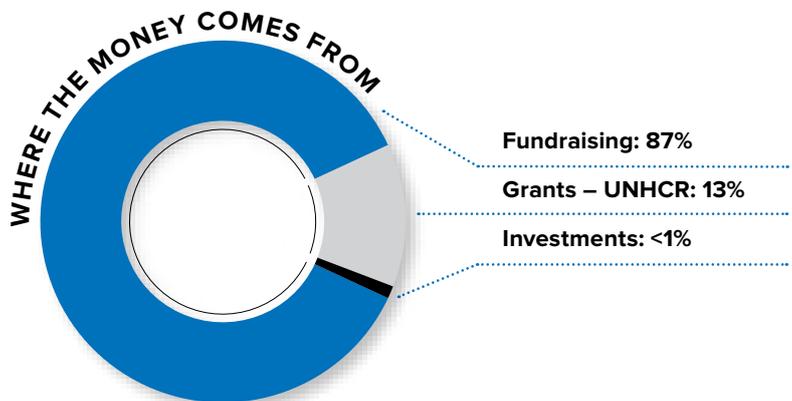
The 2021 operating surplus amounted to \$802,617 (2020: \$632,344). The current funds available for future use amount to \$4.9 million, including \$2.5 million in Reserves and \$1 million in the Innovation Fund, established this year to provide funding for investment opportunities, which supports organisational growth and revenue.

Australia for UNHCR's contribution to UNHCR increased to \$33.6 million from \$24.1 million in 2020 and represented 78 per cent of overall expenditure, excluding fundraising costs funded by UNHCR grants. \$15.9 million of 2021 contributions supported emergencies in Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia and Syria, as well as for COVID-19 relief. Disbursements of \$17.7 million remitted to UNHCR were earmarked for use in areas of greatest need.

Fundraising costs were incurred to acquire and retain donors, and help raise funds supporting UNHCR's international humanitarian programs. A portion of the organisation's fundraising costs was funded by a UNHCR grant. The grant supported donor acquisition programs and the development of fundraising activities to grow the donor base and sustainable future income. The provision of the grant is subject to meeting investment criteria such as return on investment, cost per donor and other non-financial metrics.

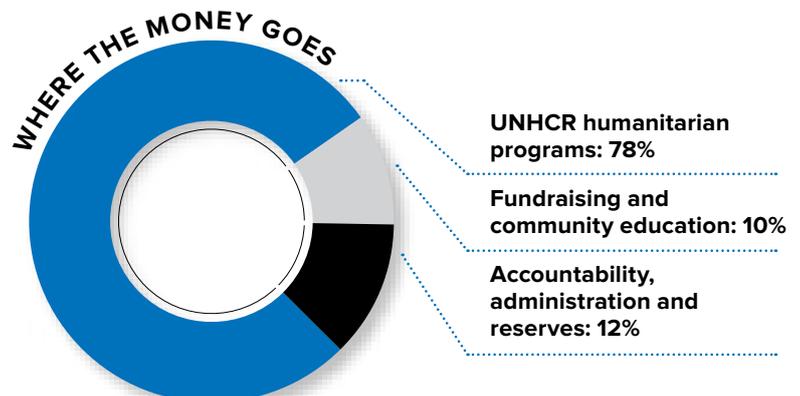
Accountability and administration in 2021 increased by 3.9 per cent on last year, being \$4.4 million. These costs included support staff costs, e.g. finance, HR and administration, office accommodation, IT, compliance and insurances. ■

**REVENUE IN 2021** – fundraising income includes monetary donations and gifts from the Australian public and corporations, foundation grants, as well as income from legacies and bequests.



REVENUE	%	\$
Fundraising	87%	43,021,786
Grants – UNHCR	13%	6,511,993
Investments	<1%	16,959
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>49,550,738</b>

**EXPENDITURE IN 2021** – Expenditure excludes fundraising costs funded through UNHCR grants.



EXPENDITURE	%	\$
UNHCR humanitarian programs	78%	33,557,920
Fundraising and community education	10%	4,271,005
Accountability, administration and reserves	12%	5,209,820
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>43,038,745</b>

Revenue and expenditure category is adapted from the summary financial statements and is based on the definitions described in the ACFID Code of Conduct.

