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On the cover: An Afghan girl looks out from her home in Nangarhar province, where UNHCR is providing permanent shelters for vulnerable families.

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ABDUL, SYRIA

Abdul Salam and his two children took shelter at a school in Aleppo, Syria, following the massive earthquakes that struck near the Syria-Türkiye border in February 2023. UNHCR provided relief items such as mattresses, blankets and cooking utensils to families at the shelter.

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L-R: Professor Peter Shergold, Chair of Australia for UNHCR; Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees; and Trudi Mitchell, CEO of Australia for UNHCR.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO

Australians continued to show tremendous compassion for refugees in 2023, donating more than \$38 million to send to displaced people across the world. We were fortunate to meet many refugees, both in camps and urban areas, to learn more about the challenges they face and the support UNHCR is providing. We conducted field trips to Jordan, Bangladesh, Kenya and Uganda and saw first-hand the impact of Australian donors' generosity.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In 2023, UNHCR responded to a new emergency every eight days. Australians stepped up generously to support communities facing disaster, including people in Syria and Türkiye displaced by massive earthquakes in February. We also fundraised to support UNHCR's emergency response in the wake of Cyclone Mocha, which struck Myanmar and Bangladesh in May; Storm Daniel, which caused devastating flooding in Libya in September; and a series of earthquakes in western Afghanistan in October.

Australia for UNHCR continued to fundraise for the people of Ukraine, who endured a second year of full-scale war. Australians generously donated over \$3 million to support UNHCR's emergency response in Ukraine and neighbouring countries hosting Ukrainian refugees.

UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES VISITS AUSTRALIA

We were pleased to welcome Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, to Australia in April – the first visit by a High Commissioner in over a decade. The High Commissioner met with government officials, refugees and advocates and spoke with Australia for UNHCR staff and donors at a series of events in Sydney. He thanked Australians for their support and emphasised the need to find long-term solutions to protracted crises.

EMERGENCY ACTION ALLIANCE

In 2023 we continued to work with the Emergency Action Alliance (EAA), a coalition of 15 trusted Australian charities that unite during major emergencies to raise funds rapidly. We were grateful to receive over \$400,000 from the EAA – the majority for UNHCR's earthquake response in Syria and Türkiye.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

In partnership with SBS, we offered the Les Murray Award for the second time in 2023. Anyier Yuol, a former South Sudanese refugee, won the \$10,000 prize for her diverse work across sport, academia and advocacy. We also offered the Beddie

Scholarship for the second time. Aspiring filmmaker Zabi Malik, a former Afghan refugee, received the \$75,000 scholarship, enabling him to study at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School.

CELEBRATING SPORT

For people uprooted by conflict, sport is much more than a game. It can be used to actively and meaningfully engage young people, improve their wellbeing and contribute to cohesive communities.

We chose sport as the theme of our 2023 World Refugee Day lunch. At this event, Anyier Yuol, winner of the Les Murray Award, and Bendere Oboya, Olympic sprinter and former refugee from Ethiopia, spoke about the power of sport to change lives. The lunch raised funds for sports programs and equipment in refugee camps.

We also produced a video series focusing on refugees in sport. Among the athletes featured were Fatima Yousufi, captain of the Afghan Women's National Football Team, and Asif Sultani, martial artist and UNHCR High Profile Supporter.

The 2023 Women's World Cup, held in Australia and New Zealand, also provided an opportunity to reach global football fans. In partnership with FIFA, UNHCR promoted a message of peace to millions of people around the world watching the games.

WELCOMING NEW DIRECTORS

This year we welcomed two new Board members, Tinke Wesseling and Karen Khadi, who bring extensive experience in the corporate sector and a passion for helping refugees.

We said farewell to John Boulton who spent more than 20 years serving on the Board of Australia for UNHCR. Mr Boulton's legal knowledge and experience as one of Australia's leading sports administrators helped Australia for UNHCR in many ways. We are grateful for his insights, connections, skills and support over many years. We also bid farewell to Debra O'Neill, Strategic Development Director, after 22 years of dedicated service.

GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

In October we launched the Hope Away From Home petition, calling on world leaders to uphold the rights of forcibly displaced people. Thousands of Australians signed the petition, which was delivered at the Global Refugee Forum in December. The Forum concluded with \$3.3b in financial commitments and over 1,600 pledges from governments, the private sector and other organisations to improve refugees' lives and support host communities.

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND FOR UNHCR

In 2023, Australia for UNHCR invested in the ongoing establishment of a new partner agency in New Zealand – Aotearoa New Zealand for UNHCR. Our organisation provided operational support and expertise to drive entry into this new priority market and raise more funds for refugees.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our Board, staff and volunteers for their hard work in 2023. Most of all, thank you to our generous supporters for standing with displaced people around the world.

Prof Peter Shergold
Chair



Trudi Mitchell
CEO



YEAR IN REVIEW

\$38,518,656

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR and Aotearoa New Zealand for UNHCR

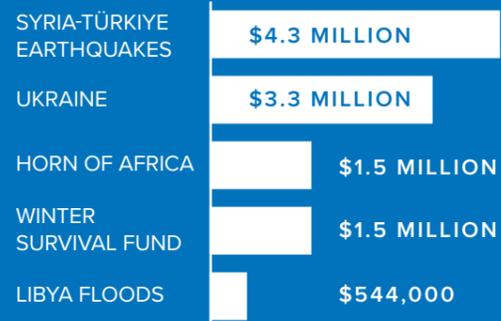
\$28,954,740

75% of funds raised are transferred to UNHCR for distribution to the field.

3 x IMPACT

For every \$1 invested, we raised \$3 to provide life-saving aid to refugees and displaced people.

KEY EMERGENCIES



EMERGENCY RESPONSE SNAPSHOT



43 new emergencies



55 emergency airlifts



7.4 million relief items supplied

UNHCR's global operations

UNHCR works in over 130 countries around the world – delivering life-saving assistance in emergencies, safeguarding fundamental human rights and developing long-term solutions for refugees.

