

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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Australia for UNHCR

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**ON THE COVER:** Valentina, an 83-year-old Ukrainian refugee, sits on her bed at a shelter in Krakow, Poland.  
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## BARWAKO NOOR ALI, SOMALIA

In 2022, drought, conflict and rising commodity prices created a hunger crisis in the Horn of Africa. Barwako Noor Ali, a single mother from Somalia, lost her cows and goats to the devastating drought. With no way to feed her children or earn a living, she fled across the border and found safety at a temporary shelter in Bur Amino, Ethiopia.

"There was nothing more we could do to survive," she said. "The river was dry. There was no rain. I left because of my children."

With our donors' generous support, UNHCR provided vulnerable families like Barwako's with life-saving aid. This included emergency shelter, cash assistance to help displaced families buy food, and relief items such as sleeping mats and cooking stoves.



LEFT: L-R: CEO Trudi Mitchell, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees Kelly T. Clements, Chairman Michael Dwyer, Deputy Chair Kate Dundas and UNHCR Deputy Regional Representative Nai Jit Lam. © Australia for UNHCR

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

The world reached a tragic milestone in 2022. For the first time ever, more than 100 million people were displaced around the world. Australian donors responded generously to various emergencies, including the war in Ukraine, giving \$50.6 million to support people fleeing conflict, disaster and persecution – an increase of 18 per cent from 2021.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 sparked the biggest refugee crisis in Europe since WWII. Australia for UNHCR held various appeals for Ukraine throughout 2022, raising over \$16.5 million. Thousands of individual Australians donated to the massive humanitarian response or found creative ways to fundraise. They were joined by corporates, philanthropists and community groups, which also gave generously. The Vietnamese-Australian community, both Buddhist and secular, raised over \$371,000 to support UNHCR's work in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

Ongoing drought in the Horn of Africa, driven by climate change, created a life-threatening emergency. Millions of people faced acute hunger and many were forced to leave their homes in search of help. Australians stepped up again,

donating \$2.8 million to provide aid, including emergency nutrition for children.

Australia for UNHCR also launched an emergency appeal following the floods that devastated communities in Pakistan between June and October. We raised \$645,000 to provide emergency supplies for families who lost everything – both Pakistani locals and Afghan refugees living in Pakistan.

### PASSING THE TORCH

In August 2022, Australia for UNHCR's founder and National Director, Naomi Steer, stepped down. After 22 years of service, Naomi passed the torch to her Deputy, Trudi Mitchell. We would like to thank Naomi for her unflagging support for refugees and displaced people.

Michael Dwyer, Chair of Australia for UNHCR, stepped down from the Board on 12 December 2022. Michael is a passionate advocate for refugees and helped our organisation develop rich partnerships with the private sector over 22 years. He continues to play an important role with Australia for UNHCR as a patron of the organisation.

Kate Dundas, Deputy Chair of Australia for UNHCR, stepped into the role of Acting Chair for the remainder of 2022, prior to the commencement of Professor

Peter Shergold, who was appointed as the new Chair. Professor Shergold commenced as Chair in January 2023, bringing with him extensive experience in refugee issues and not-for-profit governance.

In October, we welcomed Dr Sayd Farook to the Board. Dr Farook is Chief Executive of Unity Grammar and was previously Head of Group Strategy at the Crescent Group.

### UNHCR LEADERS VISIT AUSTRALIA

In November, we were grateful to host UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, Ms Kelly T. Clements, on her first visit to Australia. Deputy High Commissioner Clements updated supporters and staff on UNHCR's work, sharing moving stories from the frontlines of the emergency response in Ukraine. She was joined by UNHCR's Director for Asia and the Pacific, Mr Indrika Ratwatte, who provided insight into the situation for displaced people in Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

### NEW ZEALAND OPERATION

After many years of work, Australia for UNHCR set up a new entity in New Zealand. New Zealand for UNHCR began digital fundraising in March 2022 and face-to-face fundraising in November 2022. By increasing awareness in New Zealand of the plight of refugees around the world, we hope to garner more support for the UN Refugee Agency's life-saving work – both in emergencies and in protracted situations.

### EMERGENCY ACTION ALLIANCE

Australia for UNHCR is proud to be part of the Emergency Action Alliance (EAA), a new organisation comprised of 15 Australian charities that come together during key emergencies. The first EAA appeal was for Ukraine. It received support from the Australian Government as well as the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. The EAA also allocated \$867,000 to support UNHCR's response to the food crisis in the Horn of Africa. The Alliance makes it easy for Australians to give to trusted charities during large-scale emergencies, ensuring donations reach the field as quickly as possible.

### HONOURING REFUGEES

In 2022, we partnered with SBS to offer the inaugural Les Murray Award for Refugee Recognition, honouring the late sports broadcaster and former Hungarian refugee Les Murray AM.

Danijel Malbasa was awarded the \$10,000 prize for his formidable refugee advocacy and his volunteer work with asylum seekers. Danijel arrived in Australia from the former Yugoslavia at the age of 12, traumatised and malnourished. He went on to become a lawyer, writer and spokesperson for displaced people, including LGBTIQ+ refugees.

### BUILDING COMMUNITIES

In Sydney, our annual World Refugee Day event brought together former refugees, corporates and high-profile supporters to raise more than \$250,000 for UNHCR's emergency operations in Ukraine.

With the generous support of John McMurtrie AM, Australian band The Bluesberries created an original song called *Blue Skies* to raise money for Ukraine. Mr McMurtrie - along with fellow band members Dan Fallon and Paul Beard - collaborated with more than 70 musicians on the song, including the Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine, the Shchedryk Kyiv Children's Choir and the Ukrainian soprano Maryana Golovko.

We also continued to reach out to Muslim donors, empowering them to donate their Zakat and Sadaqah to help displaced people. For the first time, we held a special Iftar event during Ramadan, which was generously hosted by Afghan-Australian supporter Anjilla Seddeqi.

We were also honoured to attend two special events celebrating the work of Naomi Steer over two decades as well as Australia for UNHCR's work with refugees and displaced people. Thank you to the NSW Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, and the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), for hosting these memorable events.

We would like to thank all members of our team – including our Board, staff and volunteers – for their hard work during another challenging year. Most of all, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every supporter for their compassion and generosity.