# Statement of accounts

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Donations and gifts – monetary		<b>40,878,751</b>	32,439,705
Grants			
– Overseas UNHCR		<b>6,511,993</b>	6,434,538
– Other Australian		<b>138,648</b>	–
Bequest and legacy income		<b>1,225,594</b>	144,700
Investment income – interest		<b>16,959</b>	45,334
Other income		<b>778,793</b>	497,209
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>49,550,738</b>	39,561,486
<b>Expenses</b>			
International aid and development programs expenditure:			
International programs:			
Funds to international programs paid		<b>25,996,974</b>	19,185,378
Funds to international programs accrued		<b>7,560,946</b>	4,933,257
Community education		<b>630,015</b>	618,567
Fundraising costs:			
Funded by UNHCR		<b>6,511,993</b>	6,434,538
Public		<b>3,640,990</b>	3,517,406
Accountability and administration		<b>4,407,203</b>	4,239,997
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>48,748,121</b>	38,929,142
Excess of revenue over expenses	2	<b>802,617</b>	632,344
Other comprehensive income		–	–
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>802,617</b>	632,344

For the year ended 31 December 2021, there were no amounts earned or incurred by Australia for UNHCR for the following categories: non-monetary donations and gifts, other Australian grants, revenue from international political or religious adherence promotional programs, international program support costs, non-monetary expenditure, international political or religious adherence promotion programs expenditure and domestic programs expenditure.

The accompany notes form part of this concise financial report. These statements should be read in conjunction with the full financial statements.

The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position, and financing and investing activities of the Company as the financial report. Further information can be obtained from the financial report, which is available free of charge on request to the Company by contacting 02 9262 5377.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>8,258,418</b>	3,321,921
Financial assets – term deposits	<b>5,649,704</b>	5,649,704
Receivables	<b>337,374</b>	1,423,418
Prepayments	<b>131,984</b>	295,598
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>14,377,480</b>	10,690,641
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Plant and equipment	<b>138,038</b>	237,455
Intangible assets	<b>129,674</b>	131,262
Right-of-use asset	<b>1,665,890</b>	376,817
Financial assets – security deposits	<b>343,294</b>	343,294
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,276,896</b>	1,088,828
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>16,654,376</b>	11,779,469
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	<b>9,231,876</b>	6,585,405
Lease liabilities	<b>264,379</b>	372,158
Provisions	<b>610,262</b>	539,593
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>10,106,517</b>	7,497,156
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	<b>1,472,488</b>	59,071
Provisions	<b>131,761</b>	82,249
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,604,249</b>	141,320
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,710,766</b>	7,638,476
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>4,943,610</b>	4,140,993
<b>Members' funds</b>		
Retained surplus	<b>1,393,610</b>	1,590,993
Reserves	<b>2,550,000</b>	2,550,000
Innovation fund	<b>1,000,000</b>	–
<b>Total members' funds</b>	<b>4,943,610</b>	4,140,993

At the end of the financial year, Australia for UNHCR had no balances in the following categories: inventories, assets held for sale, investment property, other non-current assets, current and non-current borrowings, current tax liabilities, current and non-current financial liabilities, and current and non-current other liabilities.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS**

As at 31 December 2021

	Innovation Fund \$	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Funds available for future use at 1 Jan 2020	–	2,550,000	958,649	3,508,649
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	–	–	632,344	632,344
<b>Funds available for future use at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2,550,000</b>	<b>1,590,993</b>	<b>4,140,993</b>
<b>Amount transferred (to) from innovation fund</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(1,000,000)</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>802,617</b>	<b>802,617</b>
<b>Funds available for future use at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>2,550,000</b>	<b>1,393,610</b>	<b>4,943,610</b>

The accompany notes form part of this concise financial report. These statements should be read in conjunction with the full financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