When an emergency strikes, UNHCR's teams are often first on the ground. Dedicated staff cover every angle of emergency response, from coordinating airlifts to establishing camps. In protracted situations, UNHCR provides long-term support, helping displaced people 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:

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Angola
- Armenia
- Bangladesh
- Botswana
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Congo
- Czech Republic
- The Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran, Islamic Republic of
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Libya
- Lithuania
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Moldova, Republic of
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Pakistan, Islamic Republic of
- Poland
- Romania
- Rwanda
- Slovakia
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Türkiye
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania, United Republic of
- Turkmenistan
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



Olena and her five-year-old son, Mykyta, evacuated from Mariupol in south-eastern Ukraine and fled to Dnipro, where they received humanitarian aid and attended art therapy classes supported by UNHCR.

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Nur Kalam, a 21-year-old Rohingya refugee, provided counselling for his community as part of UNHCR's mental health program in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

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Salma Adam Ali, 21, fled from Sudan to Chad after conflict broke out in April. She was sleeping in a school until UNHCR helped relocate her family to a new shelter. Her dream is to study abroad and become a lawyer.

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Fatima, 73, had been battling cancer for 12 years when her home in Syria was destroyed by the devastating earthquakes in February. With cash assistance from UNHCR, she was able to continue her cancer treatment.

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Tamara, 89, fled constant shelling in Donetsk and is now living in a shelter in Dnipro, Ukraine.

TWO YEARS OF WAR IN UKRAINE

In 2023 the people of Ukraine endured a second year of full-scale war. More than six million people were forced to flee as refugees, while another three million were displaced inside Ukraine.

Australia for UNHCR raised \$3.3 million to support UNHCR's emergency response in Ukraine and across the region. This included sending humanitarian aid to frontline areas, providing cash assistance to help families buy essentials, and helping to repair homes and shelters.

Tamara, 89, can still remember going hungry during World War II. After surviving that war, she thought she would spend the rest of her life in her hometown in Donetsk.

"Our life there was perfect," said Tamara, "and then this war broke out. It became almost impossible to live. A shell broke through a wall in our house. We barely survived."

After the water and electricity were cut off, Tamara and her son evacuated to a shelter in Dnipro. However, she was forced to leave everything behind.

Thanks to generous donors, UNHCR delivered counselling, legal aid, cash assistance and relief items to displaced Ukrainians like Tamara. With help from UNHCR, Tamara was also able to regain access to her much-needed pension.



L- R: Kezia Mellers from Hope Aid Unite; Trudi Mitchell, CEO of Australia for UNHCR; and Elizabeth Grady, Head of Philanthropy and Partnerships at Australia for UNHCR, attend a fundraiser for Ukraine.

AUSTRALIANS STAND WITH UKRAINE

Our generous supporters held fundraising events, performed on stage and even rode across the country to raise much-needed funds for Ukraine.

HOPE AID UNITE

Hope Aid Unite, a fundraising group in Tasmania led by Asha Ram, held a special event on International Women's Day to raise money for women and girls in Ukraine, Afghanistan and Iran. In November, Hope Aid Unite hosted their Spring Soirée, which included a silent auction, to raise money for UNHCR's winter relief work in Ukraine and beyond.

WOMEN OF TROY

In March, Australia for UNHCR Special Representative and award-winning actor Marta Dusseldorp appeared in Women of Troy at the Theatre Royal in Hobart. The production, which was based on the centuries-old play by Euripides, explored the suffering of women in times of war and raised money for Ukrainian refugees – 80 per cent of whom are women and children.

THE BLUESBERRIES

Australian band The Bluesberries performed their original song, *Blue Skies*, at our 2023 World Refugee Day lunch. The song was created by Paul Beard, Dan Fallon and John McMurtrie AM in collaboration with 70 musicians, including the Youth Orchestra of Ukraine and the Ukrainian soprano Maryana Golovko.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Vietnamese-Australian community's support for Ukraine continued in 2023 with many different fundraising initiatives, including a special event in May that raised \$40,000. Meanwhile, Uni, a young Japanese tourist, rode a kick scooter from Melbourne to Cairns. His trip raised money for Ukraine and attracted interest from traditional and social media.

UNHCR'S IMPACT IN UKRAINE



2.6 million people assisted



1.48 million people reached with protection assistance such as counselling and legal aid



907,000 people received winter assistance such as heaters and warm clothing



899,000 people received cash assistance to cover immediate needs such as accommodation, food and clothing



95 inter-agency humanitarian convoys reached hard-hit areas



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After losing her home in the earthquakes, Syrian refugee Jamile Mohammed Ali took shelter in a 'container city' established by authorities in Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye.

EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA AND TÜRKIYE

On 6 February, two massive earthquakes struck parts of Syria and Türkiye. They were among the strongest quakes to hit the Middle East in two decades, affecting 15 million people in Türkiye and around 8.8 million people in Syria. Tragically, more than 50,000 people were killed.

With support from Australian donors, who raised \$4.3 million, UNHCR mobilised quickly and delivered millions of relief items to survivors in both countries, as well as cash assistance, psychological support and legal advice.

Australia for UNHCR received \$400,000 from the Emergency Action Alliance – a coalition of trusted charities that fundraise during major emergencies – to support the relief effort. Okay Bears, a passionate online community, raised over \$20,000 by auctioning off a unique digital artwork – an illustration of a bear designed to look like a UNHCR field worker. An Iftar event held during Ramadan raised another \$20,000.

These donations helped vulnerable people like Jamile Mohammed Ali, a Syrian refugee who had fled the war and sought safety in Türkiye.

“On the day of the earthquake, our house collapsed,” said Jamile. “We went out and it was raining, then it snowed, and it was so cold. At that time, they distributed blankets and food. They were very helpful.”

Jamile and her family took shelter in a ‘container city’ established by Turkish authorities. UNHCR provided almost three million relief items such as mattresses, cooking supplies and soap to support the government-led response in Türkiye.