Michael Dwyer AM  
Chair



Trudi Mitchell  
CEO



# YEAR IN REVIEW

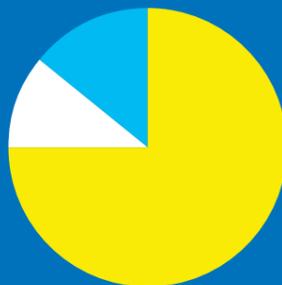
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Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR

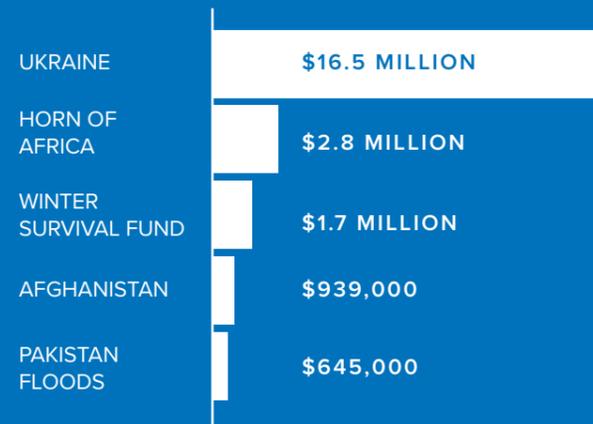
**\$38,134,121**

Transferred to UNHCR for distribution to the field

- 75% to UNHCR humanitarian programs
- 14% to accountability and administration
- 11% to fundraising and community education



## KEY EMERGENCIES



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE SNAPSHOT



25 new emergencies



22 emergency airlifts



856 people trained in emergency response/deployment

### UNHCR's global operations

UNHCR works in 140 countries around the world and is often first in and last out during humanitarian emergencies. Our teams stand ready to deploy life-saving assistance within 72 hours of an emergency declaration.

UNHCR covers every angle of emergency response, from coordinating airlifts to establishing camps and providing water and sanitation. In protracted situations, UNHCR provides longer-term support, helping displaced communities access education, healthcare and livelihood opportunities. UNHCR also helps displaced people return home or resettle permanently in other countries.

### Countries supported by Australia for UNHCR:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Afghanistan                          | Mexico                        |
| Angola                               | Moldova, Republic of          |
| Bangladesh                           | Mozambique                    |
| Botswana                             | Myanmar                       |
| Burkina Faso                         | Namibia                       |
| Burundi                              | Nicaragua                     |
| Cameroon                             | Niger                         |
| Central African Republic             | Nigeria                       |
| Chad                                 | Pakistan, Islamic Republic of |
| Congo                                | Republic of Panama            |
| Costa Rica                           | Poland                        |
| The Democratic Republic of the Congo | Romania                       |
| Egypt                                | Rwanda                        |
| El Salvador                          | Slovakia                      |
| Eritrea                              | Somalia                       |
| Eswatini                             | South Africa                  |
| Ethiopia                             | South Sudan                   |
| Guatemala                            | Sudan                         |
| Honduras                             | Syrian Arab Republic          |
| Hungary                              | Tanzania, United Republic of  |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of            | Türkiye                       |
| Iraq                                 | Turkmenistan                  |
| Jordan                               | Uganda                        |
| Kenya                                | Ukraine                       |
| Lebanon                              | Uzbekistan                    |
| Lesotho                              | Venezuela                     |
| Malawi                               | Yemen                         |
| Mali                                 | Zambia                        |
| Mauritania                           | Zimbabwe                      |



South Sudanese refugee Bety Aredu with her seven-month-old baby, Sarah, at a settlement in Ituri Province, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. © UNHCR/Hugh Kinsella Cunningham



A group of women carry lighting equipment with solar panels, battery, inverter, bulbs and cables through Aleppo. © UNHCR Syria



Halima Hussein, 28, and her son fled drought in Somalia to seek aid in Kenya. © UNHCR/Charity Nzomo



Nawal and her two daughters, Shireen and Lava, fled Syria in 2014. They now live in Lebanon, where UNHCR's cash assistance helps them meet their everyday needs. © UNHCR



Svitlana and her son, Ivan, stand on the foundations of what used to be their home in Kyiv, Ukraine. © UNHCR/Diana Zeyneb Alhindawi

## UKRAINE EMERGENCY

Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 created the fastest-growing refugee emergency in Europe since World War II. Eight million refugees fled – on overcrowded trains, by car or on foot – to neighbouring countries. As the fighting escalated, millions more were displaced within Ukraine's borders, forced to flee attacks on their homes, schools and hospitals.

Australia for UNHCR raised \$16.5 million to support UNHCR's emergency response in Ukraine and across the region. This included sending humanitarian aid to hard-hit areas, providing cash assistance to help people buy essentials, and offering targeted protection to the most vulnerable, including women and children.

When the war broke out, Tamara, 65, said farewell to her son and granddaughter. Their neighbourhood

in Chernihiv was under fire and they decided to flee to safety. But Tamara's mother and brother couldn't escape due to their disabilities, so she courageously decided to stay behind to care for them.

"I made improvised beds in our cellar where we hid during the hostilities," Tamara said. "The cellar steps were too steep for my mother, so I put a coat down and used it as a sledge to bring her down. We stayed there for two long weeks."

The cellar was cold, dark and wet. When her mother's leg became badly infected, Tamara braved the shelling to take her to the doctor.

"My mother became very sick and we had no choice but to go to a local hospital in the midst of all the shelling. It was the only way to save her life."

When the fighting subsided, Tamara's son and granddaughter returned home. They found their family safe but their home severely damaged. UNHCR's shelter teams installed a new roof, windows and doors on Tamara's house, which helped protect the family from the harsh winter weather.

Despite all the trauma the family has experienced, Tamara said she is grateful.

"I feel that we were not left alone to deal with our tragedy. It gives me strength and hope in humanity," she said.



Representatives from the Quang Minh Buddhist Temple present a fundraising cheque. © Australia for UNHCR

## AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS GIVE GENEROUSLY

Australian individuals, corporates and community groups united to support UNHCR's life-saving work. Our generous supporters held fundraisers, created music and art, and drew on their own refugee experiences to support the people of Ukraine.

### COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

Australia for UNHCR received outstanding support from fundraisers across the country, including a number of Vietnamese-Australian groups, both Buddhist and secular. These included the Vietnamese Community's Queensland Chapter, led by Dr Cuong Bui, a former refugee who fled Vietnam in 1975; the Quang Minh Buddhist Temple; the Unified Vietnamese Congregation of Australia - New Zealand; the Sakyamuni Buddhist Centre; and various other Australian-Vietnamese Buddhist groups.