As at 31 December 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts of grant from UNHCR	7,600,417	5,196,369
Cash receipts of donations, gifts and bequests	42,104,345	32,584,405
Cash receipts of other Australian grants	138,648	–
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(14,338,153)	(13,135,786)
Cash payments to UNHCR for overseas projects	(30,930,231)	(24,826,277)
Interest received	15,048	60,388
Other income	917,441	497,209
Finance costs paid	(26,443)	(42,444)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>5,342,424</b>	<b>333,864</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for plant and equipment	(26,773)	(34,848)
Payment for intangible assets	(40,000)	–
Net movement in financial assets – term deposits	–	1,065,732
<b>Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(66,773)</b>	<b>1,030,884</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of lease liabilities	(339,154)	(412,806)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(339,154)</b>	<b>(412,806)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>	<b>4,936,497</b>	<b>951,942</b>
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	3,321,921	2,369,979
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>8,258,418</b>	<b>3,321,921</b>

The accompany notes form part of this concise financial report. These statements should be read in conjunction with the full financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31 December 2021

## Note 1: Summary of significant accounting policies

The concise financial report is an extract of the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2021. The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard 1039: Concise Financial Reports, and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012* and the ACFID Code of Conduct reporting requirements (for further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)).

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report are derived from and are consistent with the full financial report of Australia for UNHCR. The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Australia for UNHCR as the full financial report.

The financial report of Australia for UNHCR has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) Reduced Disclosure Requirements including Australian Accounting Interpretations. A statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards cannot be made due to the organisation applying the not-for-profit sector specific requirements contained in the Australian Accounting Standards. The presentation currency used in this concise financial report is Australian dollars.

Note 2: Excess of revenue over expense	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses has been arrived at after charging the following items:</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation of plant and equipment and intangibles	167,778	234,770
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	353,605	392,824
Payments for short term and low value asset leases	44,722	16,853
Interest expense on lease liabilities	25,915	42,444
Employee benefits expense		
- Salaries and wages	5,938,951	5,694,592
- Superannuation	561,605	528,190

## Note 3: Events subsequent to reporting period

The Company has entered into the 2022 Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement with UNHCR. The agreements confirm the financial contributions from UNHCR for fundraising activities for the year.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

## Note 4: Economic dependency

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company was entitled to a grant of \$6,511,993 (2020: \$6,434,538) from UNHCR and is dependent on this entity for financial support in respect of developing its fundraising activities and donor acquisition, and special projects as assigned by UNHCR. A similar arrangement has been agreed for 2022 through the Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement. At the time of this report, negotiations are underway to renew the Company's multi-year Recognition Agreement with UNHCR and the Directors have no reason to believe that UNHCR will discontinue its support of the Company.

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Displaced families in South Sudan return home with the help of UNHCR.

# Directors' declaration and auditor's report



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## Auditor's Independence Declaration To the Directors of Australia for UNHCR ABN 35 092 843 322

In relation to the independent audit for the year ended 31 December 2021 I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) The auditor's independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct.

This declaration is in respect of Australia for UNHCR during the year.

**S S Wallace**  
Partner

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## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Australia for UNHCR declare that the concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 as set out on the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in members' funds, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements:

- (a) complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports; and
- (b) is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2021 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Australia for UNHCR.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

**Mr Michael Dwyer AM**  
Director

**Mr Rick Millen**  
Director

Dated at Sydney this 28 March 2022

Australia for UNHCR (ABN 35 092 843 322)  
Concise report for the year ended 31 December 2021



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## Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Australia for UNHCR ABN 35 092 843 322

### Report on the Audit of the Concise Financial Report

#### Opinion

The concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in member's funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, are derived from the audited financial report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

In our opinion, the concise financial report are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report, on the basis described in Note 1.

#### Concise Financial Report

The summary financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards applied in preparation of the audited financial report of the Company. Reading the concise financial report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of the Company and the auditor's report thereon.

#### The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 28 March 2022.

#### Responsibilities of Directors' for the Concise Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report on the basis described in Note 1 to the audited financial report, to the extent applicable to the summary financial report.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the concise financial report are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

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