“The containers were ready with a refrigerator, kitchen utensils, washing tools, blankets, two beds and covers,” said Jamile. “They had everything, thank God.”

UNHCR'S IMPACT IN SYRIA AND TÜRKIYE



2.9 million relief items including tents, hygiene kits and warm clothing provided in Türkiye



200,000 people reached in Syria with psychological first aid, counselling and sessions on handling trauma



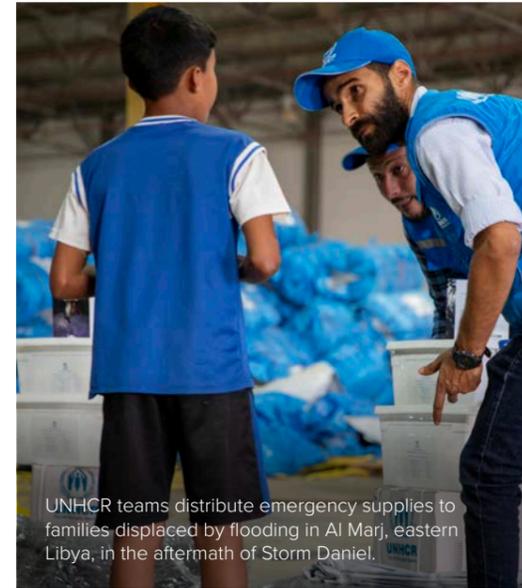
68,000 families reached with relief items such as warm blankets, kitchen sets and solar lamps in Syria



31,700 families received cash assistance in Syria and Türkiye



1.4 million people's needs assessed



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UNHCR teams distribute emergency supplies to families displaced by flooding in Al Marj, eastern Libya, in the aftermath of Storm Daniel.

STORM DANIEL HITS LIBYA

Storm Daniel made landfall on 10 September, causing flash flooding in eastern Libya and displacing over 40,000 people. The worst-affected city was Derna, where two dams collapsed and entire neighbourhoods were washed away. Refugees and asylum seekers from Sudan and Syria were among the most vulnerable in the wake of this disaster.

Australian donors raised \$544,000 to support UNHCR's disaster response. UNHCR rapidly scaled up its work – distributing aid, helping to reunite families and providing mental health support.

UNHCR sent two airlifts carrying 88 tonnes of aid to Libya from its warehouse in Dubai, in addition to deploying aid from local warehouses. Working with LibAid, UNHCR reached 77,800 people with essential items such as tarpaulins, solar lamps and medical supplies. UNHCR also provided generators and shelters to the Ministry of Health.



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Nisar, 40, and his family received UNHCR assistance following two 6.3-magnitude earthquakes in Herat, Afghanistan.

EARTHQUAKES AND FORCED RETURNS IN AFGHANISTAN

In October, two powerful quakes struck Herat province, destroying 10,000 homes and affecting 114,000 people. In response, UNHCR distributed emergency supplies to 2,000 families, including blankets, gas cookers and soap. UNHCR provided family tents for those sleeping out in the open, along with sturdy shelters to help overcrowded hospitals accommodate more patients. This work was supported by Australia for UNHCR donors, who gave \$95,000.

That same month, the Government of Pakistan announced that it would deport all undocumented people. By the end of the year, 480,000 Afghans had returned to their home country, including some refugees who reported facing coercion. UNHCR met returnees at the border to assess their needs. Over 60,000 people received cash assistance to help cover immediate needs such as shelter, food and medicine. UNHCR teams also educated returnees about the threat of landmines, provided health checks, and immunised children against measles and polio.

SEEING YOUR IMPACT IN THE FIELD

KENYA AND UGANDA

Australian donors have given generously to programs in Kenya and Uganda over many years. In 2023, CEO Trudi Mitchell and Chair Professor Peter Shergold visited both countries to see the difference UNHCR is making. They visited education, health and livelihood projects, met with refugees and learned about the ongoing challenges they are facing.

Evasita, 76, was among the refugees Ms Mitchell and Professor Shergold met in Uganda. Evasita fled the Democratic Republic of the Congo with her grandchildren, aged eight and 16. UNHCR provided her with a tent and other essential items to meet the family's basic needs.



Professor Peter Shergold meets with refugees at Kalobeyei settlement in Kenya.

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BANGLADESH

Six years after a mass exodus from Myanmar, almost one million Rohingya refugees still remain in exile in Cox's Bazar. Australians have continued to show solidarity with this persecuted community. In March, Ms Mitchell visited health, art, education and livelihood programs in the camps, and met with resilient refugee women supporting their families through rooftop gardening and sewing.



Ms Mitchell meets Rokeya, a Rohingya refugee growing vegetables on her rooftop in Cox's Bazar.

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JORDAN

In January, Ms Mitchell travelled to Jordan to see the difference Australian donors are making for Syrian refugees, especially women. Ms Mitchell visited a UNHCR registration centre, met with a women's empowerment group and visited Za'atari refugee camp. Refugees explained how cash assistance, art and scholarship programs are helping them rebuild their lives. Ms Mitchell also visited Za'atari's solar plant, which supplies 80,000 people with clean energy.



Ms Mitchell meets with Syrian refugee Yasmine and her children in their home – a metal container in Za'atari refugee camp.

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AMBASSADORS IN ACTION



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THEATRE FOR A CAUSE

In November, Australia for UNHCR Special Representative Marta Dusseldorp starred as Andromache in *Women of Troy* at the Theatre Royal in Hobart. Although it was adapted from an ancient play, the production remained relevant in 2023, with forced displacement at record levels. *Women of Troy* examined the suffering of women and children in war, and called on audiences to donate to UNHCR's life-saving work in Ukraine.



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IFTAR EVENT SUPPORTS EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS

Islamic Philanthropy Ambassadors Raja Yassine (above, right) and Peter Gould attended Australia for UNHCR's second annual Iftar dinner during Ramadan. Eighty guests broke their fast together at the event in Parramatta, which was hosted by Anjilla Seddeqi (above, left), Afghan-Australian lawyer and fashion designer. The event raised \$21,000 for UNHCR's earthquake response in Syria and Türkiye.