### THE BLUESBERRIES CREATE *BLUE SKIES*

Australian band The Bluesberries created a beautiful song to raise funds for displaced Ukrainians. John McMurtrie AM, Paul Beard and Dan Fallon collaborated with Ukrainian musicians to produce *Blue Skies*. More than 70 musicians were involved in the project. The Youth Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine recorded a symphonic arrangement at a cathedral in Düsseldorf, Germany. Inside Ukraine, the Shchedryk Kyiv Children's Choir recorded choral arrangements for the project. The song was released in both English and Ukrainian, and featured lyrics and vocals by Ukrainian soprano Maryana Golovko.

### WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Australia for UNHCR's World Refugee Day lunch raised \$257,000 for Ukraine. The event, sponsored by First Sentier Investors and Teachers Health, was attended by 400 guests at the Sheraton Park in Sydney, with funds going towards UNHCR's protection work with women and children in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

Hope Aid Unite, a group established in Tasmania in 2021 to help refugees and displaced people around the world, held a fundraising lunch to mark World Refugee Day. Australia for UNHCR Special Representative Marta Dusseldorp spoke about her experiences visiting refugee camps where she has witnessed UNHCR's work first-hand. The lunch raised \$165,000 for UNHCR's work.

## UNHCR'S IMPACT IN UKRAINE



4 million people reached



1.6 million people received life-saving supplies such as blankets, tarpaulins and solar lamps



107,000 people received cash assistance to meet their basic needs



1.1 million people received protection assistance, including psychosocial support, legal aid, and advice and referrals at border crossings or transit points



149,000 people received shelter support, including home repairs and accommodation at centres

Dekow Ali sets up a makeshift shelter for his family in Dadaab after fleeing drought in Somalia. © UNHCR/Charity Nzomo



UNHCR provides emergency support in flood-affected Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. © UNHCR/Usman Ghani



After losing seven family members and his home in a devastating earthquake, Alamir is now the sole carer for his nine grandchildren. UNHCR helped build new homes with insulation, stoves, solar panels and toilets for Alamir and other families in the areas affected by the quake. © UNHCR/Oxygen Film Studio (AFG)

## HORN OF AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS

Severe drought forced families across the Horn of Africa to flee their homes in 2022. The failure of four consecutive rainy seasons, driven by climate change, created a hunger crisis, which was exacerbated by armed conflict and global supply shortages. The situation was particularly dire in Somalia, where 1.1 million people had to leave home to find life-saving aid.

Australia for UNHCR's emergency appeal raised \$2.8 million, including support from the Emergency Action Alliance's Hunger Appeal, to deliver urgent assistance to displaced communities in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. Working with its partners, UNHCR provided shelter, water, relief items, healthcare and supplementary nutrition to drought-stricken families such as Dekow Ali and his four children.

At home in Somalia, Dekow relied on his crops and livestock to sustain his family. But three years without rain destroyed his livelihood.

"You just plant crops but there is nothing to harvest," he said. "My cows died at the onset of the drought. I lost some goats as well."

Dekow sold his remaining goats to pay for his family's transport to Dadaab in neighbouring Kenya.

"I came with nothing except my children," he said.

In Dadaab, UNHCR provided newly arrived families like Dekow's with cash assistance, clean drinking water and hygiene facilities, as well as targeted services for the most vulnerable, such as malnourished children.

## PAKISTAN FLOODS

Monsoonal rain and flooding swept across Pakistan from June 2022, submerging one-third of the country and affecting 33 million people.

Australia for UNHCR's supporters responded by sending life-saving aid to flood survivors, including the many Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. These vital supplies reached people like Saleem Khan, a 25-year-old farmer whose home was swept away in the early hours of the morning.

"We were so scared. We never saw such a scary night. We were wondering how we would cross these waters, but my father calmed us down. We left everything behind."

Luckily, Saleem's family found higher ground and took shelter in a tent provided by UNHCR.

In the wake of the floods, UNHCR not only supplied essential relief items, but also provided protection services for the most vulnerable, including women and children. With sister agencies UNICEF and UNFPA, UNHCR provided psychosocial support, delivered sanitary products to women and girls, and supported family tracing efforts.

## AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY

In 2022, Afghanistan's economic crisis pushed millions of people into extreme poverty and hunger. UNHCR continued to provide life-saving assistance – both to internally displaced people and refugees who fled to safety in neighbouring countries.

UNHCR provided survival essentials and cash assistance to help people meet their basic needs, such as food and shelter. In the face of a particularly harsh winter, UNHCR also distributed warm clothing, blankets, heaters, fuel and seasonal cash grants to the most vulnerable. When an earthquake struck Paktika and Khost provinces in June, we fundraised to send humanitarian assistance such as shelter kits, blankets and water buckets to the survivors.

In areas where conflict has abated, UNHCR was able to help families return home. UNHCR helped 320,306 internally displaced people reintegrate safely and voluntarily. With its partners, UNHCR upgraded basic infrastructure in returnees' communities, improving access to housing, power, water, healthcare and education. UNHCR also focused on helping returnees establish viable livelihoods and access training and capital to start small businesses.

With more than two million Afghan refugees registered in neighbouring countries, UNHCR worked with governments and local partners to meet their ongoing needs. For example, in Pakistan, UNHCR donated nine fully-equipped ambulances to health authorities in Balochistan province and 85 dialysis machines to a urology clinic in Sindh province. Meanwhile, in Uzbekistan, UNHCR helped Afghan refugees attend courses in hairdressing, tailoring and other trades.

UNHCR continued striving to reach women and girls in extremely challenging circumstances, delivering education, business and health programs where possible. UNHCR also lobbied the de facto authorities to uphold the fundamental human rights of women and girls, including their rights to work and to study. UNHCR also called on the Taliban to reverse its ban on female NGO workers announced in December.