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SPEAKING UP AT COP28

Peter Gould, Australia for UNHCR Islamic Philanthropy Ambassador, attended COP28 in Dubai in December. At this UN climate summit, he spoke about how UNHCR is addressing climate change and supporting displaced people. Mr Gould also visited UNHCR's warehouse in Dubai – one of seven strategically located hubs that stand ready to deploy aid when emergencies strike.



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AFL STAR IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Akec Makur Chuot, Hawthorn Hawks star and Australia for UNHCR Ambassador, appeared in a video as part of our Refugees in Sport series. Ms Chuot, a former refugee from South Sudan, spoke about growing up in a Kenyan refugee camp, and her journey to become the first African woman to play in the women's AFL.

"It didn't matter where I was from, whether I was South Sudanese. All the fans of our club care about is that I can play the game and I represent their club proudly," said Ms Chuot.

EVENTS AND AWARDS



High Commissioner Grandi addresses the audience at a donor event in Sydney.

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UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES MEETS AUSTRALIAN SUPPORTERS

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees visited Australia in April – the first visit by the head of UNHCR in more than a decade.

High Commissioner Filippo Grandi met with government officials, refugee leaders and supporters. In Melbourne, he met members of the Afghan Women’s National Football Team who escaped Kabul in 2021. In Sydney, he spoke at a donor event and provided insights into the challenges refugees are facing, including conflict, human rights violations and climate change.

The High Commissioner also spoke about the importance of partnerships and how the private sector can support communities trapped in long-term crises. He cited UNHCR’s partnership with the IKEA Foundation in Ethiopia, which focused on helping refugees become self-reliant.

“Through business models imported from the private sector, we have one of the most exciting and sustainable programs in the entire region,” he said.

The High Commissioner thanked Australians for their support and reiterated the need for ongoing cooperation.

“We need all the help that we can get,” he said. “I would like to say thank you, but please continue to support us through our partner organisation, Australia for UNHCR. It is very important that this effort continues.”



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

In June we held our annual World Refugee Day lunch, honouring refugees in Australia and around the world. The event raised \$215,000 to provide sports programs and equipment for refugees.

Four hundred guests gathered at the Fullerton Hotel in Sydney to hear from Bendere Oboya, Olympic track athlete, and her father, Opamo. Mr Oboya spent five years in an Ethiopian gaol as a political prisoner and sought refuge in Australia to give his family a better life. His daughter, Bendere, was just three when they fled. In 2021, she represented Australia at the Tokyo Olympics, competing in both the women’s 400 metres and the women’s 4 x 400 metre relay.

Guests also heard from Anyier Yuol, winner of the 2023 Les Murray Award, and heard Australian band-for-change The Bluesberries deliver a moving performance of Blue Skies – their song written in support of Ukraine.

Guests purchased rocky road made by volunteers Mary Lou Byrne and Therese Briggs. The two friends have been holding fundraising events and selling their sweets for years in support of refugees. Volunteers from First Sentier helped to make the sweets.

The event was sponsored by First Sentier, Teachers Health and EG Funds Management.

Above L-R: UNHCR Regional Representative Adrian Edwards, Opamo Oboya, Bendere Oboya, Akech Oboya, Anyier Yuol.
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REFUGEES IN SPORT

Australia for UNHCR focuses on the talent, courage and positive contributions of refugees in its communications. In line with this focus, we ran a campaign in 2023 promoting the achievements of refugees in sport.

We produced four short films featuring athletes in Australia and New Zealand. The athletes profiled were Asif Sultani, a martial artist and Hazara refugee from Afghanistan; Akec Makur Chuot, the first African woman to play in the AFLW; Fatima Yousufi, captain of the Afghan Women’s National Football Team; and Eyad Masoud, a professional swimmer, mechanical engineer and Olympic hopeful who fled Syria in 2010.

“When I was a kid, I had to leave my homeland because of war and conflict, and I’ve been looking for safety for over 20 years,” said Mr Sultani. “Finally, I found it through sports, through martial arts. That’s a very special thing, to feel that you are safe and you belong.”

The videos were shared widely on social media, attracting new audiences to the refugee cause. Fatima Yousufi’s moving film was also shown at our World Refugee Day event, which raised money for refugee sports programs around the world.

Watch the videos at youtube.com/australiaforunhcr



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LES MURRAY AWARD

Australia for UNHCR and SBS offered the Les Murray Award for Refugee Recognition for the second year in 2023. Named after the late Les Murray OAM, SBS football commentator and Hungarian refugee, the award recognises the outstanding contributions of refugees who have resettled in Australia. We received 19 nominations for refugees who have overcome hardship to excel in diverse fields, from sports to advocacy.

This year the judges awarded the \$10,000 prize to Anyier Yuol, a former South Sudanese refugee, for her achievements in football, academia and women’s empowerment.

Born in a UNHCR camp in Kenya, Ms Yuol came to Australia on a humanitarian visa at the age of 10. She excelled at football, represented Australia at the FIFA Football for Hope Festival during the 2010 World Cup, and launched Football in the Park – providing young, marginalised people with a safe space to talk about challenges in the community. Ms Yuol also created Miss Sahara, a beauty pageant for African-Australian women, and launched Anyier Model Management to offer under-represented groups greater professional opportunities.

At the age of 25, Ms Yuol served as Chair of the Australian National Committee on Refugee Women, amplifying the voices of refugee women. She is now undertaking a PhD on bride price practices in South Sudanese communities.

“You can’t be neutral when it comes to issues of human rights. If you have the privilege and you have the voice, use it.”

ANYIER YUOL



Mursal, 8, visits a water point built with UNHCR's assistance in Kunduz province, Afghanistan.

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Lynn Dang (far left), Leading Women Fund member and Australia for UNHCR board member, with her family at a donor event in Sydney.