## UNHCR'S IMPACT IN AFGHANISTAN



5 million people assisted



34 of 34 provinces reached



975,700 people received cash assistance



401,300 people received relief items



1.4 million people's needs assessed

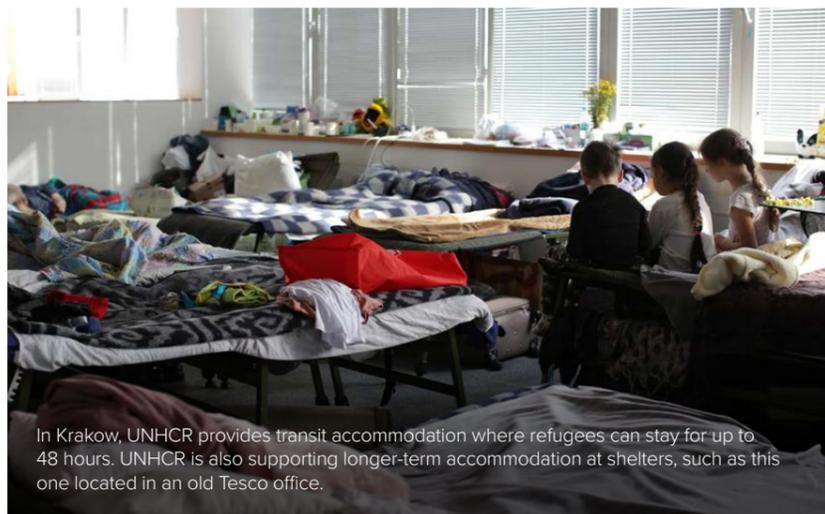


Trudi Mitchell meets with Ukrainian refugee Julie, who fled Mariupol with her parents and children to seek safety in Warsaw, Poland.  
© Australia for UNHCR/Leslie Knott

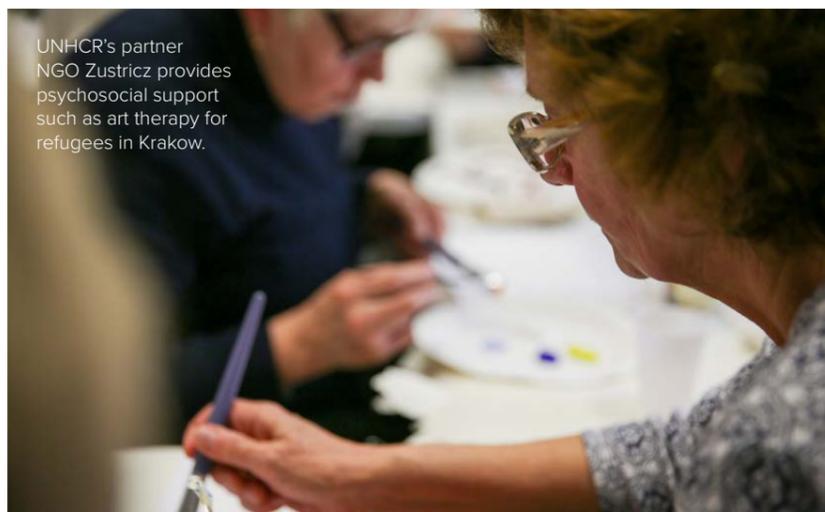
## IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN POLAND

In October, Australia for UNHCR CEO Trudi Mitchell visited Krakow and Warsaw in Poland to observe UNHCR's frontline work with Ukrainian refugees, and to speak with the women and children forced to leave their homes behind.

On her trip, Ms Mitchell heard about how Australian donors are not only helping refugees survive but giving much-needed hope for the future. She visited train stations, accommodation centres and service hubs where UNHCR is providing aid and protection. This includes cash assistance, legal advice and counselling, as well as supplies such as blankets and hygiene kits. She also visited support groups where refugees are learning trauma management techniques such as painting and yoga.



In Krakow, UNHCR provides transit accommodation where refugees can stay for up to 48 hours. UNHCR is also supporting longer-term accommodation at shelters, such as this one located in an old Tesco office.



UNHCR's partner NGO Zustricz provides psychosocial support such as art therapy for refugees in Krakow.

## PROTECTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN UGANDA

In April 2022, Naomi Steer, founder and National Director of Australia for UNHCR, and Elizabeth Grady, Head of Philanthropy, travelled to Bidibidi refugee camp in Uganda to visit education projects, protection houses for women and environmental initiatives.

Bidibidi was established in 2016 to host a rapidly growing number of refugees from South Sudan. It is now one of the largest camps in the world, hosting more than 230,000 South Sudanese refugees – 84 per cent women and children.



Naomi Steer joined representatives from UNHCR's National Partners in laying bricks for a protection house that will accommodate up to 120 women and children, including those who have experienced sexual- or gender-based violence.



The project will also protect the local environment by establishing tree nurseries and increasing use of energy-efficient cooking stoves rather than wood.



Naomi Steer and Elizabeth Grady distributed picture books featuring Australian wildlife in Bidibidi, where 28 per cent of primary-age children and 88 per cent of secondary-age children are not in school.



Janine Allis in Azraq refugee camp, Jordan.

## EMPOWERING WOMEN IN JORDAN

Janine Allis, Leading Women Fund Ambassador and Boost Juice founder, travelled to Jordan in May 2022 to meet Syrian refugee women whose lives have been turned upside down by the war that began in their country more than a decade ago. Ms Allis met refugee women who are building their own home-based businesses in Amman with the help of UNHCR. She also met women who are receiving cash assistance to pay their rent or buy food or medicine. Cash gives women greater freedom and dignity than traditional aid, allowing them to choose how best to cover their families' needs.

# EVENTS AND AWARDS

Australia for UNHCR held numerous online and face-to-face events in 2022. These events gave supporters an opportunity to learn more about refugee issues and to celebrate the achievements of former refugees who have rebuilt their lives in Australia. Together with our supporters, we raised funds for emergency response and long-term projects, learned more about refugee issues from experts, and celebrated the achievements of former refugees who have courageously rebuilt their lives in Australia.



## INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

Webinars with experts provided Australian donors with insights into UNHCR's work around the world.

In March, Australia for UNHCR hosted a 'Women on the Frontlines' webinar to mark International Women's Day, featuring a range of high profile guests. They included Gillian Triggs, UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, who spoke about the particular challenges women and girls face in humanitarian crises. Afghan-Australian Yalda Hakim, a BBC journalist and Afghan-Australian, sent a video message from Lviv, where she was reporting on the war.

In April, Australia for UNHCR held a webinar to provide donors with an update on the situation in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Guests included Mohamed Shoman, who was coordinating UNHCR's emergency response from the Ukrainian city of Vinnytsia, and UNHCR spokesperson Shabia Mantoo, who joined the webinar from Poland.