ISLAMIC PHILANTHROPY

Muslim donors shared their Zakat and Sadaqah with refugees and displaced people in 2023. Donations went to UNHCR's Refugee Zakat Fund – a trusted, Sharia-compliant fund that ensures 100 per cent of funds raised goes to those in need.

In 2023, the Refugee Zakat Fund helped almost two million people in 14 countries with significant Muslim populations, including Yemen, Lebanon, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Since its inception in 2017, the Fund has supported eight million refugees and displaced people by providing families with emergency relief items and cash assistance.

The Muslim community responded generously to help people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye. Islamic Philanthropy Ambassador Peter Gould is the Chief Communications Officer of a passionate online community called Okay Bears. This group raised more than \$20,000 for UNHCR's emergency response, through an NFT auction. The Australian Relief Organisation and the One Humanity Concert in Adelaide raised \$10,000 for earthquake-affected families, while the Jordanian-Australian community raised \$5,000 at an event in Sydney.

In March, supporters came together for an Iftar dinner hosted by Anjilla Seddeqi, Afghan-Australian lawyer and fashion designer. Eighty guests broke their fast together at a restaurant in Parramatta. A silent auction helped to raise \$21,000 for earthquake response in Syria and Türkiye. Items sold included needlepoint artworks and handmade Afghan dolls.

In partnership with Islamic Relief Australia, Australia for UNHCR donated \$200,000 to provide displaced families in Nigeria with livelihood support and emergency supplies including blankets, sleeping mats and kitchen sets. Okay Bears also generously donated \$100,000 to support a Zakat-compliant cash assistance program in Indonesia.

UNHCR'S REFUGEE ZAKAT FUND REACHED



1.5 million people



21 countries



37,045 families in Bangladesh



20,835 families in Yemen



16,819 families in Afghanistan

LEADING WOMEN FUND

The Leading Women Fund (LWF) continued to transform the lives of refugee women and their families through cash assistance in 2023.

LWF is a network of Australian women who are passionate about empowering Syrian refugee women living in Jordan. With cash assistance, refugee women can pay for things like rent, groceries and medicine.

In January, CEO Trudi Mitchell travelled to Jordan and witnessed the impact of LWF's support. Ms Mitchell met with Syrian refugees like Yasmine, a mother of nine living in Za'atari refugee camp. Since her husband passed away two years ago, Yasmine has been the sole provider for her children, relying on cash assistance from UNHCR to provide shelter for her family and cover their basic needs.

Throughout the year, LWF members attended inspiring events. In April, Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, visited Australia and thanked donors, including LWF members, for their generous contributions to the work of UNHCR.

LWF members also attended Australia for UNHCR's World Refugee Day lunch in June and an end-of-year event in December.

CONNECTING WORLDS

The Connecting Worlds app is a ground-breaking initiative enabling Australian women and Syrian refugees to gain insight into each other's lives.

For the third year, LWF members were able to use the app to exchange messages and photos with Syrian refugee women. In 2023, 26 members participated and exchanged 1,600 messages with Syrian women receiving UNHCR's cash assistance.

Here, an LWF member and the Syrian woman she connected with reflect on their experience using the app.

Madlin
Syrian refugee in Jordan

"I joined the app because I wanted to get to know a new person and I really enjoyed it. Liz was easy to talk to. Life has been challenging and difficult, and I have sole responsibility for my daughter which is why I haven't signed up for any employment courses. Liz was very encouraging. She emphasised that life goes on. She gave me so much positive energy. I want to thank her for the opportunity to talk and the encouragement she gave me."

Liz
LWF member in Australia

"Exchanging messages with Madlin demonstrated the importance of UNHCR's cash assistance, but also how much Madlin has achieved. She is 25 years old. She has been able to move from a refugee camp, find rental accommodation and build a new life with her daughter. This is a real achievement. I told her I admired her courage and determination in starting anew on her own. My hope is that Madlin can have a comfortable, decent life with her daughter."

SPECIAL THANKS

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

The Agape Charitable Fund	Micah Enterprises WA
Ainsworth 4 Foundation	Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services Inc
Allen Family Foundation	Mulnot Foundation
The Andrew C C Farran Foundation	The Myer Foundation
Andrew, Rebecca, Molly & James Gift - a giving fund in the APS Foundation	Naylor Stewart Foundation
Australian Relief Organisation	Okay Bears
Beeren Foundation	O'Shea-Thompson Family Fund - a subfund of the Australian Communities Foundation
Bennelong Foundation	Perpetual Foundation - Cara Endowment
Cameron Foundation	Perpetual Foundation - Dean Walter Harris and Jean Mary Harris Memorial Endowment
Comhar Foundation	Perpetual Foundation - Gamble Family Endowment
Dick and Pip Smith Foundation	Perpetual Foundation - Riza's Charity Assist Endowment
Donald Fraser Family Fund - a giving fund in the APS Foundation	Perpetual Foundation - Symonds Bachetti Endowment
Equity Trustees Charitable Foundation - Bird Family Charitable Trust	Perpetual Foundation - The Pennycuik Endowment Trust
Equity Trustees Charitable Foundation - Loeky Wiersma Charitable Fund	Peter Gould
Equity Trustees Charitable Foundation - Rose Red Gift	Philson Family Trust
Global Aid Foundation	PoorCountry Charitable Trust
Gould Studio	Roberts Pike Foundation
Graf family	RobMeree Foundation
GreaterGood (the Capital Region Community Foundation)	Roger and Susanne Smith Foundation
Gum Tree Foundation	S&D Hain Foundation
Harbig Family Foundation	Saraf Charitable Trust
Hodgson Giving Fund - a giving fund in the APS Foundation	Simon Buckingham and Annie Crawford
The Hope Family Foundation	The Skrzynski Foundation
IMC Foundation	Sofia Foundation
Islamic Relief Australia	Stobart Strauss Foundation
The Jack and Hedy Brent Foundation	Thelma Carr Foundation
The Jaramas Foundation	Whitbread Giving Fund - a giving fund in the APS Foundation
Kelly Watson Endowment, a giving fund in the APS Foundation	Willow Foundation
Lacetree Pty Ltd (Drew Family)	Women of the University Fund Inc
Mango Tree Family Trust	

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



UNHCR/Anna Liminowicz



Tetiana fled her home in Donetsk, Ukraine, with her son, Igor. They now live in a refugee shelter in Krakow, Poland.

LEAVING A LEGACY

“Denis, who was a teacher for over 40 years, was passionate about teaching, about worthy causes, and about donating to bodies who were advancing these causes. He felt that way over his adult life until his death at 80.”

FAMILY OF THE LATE DENIS STANLEY KLEIN

“My father was a long-time supporter of UNHCR. It was very important to him to leave a gift that would provide some help to people who needed it.”

**DAUGHTER OF THE LATE CYRIL LESLIE WEBB,
CHRISTINE PETERSON**

“Anne was a woman of great integrity who was always a giver to people, causes and ideals. She was born in Australia in 1923 to immigrant Greek parents. Her life was guided by a strong sense of social justice and equity for others who were in some way disadvantaged, disconnected or in need. She passed away peacefully in April 2023, aged 99 years, leaving a legacy of great generosity, kindness and love for her immediate and extended family, friends and those she had yet to meet.”

FAMILY OF THE LATE ANNA TAMVAKIS

BEQUESTORS

Australia for UNHCR gratefully acknowledges the supporters who left a gift in their Will in 2023 and thanks their families and executors:

- Estate of the late Don
- Estate of the late Mary Markey
- Estate of the late Frederika Kelly
- Estate of the late Cyril Webb
- Estate of the late Denis Klein
- Estate of the late Lawrence Marsh
- Estate of the late Lorna Thompson
- Estate of the late Joyce Brockway
- Estate of the late Bruce Miller
- Estate of the late Carol Bowring
- Estate of the late Sandra Toose
- Estate of the late Anna Tamvakis
- Estate of the late Raymond Sprigg



Nafiso Ibrahim, 11, fled Somalia due to drought. She is now staying with her family in a camp in Dadaab, Kenya, where UNHCR is providing humanitarian aid.

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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 people fleeing conflict, disaster 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

- 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.
- Ensure refugee voices are reflected within the organisation.
- 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 field-based projects funded by Australia for UNHCR.
- Invest in new projects with a focus on technology, data, cybersecurity, and enabling systems and processes to meet emerging needs and ensure a robust and resilient operating model.
- 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. 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.

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. We are committed and fully adhere to the ACFID Code of Conduct, working with transparency, accountability and integrity.

Australia for UNHCR is affiliated with the Fundraising Institute of Australia, which sets standards for the charitable and fundraising sector, and a member of the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association, a self-regulatory membership body for agencies that conduct 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 unrefugees.org.au/complaints. Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made at acfid.asn.au.

EVALUATION & MONITORING

UNHCR regularly reviews its work to help improve services and results for the people it serves.

UNHCR published a number of evaluations in 2023, including an evaluation of UNHCR's strategy in South Sudan, which found that UNHCR has performed well in a challenging environment and has supported a progressive national policy framework on refugees and asylum seekers.

With the World Food Programme, UNHCR conducted an evaluation of a joint multi-purpose cash assistance program in Lebanon. The evaluation found that the cash program was highly relevant and timely for refugees, reaching almost 625,000 vulnerable people. UNHCR also participated in an inter-agency evaluation of the humanitarian response in Yemen, which found that nutrition, health, water and protection services were scaled up effectively between 2017 and 2021.

For more information about UNHCR's evaluation work, visit unhcr.org/evaluation-office.

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



OUR PEOPLE

In 2023, CEO Trudi Mitchell led a team of 70 employees including 57 permanent staff based in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide as well as casual staff within our face-to-face fundraising program. Our operations were also supported by a team of dedicated volunteers, contributing to office management, research and special events.

This year, we conducted our annual staff survey. One hundred per cent of respondents shared that they were proud to work for Australia for UNHCR, with ninety-eight per cent indicating their willingness to go above and beyond in their roles. The survey also affirmed our commitment to diversity and inclusion, with ninety-eight per cent of respondents agreeing that people of all cultural backgrounds are respected and valued within the organisation. Our people managers received positive feedback, with ninety-two per cent of respondents acknowledging their managers' demonstration of trust and ninety per cent expressing feeling valued by their managers.

In our ongoing commitment to staff development, we also established our capability framework in 2023 – an initiative designed to increase learning and growth opportunities for staff. The implementation of this framework saw an increase in staff engagement, with a ninety-five per cent participation rate in training activities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Qualifications, experience and occupation	Director since
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
Prof Peter Shergold AC Chair	BA Hull, MA Illinois, PhD LSE, DLitt (Hons) UNSW, DLitt (Hons) WSU, FASSA, FANZSOG, FIPPA, FAICD, FAIM, FRSN Chair, Opal Health Care Chair, uLaunch Chair, NSW Education Standards Authority NSW Coordinator-General of Settlement Deputy Chair, Crescent Institute Chair, James Martin Institute for Public Policy Director, Angus Knight Group Chancellor Emeritus, Western Sydney University Deputy President, Royal Society of NSW	April 2020
Mr Rick Millen	MA, Law Oxford University, UK Chancellor Emeritus, Western Sydney University Deputy President, Royal Society of NSW 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 arts and culture projects	September 2015
Ms Lynn Dang	BACom UNSW Director - People Asia, Snap Inc	March 2019
Dr Sayd Farook	BBus (Hons), PhD, LLB UTS Director, RFI Foundation CIC (United Kingdom) Director, Dinar Standard trading as Strategy Insights Inc (US) CEO, Unity Grammar	October 2022
Ms Karen Khadi	BCOMM USYD, MAF MQ Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia Executive Director, Macquarie Group Limited Director, LIFE Generation (Australia) Pty Ltd (Appointed as Director 26 June 2023)	June 2023
Ms Tinke Wesseling	MSc University of Amsterdam, MBA (Cum Laude) Vlerick Business School, MBA Amsterdam Business School Managing Director, Accenture Strategy & Consulting, Accenture (Appointed as Director 26 July 2023)	July 2023