CEO Trudi Mitchell visited Poland in October and hosted a webinar live from the field. Guests included UNHCR Representative in Poland, Kevin Allen and Yuliya Gorbatova, who had fled Ukraine as a refugee and was working as a UNHCR Protection Officer in Poland.

Another webinar focused on the impact of ongoing drought in the Horn of Africa. Guests joined the conversation from South Sudan, Uganda, Ethiopia and Somalia.



## UNHCR LEADERS VISIT AUSTRALIA

In November, Australia for UNHCR welcomed Kelly T. Clements, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, and Indrika Ratwatte, UNHCR Director for Asia and the Pacific, to Sydney.

On her first trip to Australia, Deputy High Commissioner Clements thanked donors for their significant contributions and discussed some of the challenges displaced people are facing around the globe.

"I'd like to thank Australia for UNHCR for 22 years of support," said Deputy High Commissioner Clements. "The funds you raise here help to save lives all over the world – from Ukraine to Afghanistan, from Bangladesh to the Horn of Africa.

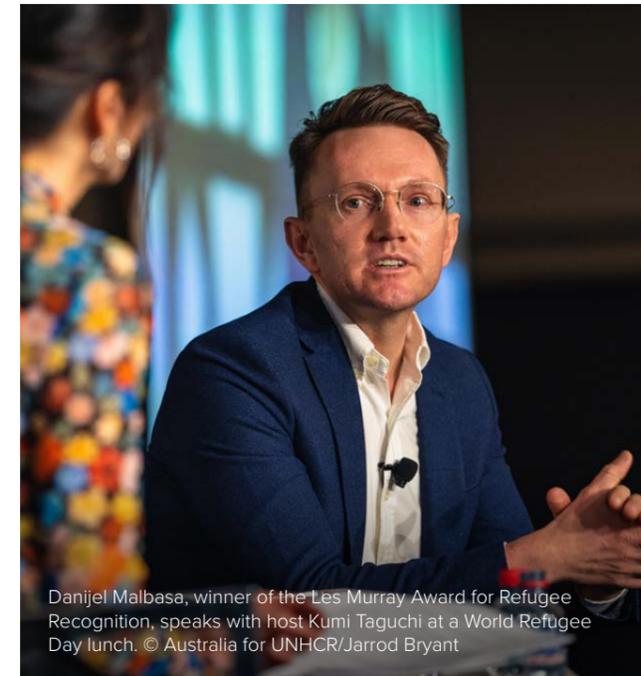
"Refugees are incredibly grateful to UNHCR for the support we provide – whether it's a place to sleep, cash assistance to cover the basics, support with legal questions or counselling."

Indrika Ratwatte joined Deputy High Commissioner Clements for a donor briefing to discuss a range of topics, from the impact of climate change on displacement to the importance of legal protection for refugees.

Both Deputy High Commissioner Clements and Director Ratwatte acknowledged that 2022 brought new challenges, but that UNHCR had been able to stay and deliver with immense support from around the world.

"The emergencies have not decreased. The wars have not decreased," said Deputy High Commissioner Clements. "But we've had team members and partners who've continued regardless of the constraints and the challenges... The commitment and dedication to continue to protect and aid has been nothing short of extraordinary."

**ABOVE L-R:** UNHCR Deputy Regional Representative Nai Jit Lam; UNHCR Director for Asia and the Pacific Indrika Ratwatte; UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees Kelly T. Clements; Australia for UNHCR CEO Trudi Mitchell; UNHCR Regional Representative Adrian Edwards; Australia for UNHCR Director Rick Millen. © Australia for UNHCR



## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

In June, Australia for UNHCR held its annual World Refugee Day event, honouring refugees in Australia and around the world.

Four hundred guests attended a lunch at the Sheraton Park in Sydney, with another 50 joining the livestream. This event raised \$257,000 for UNHCR's work protecting particularly vulnerable people affected by the war in Ukraine, including women and children.

The audience heard from the inaugural winner of the Australia for UNHCR – SBS Les Murray Award for Refugee Recognition, Danijel Malbasa, who spoke with host Kumi Taguchi about his experience fleeing the Yugoslav Wars and resettling in Australia at the age of 12. Danijel urged the audience to support all refugees, regardless of their country of origin.

"Anybody can be a refugee, really. It just takes one war, one pandemic, one nuclear disaster, and you can find yourself in my shoes," he said.

Adrian Edwards, UNHCR Regional Representative for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific, also addressed the audience, celebrating the contributions of refugees.

"Those who've been forced to flee bring with them their cultures, their unique experiences, their hopes – all of which makes any community stronger and more vibrant," he said.

## LES MURRAY AWARD

In 2022, Australia for UNHCR and SBS offered the inaugural Les Murray Award for Refugee Recognition. The award celebrates the achievements of outstanding refugees in Australia, and is named after SBS football commentator and former Hungarian refugee Les Murray. SBS and Australia for UNHCR received some outstanding nominations including the people listed below. The winner of the award was Danijel Malbasa.

### ASIF SULTANI

Professional athlete, motivational speaker and UNHCR High Profile Supporter

### HAMED ALLAHYARI

Chef and owner of the restaurant Salamatea House

### MARYAM ZAHID

Playwright and founder of Afghan Women on the Move

### DANIJEL MALBASA (WINNER)

Lawyer, writer, refugee advocate and volunteer

### MOHSEN JOYAN

Founder of an online directory connecting refugees with employers

### YASMEEN AHMED

Journalist, interpreter and cultural support volunteer in the Rohingya community

### HANGAMA OBAIDULLAH

Artist, writer and teacher

### REZA ROSTAMI

Mental health scholar

**"Refugees contribute so much more than we cost. Our stories, our lives, shouldn't be controversial. We need to hear the stories of success."**

DANIJEL MALBASA



Subeda Bidi, 10, at her shelter in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.  
© UNHCR/Roger Arnold

## ISLAMIC PHILANTHROPY

In 2022, Australia for UNHCR encouraged Muslims to share their Zakat or Sadaqah with refugees and displaced people. These funds reached 1.5 million people in countries with significant Muslim populations, including Yemen, Jordan and Bangladesh.