Aotearoa New Zealand for UNHCR Trustees

Name	Qualifications, experience and occupation	Trustee since
Ms Trudi Mitchell Chair	BA University of Queensland Postgrad Marketing UNSW CEO, Australia for UNHCR	February 2022
Mr Gregory Miller	BA English Literature and Philosophy of Education National Manager, Fundraising, IHC New Zealand	February 2022
Mr Timothy Mahood	BSc, LLB, BSocSC, Patent Attorney Partner, Hudson Gavin Martin	July 2022
Ms Catherine Harding	BA LLB (Hons) USYD, Masters Public and International Law, University of Melbourne COO, Australia for UNHCR	July 2022

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Australia for UNHCR and New Zealand for UNHCR (the Group) raised \$38.5 million from the private sector. This is a 24 per cent decrease on last year (2022: \$50.7 million). The significant variance from 2022 was driven by the unprecedented response to the Ukraine Emergency in 2022. The Company received \$6 million in grant funding from UNHCR to assist donor acquisition programs and develop fundraising activities.

The operating deficit for the financial year to 31 December 2023 was \$565,738 (2022 operating surplus: \$2,193,453). The deficit was the result of the Company's investment in operations in New Zealand for UNHCR. The current funds available for future use amount to \$6.5 million. Of this amount, \$3 million is in Retained Surplus and \$1.9 million in the Innovation Fund. Funds in Retained Surplus are earmarked for investment in major Information and Communications Technology (ICT) projects planned for 2024 to 2026. The Innovation Fund was established to provide funding for investment opportunities to support organisational growth. Having taken into consideration the Company's requirements and reviewing the adequacy of the Restricted Reserves, the balance is \$1.6 million for the year ending 31 December 2023.

In 2023, the Group contributed \$28.9 million to UNHCR's international humanitarian programs. \$16.8 million was earmarked for UNHCR use in areas of greatest need and \$11.4 million to provide emergency assistance for the Syria-Türkiye earthquakes, Libya floods, the Horn of Africa drought crisis, and conflicts in Ukraine, Armenia and Sudan. Assistance continues for protracted emergencies in Yemen, Afghanistan and Syria. The Group's contribution represents 75.2 per cent of fundraising income and 73.4 per cent of overall expenditure, excluding fundraising costs funded by UNHCR grants.

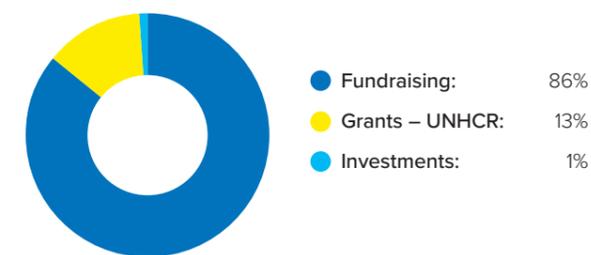
The Group invests in a portfolio of fundraising activities focussing on donor retention and engagement. These activities are delivered through specific communications including mail, digital and webinars. In addition, the organisation continues to see significant growth in channels such as Digital and Philanthropy and Partnerships. Fundraising costs relating to these activities were incurred to acquire and retain donors and help raise funds supporting UNHCR's international humanitarian programs. During the year, the Group spent \$10.6 million in fundraising costs of which \$6 million was funded through a grant from UNHCR. The grant provides financial support to drive growth through the development of fundraising activities, donor acquisition and special projects. 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 activities support the maximisation of fundraising outcomes and deliver the outcomes sustainably and effectively. In 2023, accountability and administration costs increased by 4.3 per cent on the prior year, being \$5.1 million. This cost included support staff costs e.g. finance, HR and administration, office accommodation, maintaining a safe IT environment and fortifying cyber security, investing in staff learning and development, compliance and governance, and insurance. Increases were driven by inflation coupled with increased investment in ICT and cybersecurity to strengthen the operating environment and maximise our data protection and privacy.

In 2023, 24.8 per cent of our donors' funds were used to undertake fundraising and administration activities, which enabled the organisation to raise \$38.5 million during the year. This means, that for every donor's dollar spent on fundraising and administration, \$3 was raised and went to UNHCR's international humanitarian programs.

REVENUE IN 2023

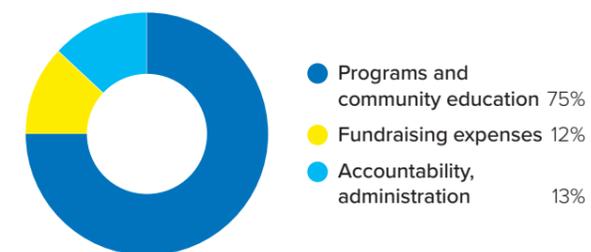
Fundraising income includes monetary donations and gifts from the Australian and New Zealand public and corporations, foundation grants, as well as income from legacies and bequests.



Revenue	%	\$
Fundraising	86%	38,518,656
Grants - UNHCR	13%	5,976,681
Investments	1%	377,296
Total	100%	44,872,633

EXPENDITURE IN 2023

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



Expenditure	%	\$
Programs and community education	75%	29,792,483
Fundraising expenses	12%	4,611,268
Accountability and administration	13%	5,057,939
Total	100%	39,461,690

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note	2023 \$	2022 unaudited \$
Revenue		
Donations and gifts - monetary	36,976,648	48,247,557
Grants		
Overseas UNHCR	5,976,681	7,051,820
Other Australian	413,983	1,580,013
Bequest and legacy income	937,664	545,031
Investment income - interest	377,296	82,007
Other income	190,361	310,967
Total revenue	44,872,633	57,817,395
Expenses		
International aid and development programs expenditure:		
International programs:		
Funds to international programs	28,954,740	38,155,420
Community education	837,743	804,556
Fundraising costs:		
Funded by UNHCR	5,976,681	7,051,820
Public	4,611,268	4,762,523
Accountability and administration	5,057,939	4,849,623
Total expenses	45,438,371	55,623,942
Excess of revenue over expenses	2 (565,738)	2,193,453
Other comprehensive income	1,466	(3,136)
Total comprehensive income	(564,272)	2,190,317

For the year ended 31 December 2023, there were no amounts earned or incurred by the Group 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 accompany notes form part of this consolidated concise financial report. These statements should be read in conjunction with the full consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

	2023 \$	2022 unaudited \$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	8,316,955	8,633,530
Financial assets - term deposits	5,629,704	5,649,704
Receivables	423,933	391,950
Prepayments	216,234	252,695
Total current assets	14,586,826	14,927,879
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	103,946	128,342
Intangible assets	59,316	90,529
Right-of-use asset	988,969	1,326,051
Financial assets - security deposits	343,294	343,294
Total non-current assets	1,495,525	1,888,216
Total assets	16,082,351	16,816,095
Current liabilities		
Payables	7,690,449	7,472,356
Lease liabilities	345,085	321,359
Provisions	481,332	548,810
Total current liabilities	8,516,866	8,342,525
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	806,045	1,151,130
Provisions	189,785	188,513
Total non-current liabilities	995,830	1,339,643
Total liabilities	9,512,696	9,682,168
Net assets	6,569,655	7,133,927
Members' funds		
Retained surplus	3,021,325	3,587,063
Reserves	1,624,000	2,550,000
Innovation fund	1,926,000	1,000,000
Foreign currency translation reserve	(1,670)	(3,136)
Total members' funds	6,569,655	7,133,927

At the end of the financial year, the Group 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 accompany notes form part of this consolidated concise financial report. These statements should be read in conjunction with the full consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Retained Surplus \$	Restricted Reserves \$	Innovation Fund \$	Foreign currency translation reserve \$	Total \$
Funds available for future use at 1 Jan 2022	1,393,610	2,550,000	1,000,000	-	4,943,610
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	2,193,453	-	-	-	2,193,453
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(3,136)	(3,136)
Funds available for future use at 31 December 2022	3,587,063	2,550,000	1,000,000	(3,136)	7,133,927
Amount transferred (to) from Reserves	-	(926,000)	926,000	-	-
Excess of expenses over revenue for the year	(565,738)	-	-	-	(565,738)
Other comprehensive profit for the year	-	-	-	1,466	1,466
Funds available for future use at 31 December 2023	3,021,325	1,624,000	1,926,000	(1,670)	6,569,655

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 \$	2022 unaudited \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts of grant from UNHCR	5,967,366	7,053,377
Cash receipts of donations, gifts and bequests	37,569,159	48,793,187
Cash receipts of other Australian grants	413,983	1,580,013
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(16,424,500)	(16,645,060)
Cash payments to UNHCR for overseas projects	(27,828,773)	(40,321,149)
Interest received	252,563	21,466
Other income	187,054	310,967
Finance costs paid	(62,032)	(77,024)
Net cash provided by operating activities	74,820	715,777
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for plant and equipment	(77,235)	(76,287)
Payment for intangible assets	(12,651)	-
Net movement in financial assets - term deposits	20,000	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(69,886)	(76,287)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayment of lease liabilities	(321,359)	(264,378)
Net cash used in financing activities	(321,359)	(264,378)
Net increase in cash held	(316,425)	375,112
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	8,633,530	8,258,418
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	(150)	-
Cash at the end of the financial year	8,316,955	8,633,530

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

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note 1 Significant accounting policies

The consolidated concise financial report is an extract of the full consolidated financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023. The consolidated 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).

The consolidated financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the consolidated concise financial report are derived from and are consistent with the full consolidated financial report of Australia for UNHCR. The consolidated 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 consolidated financial report.

The consolidated 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 consolidated concise financial report is Australian dollars.

Note 2 Excess of revenue over expense

	2023 \$	2022 unaudited \$
Excess of revenue over expenses has been arrived at after charging the following items:		
Depreciation and amortisation of plant and equipment and intangibles	145,494	125,128
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	337,082	339,839
Payments for short term and low value asset leases	23,623	23,837
Interest expense on lease liabilities	62,062	77,024
Employee benefits expense:		
- Salaries and wages	6,501,094	6,278,296
- Superannuation	691,376	629,930

Note 3 Events subsequent to reporting period

The Company finalised the 2024 Annual Partnership Agreement and the Project Funding Agreement with UNHCR. The agreements confirm the financial contributions from UNHCR for fundraising activities for the year.

In January 2024, the Company ceased fundraising through its in-house face-to-face street fundraising program, as the program was no longer economically efficient. The Company will continue to undertake face-to-face street fundraising through the engagement of agencies.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2023 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 2023, the Group was entitled to a grant of \$5,976,681 (2022: \$7,051,820) from UNHCR which provides financial support in respect of developing its fundraising activities and donor acquisition, and special projects as assigned by UNHCR. This arrangement has been finalised for 2024 through the Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Australia for UNHCR declare that the consolidated concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of changes in members' funds, consolidated statement of cash flows and notes to the consolidated financial statements:

(a) complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports; and

(b) is an extract from the full consolidated financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full consolidated 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 Millen
Director

Dated at Sydney this 25 March 2024



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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 2023 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 and the entity it controlled during the year.


S S Wallace
Partner

Pitcher Partners
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25 March 2024



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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") and its subsidiary ("the Group"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in member's funds and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, are derived from the audited financial report of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 Group. Reading the concise financial report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of the Group 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 25 March 2024.

Responsibilities of Directors' for the Concise Financial Report

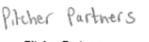
The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report on the basis described in Note 1 to the audited financial report, to the extent applicable to the summary financial report.

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

25 March 2024


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