Donations went to UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund - a trusted, Sharia-compliant fund that ensures 100 per cent of money raised is donated to those in need. Refugees and displaced people who were particularly vulnerable received cash assistance and relief items.

Through its partnership with Islamic Relief Australia, Australia for UNHCR donated \$100,000 to support Afghan refugees in Iran with cash assistance and survival essentials such as tents, blankets and solar lamps.

In 2022, Australia for UNHCR ran Ramadan and Al-Adha campaigns. In March, Bankstown Poetry Slam hosted 'Voices for Lebanon' at the Sydney Opera House - an event with 20 slam poets and musicians to fundraise for UNHCR's work in Lebanon. During Ramadan, staff ran a booth at Bankstown Shopping Centre to educate the community about the plight of refugees and the impact of UNHCR's work. Supporters also came together for a special Iftar dinner hosted by Afghan-Australian Anjilla Seddeqi, a former lawyer turned fashion designer. Throughout the year, Anjilla sold her Arezu Dolls, which are handmade by Afghan refugee women in India using recycled textiles, to raise funds for UNHCR's life-saving work in Afghanistan.

### UNHCR'S REFUGEE ZAKAT FUND REACHED



1.5 million people



452,879 families



439,574 people in Bangladesh



155,469 people in Jordan



128,936 people in Yemen



LWF Ambassador Zoe Ghani addresses the audience at a lunch in Sydney.  
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## LEADING WOMEN FUND

The Leading Women Fund (LWF) continued to empower Syrian refugee women with cash assistance in 2022.

LWF is a network of Australian women supporting Syrian refugee women who are living in Jordan. Through cash assistance, refugee women can meet their families' basic needs such as shelter, food and medicine.

Since its launch in 2020, LWF has reached 180 Syrian refugee families in Jordan - giving women greater dignity and stability.

In May, members gained special insight into the challenges Syrian refugee women face when Janine Allis, LWF Ambassador and Boost Juice founder, participated in a webinar from UNHCR's office in Jordan. She talked about visiting Azraq refugee camp - home to 40,000 Syrian refugees - as well as meeting women living in the city of Amman, some of whom are building their own home-based businesses with support from UNHCR.

"It was incredibly powerful to see and makes me even more determined to help these women on their path towards greater confidence, self-reliance and financial freedom," said Ms Allis.

In September, LWF members came together for the first time since the pandemic to celebrate the launch of LWF Ambassador Zoe Ghani's first novel, *Pomegranate & Fig*. Zoe read from her novel, which vividly illuminated the disruption, displacement and tragedy of war.

In November, Australia for UNHCR welcomed Kelly T. Clements, Deputy High Commissioner, on her first trip to Australia. At a lunch for women from the corporate and philanthropic sectors, Deputy Commissioner Clements acknowledged the Fund's inspiring work.

"It is great to see so many women who are passionate about our cause. As you would know, the vast majority of refugees are women and children and there is something incredibly special about women helping other women. Your program here in Australia known as the Leading Women Fund is one I very much admire."

## CONNECTING WORLDS

For the third year, LWF members used the Connecting Worlds app to exchange messages with Syrian refugee women in Jordan. Thirty-eight members participated, sending 2,700 messages.

Here, three participants describe the special relationships they developed with women the Fund is supporting through cash assistance.

### Clare Hamman

"Taking part in the Connecting Worlds app was a beautiful, uplifting and humbling experience. There were times when I was in tears at her messages, and I felt helpless, but I tried to keep the mindset of being in service to someone by listening."

### Catherine Dix

"I connected every day with my match, Walaa. She was very open and engaged, and it was clear she yearned for a friend and a connection to a different way of life. We had a very strong bond. We really did feel like we became sisters and were very sad to say goodbye at the end of the eight weeks."

### Dema Chaikhouni

"My connection talked to me about wanting to start a business and I felt happy to be able to offer encouragement and support. My parents left Syria in the 1970s and the fact we were able to share cultural references and language added an extra layer to the experience."

# SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to the following corporations, foundations, community groups and individuals for their exceptional support:

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Merwe Laws Foundation Ltd	Willow Foundation
Naylor Stewart Foundation	Women of the University Fund
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Australia for UNHCR gratefully acknowledges the supporters who left a gift in their Will in 2022 and thanks their families and executors:

- Estate of the late Don
- Estate of the late David Harper
- Estate of the late Valerie Marcelle Nies
- Estate of the late Carlos Joaquin Andrade
- Estate of the late Dolores Tennant
- Estate of the late John David Nielsen
- Estate of the late Sister Patricia Lake

Thank you to the following corporations and their staff for their major support:



## AMBASSADORS IN ACTION



Special Representative and cricketing legend Ian Chappell attends Australia for UNHCR's World Refugee Day lunch in Sydney. © Australia for UNHCR/Jarrold Bryant



Islamic Philanthropy Ambassadors Raja Yassine and Peter Gould speak with UNHCR's Regional Representative Adrian Edwards in Canberra. © Australia for UNHCR



Leading Women Fund Ambassador Janine Allis attends a briefing at UNHCR's office in Amman, Jordan. © Australia for UNHCR/ Yousef Alhariri



L-R: Australia for UNHCR CEO, Trudi Mitchell; UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, Kelly T. Clements; Leading Women Fund Ambassador and former Afghan refugee Zoe Ghani; Australia for UNHCR Patron Alice Spigelman AM. © Australia for UNHCR



Ambassador and former Vietnamese refugee Carina Hoang with National Director Naomi Steer at a World Refugee Day event. © Australia for UNHCR/Jarrold Bryant



Yaroslava and her grandson, one-year-old Daniello, fled from Poltava in Ukraine to Poland. They visited a Blue Dot protection hub at the Medyka border crossing. © UNHCR/Maciej Moskwa

## 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 forced to flee 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)

## EVALUATION & MONITORING

UNHCR regularly analyses its work to help improve services and results for refugees, stateless persons, internally displaced people and other people of concern. By continuously reviewing its operations, UNHCR can assess the effectiveness of its work, learn from experience, and improve the development of policies, strategies, programs and projects.

In 2022 UNHCR completed 19 evaluations, including an evaluation into UNHCR's preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This evaluation found that UNHCR and other agencies made extraordinary efforts in support of refugee rights and, despite many challenges, provided a safety net for millions of people who would otherwise have likely gone without assistance. Other evaluations examined UNHCR's support to strengthen national asylum systems, UNHCR's response to multiple emergencies in the Central Sahel Region, and UNHCR's repatriation programs and activities.

UNHCR also adopted a new Evaluation Policy. The Evaluation Policy 2022-2027 reaffirms the organisation's commitment to evaluation and its role in strengthening evidence-based learning and accountability. The policy also reflects organisation-wide reforms related to regionalisation and decentralisation. For more information on UNHCR's evaluation work and policy, visit [unhcr.org/evaluation-office](http://unhcr.org/evaluation-office)

Australia for UNHCR is committed to working with UNHCR to support its evaluation approach and policy. In addition, Australia for UNHCR undertakes its own monitoring and evaluation activities in relation to earmarked projects, including: consultation with UNHCR and other implementing partners relating to project scope and timeframes; reporting on project progress and outcomes; and field trips to view project implementation and learn from partners and participants.



Members of Australia for UNHCR's face-to-face fundraising team with Naomi Steer.

## OUR PEOPLE

This year Naomi Steer, Australia for UNHCR's founder and National Director, resigned after 22 years of service. Under her leadership, Australia for UNHCR raised \$382 million for refugees and displaced people and built a strong supporter base. Ms Steer was succeeded by her Deputy, Trudi Mitchell, who assumed the role of CEO in August.

In December, Michael Dwyer stepped down from his role on the Board. Mr Dwyer also served for 22 years – four as Chair – and was an influential advocate for refugees, especially in the financial sector. Mr Dwyer will continue raising awareness for refugees and displaced people as a Patron of Australia for UNHCR. Professor Peter Shergold, who has served on the Board since 2020, was appointed Chair, commencing in January 2023.

At the end of 2022, CEO Trudi Mitchell led a team of 69 employees, with 59 permanent staff based in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and the remainder operating as casual staff in the face-to-face fundraising program. The team includes former refugees with first-hand experience of displacement. Additional support in 2022 came from our dedicated volunteers, who assisted with office operations, research and special events.

In 2022, Australia for UNHCR conducted its annual staff survey. Ninety-four per cent of staff stated that their manager fosters teamwork and collaboration in their team and 98 per cent of staff agreed that their manager demonstrates trust in them. The survey revealed that staff are willing to put in extra effort to ensure the work is done, with 100 per cent of survey participants answering positively to this question. In 2022, Australia for UNHCR strengthened its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy with the inclusion of statements on Gender Equity and Disability Inclusion, as well as a commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture. Our staff survey results in the area of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion were affirming, with 98 per cent of staff stating that people of all cultures and backgrounds are respected and valued at Australia for UNHCR.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Qualifications, experience and occupation	Director since
Mr Michael Dwyer AM Chair	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 Member of ASIC Consultative Panel and Global Advisory Council, Tobacco Free Portfolios (Retired as Chair 12 December 2022)	July 2000
Mr John Boulton AM	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 (Retired as Director 6 March 2023)	November 2000
Mr Rick Millen	MA, Law Oxford University 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
Ms Kate Dundas	BAComm CSturt Vincent Fairfax Fellow, University of Melbourne Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Non-Executive Director, Sydney Festival Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chair, Sydney Writers' Festival Executive coach and mentor, McCarthy Mentoring Consultant/SME on KPMG arts and culture projects	September 2015
Ms Lynn Dang	BACom UNSW Human Resources Leader, Microsoft Singapore	March 2019
Prof Peter Shergold AC Chair	BA Hull, MA Illinois, PhD LSE, DLitt (Hons) UNSW, FASSA, FANZSOG, FIPPA, FAICD, FAIM, FRSN Chair, Opal Health Care Chair, Joblife Chair, NSW Education Standards Authority Chair, AMP Foundation NSW Coordinator-General of Settlement Deputy Chair, Crescent Institute Chair, Centre of Social Impact Chair, James Martin Institute Director, Angus Knight Group Retired as Chancellor and Chair of Board of Trustees, Western Sydney University December 2022 (Appointed as Chair 1 January 2023)	April 2020
Dr Sayd Farook	BBus (Hons), PhD, LLB UTS Director, Campus X Pty Ltd (Australia) Director, RFI Foundation (United Kingdom) Director, Dinar Standard trading as Strategy Insights Inc (US) CEO, Unity Grammar (Appointed as Director 31 October 2022)	October 2022

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR raised \$50.6 million from the private sector. This is an 18.1 per cent increase on last year (2021: \$42.8 million), with donors continuing to respond to record levels of displacement around the world. The Company received \$7.0 million in grant funding from UNHCR to assist donor acquisition programs and develop fundraising activities.

The 2022 operating surplus amounted to \$2.3 million (2020: \$0.8 million). The current funds available for future use amount to \$7.2 million, including \$2.5 million in Reserves and \$1 million in the Innovation Fund, established to provide funding for investment opportunities, which supports organisational growth and revenue.

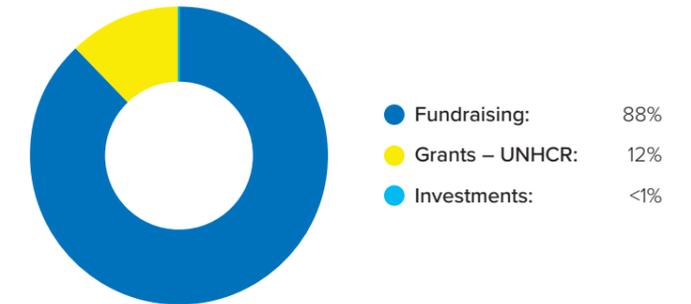
Australia for UNHCR's contribution to UNHCR increased to \$38.1 million from \$33.6 million in 2021 and represented 75.2 per cent of overall expenditure, excluding fundraising costs funded by UNHCR grants. \$20.6 million of 2022 contributions supported emergencies in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa food crisis, Pakistan floods, and protracted emergencies in Yemen and Syria. Disbursements of \$17.5 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 2022 increased by 8.7 per cent on last year, being \$4.7 million. These costs included support staff costs, e.g. finance, HR and administration, office accommodation, IT, compliance and insurances.

### REVENUE IN 2022

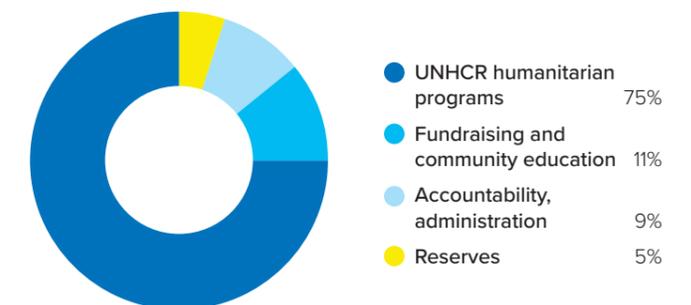
Fundraising income includes monetary donations and gifts from the Australian public and corporations, foundation grants, as well as income from legacies and bequests.



Revenue	%	\$
Fundraising	88%	50,655,169
Grants - UNHCR	12%	6,978,377
Investments	< 1%	82,007
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>57,715,553</b>

### EXPENDITURE IN 2022

Fundraising, community education, accountability and administration costs expenditure presented below excludes costs subsidised through UNHCR grants.



Expenditure	%	\$
UNHCR humanitarian programs	75%	38,134,121
Fundraising & community education	11%	5,468,837
Accountability and administration	9%	7,134,218
Reserves	5%	2,342,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50,737,176</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 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations and gifts - monetary	48,219,158	40,878,751
Grants		
Overseas UNHCR	6,978,377	6,511,993
Other Australian	1,580,013	138,648
Bequest and legacy income	545,031	1,225,594
Investment income - interest	82,007	16,959
Other income	310,967	778,793
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>57,715,553</b>	<b>49,550,738</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
International aid and development programs expenditure:		
International programs:		
Funds to international programs paid	32,760,203	25,996,974
Funds to international programs accrued	5,373,918	7,560,946
Community education	804,556	630,015
Fundraising costs:		
Funded by UNHCR	6,978,377	6,511,993
Public	4,664,282	3,640,990
Accountability and administration	4,792,110	4,407,203
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>55,373,446</b>	<b>48,748,121</b>
Excess of revenue over expenses	2,342,107	802,617
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>2,342,107</b>	<b>802,617</b>

For the year ended 31 December 2022, there were no amounts earned or incurred by Australia for UNHCR for the following categories: non-monetary donations and gifts, 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 accompanying notes form part of this concise financial report. These statements should be read in conjunction with the full financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	8,605,326	8,258,418
Financial assets - term deposits	5,649,704	5,649,704
Receivables	548,476	337,374
Prepayments	250,680	131,984
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>15,054,186</b>	<b>14,377,480</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Plant and equipment	128,342	138,038
Intangible assets	90,529	129,674
Right-of-use asset	1,326,051	1,665,890
Financial assets security deposits	343,294	343,294
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>1,888,216</b>	<b>2,276,896</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>16,942,402</b>	<b>16,654,376</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	7,446,873	9,231,876
Lease liabilities	321,359	264,379
Provisions	548,810	610,262
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>8,317,042</b>	<b>10,106,517</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	1,151,130	1,472,488
Provisions	188,513	131,761
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,339,643</b>	<b>1,604,249</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>9,656,685</b>	<b>11,710,766</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
	<b>7,285,717</b>	<b>4,943,610</b>
<b>Members' funds</b>		
Retained surplus	3,735,717	1,393,610
Reserves	2,550,000	2,550,000
Innovation fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Total members' funds</b>	<b>7,285,717</b>	<b>4,943,610</b>

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.

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

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Innovation Fund \$	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Funds available for future use at 1 Jan 2021	-	2,550,000	1,590,993	4,140,993
Amount transferred (to) from innovation fund	1,000,000	-	(1,000,000)	-
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	-	-	802,617	802,617
<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>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,342,107</b>	<b>2,342,107</b>
<b>Funds available for future use at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>2,550,000</b>	<b>3,735,717</b>	<b>7,285,717</b>

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

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts of grant from UNHCR	7,053,377	7,600,417
Cash receipts of donations, gifts and bequests	48,764,189	41,965,697
Cash receipts of other Australian grants	1,580,013	138,648
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(16,644,266)	(14,338,153)
Cash payments to UNHCR for overseas projects	(40,321,149)	(30,930,231)
Interest received	21,466	15,048
Other income	310,967	917,441
Finance costs paid	(77,024)	(26,443)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>687,573</b>	<b>5,342,424</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for plant and equipment	(76,287)	(26,773)
Payment for intangible assets	-	(40,000)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(76,287)</b>	<b>(66,773)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of lease liabilities	(264,378)	(339,154)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(264,378)</b>	<b>(339,154)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>		
	<b>346,908</b>	<b>4,936,497</b>
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	8,258,418	3,321,921
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>8,605,326</b>	<b>8,258,418</b>

The accompanying 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 phoning (02) 9262 5377 or emailing info@unrefugees.org.au

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

### 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 2022. 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) Simplified Disclosures 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

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Excess of revenue over expenses has been arrived at after charging the following items:		
Depreciation and amortisation of plant and equipment and intangibles	125,128	167,778
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	339,839	353,605
Payments for short term and low value asset leases	23,837	44,722
Interest expense on lease liabilities	77,024	25,915
Employee benefits expense:		
- Salaries and wages	6,278,296	5,938,951
- Superannuation	629,930	561,605

### Note 3 Events subsequent to reporting period

The Company is awaiting finalisation of the 2023 Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement with UNHCR. The Company has executed the annual agreements and is awaiting counter-signing and finalisation from UNHCR. The agreements confirm the financial contributions from UNHCR for fundraising activities for the year. Financial contributions for 2023 have been agreed in principle by UNHCR.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2022 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 2022 the Company was entitled to a grant of \$6,978,377 (2021: \$6,511,993) 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 will be entered into for 2023 through the Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement. The grant funding for 2023 has been agreed in principle by UNHCR. The Company has executed the 2023 Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement and is awaiting counter-signing and finalisation from 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**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2022 there have been no contraventions of:

- 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
- 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  
Pitcher Partners  
Sydney  
28 March 2023



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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

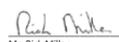
The directors of Australia for UNHCR declare that the concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 as set out on the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in members' funds, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements:

- complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports; and
- is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022 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.



Prof. Peter Shergold AC  
Director



Mr. Rick Milnes  
Director

Dated at Sydney this 28 March 2023



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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 2022, 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 2022.

In our opinion, the concise financial report is 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 2023.

**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 is 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*.



**S S Wallace**  
Partner  
28 March 2023



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