



2008 ANNUAL PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The United States Association for UNHCR (USA for UNHCR) is an independent nonprofit organization that provides support for the humanitarian work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) through fundraising and education. USA for UNHCR informs Americans about the plight of refugees and raises funds for UNHCR's protection and relief programs around the world.

In more than five decades, UNHCR has helped an estimated 50 million people restart their lives. Today, a staff of approximately 6,300 people in more than 110 countries continues to help 33 million persons – displaced by persecution and war - providing protection, shelter, clean water, health services, education, and other humanitarian assistance.

2008 ACTIVITIES

In 2008, USA for UNHCR completed activities in accordance with its two objectives: supporting UNHCR's lifesaving refugee programs around the world and raising awareness in the United States for the refugee cause and critical work of UNHCR. The following are an illustrative listing.

➤ REFUGEE PROGRAMS

- Afghanistan – Shelter and assistance for repatriating Afghan refugees
- Darfur, Sudan and eastern Chad – Emergency assistance for Darfur refugees
- Southern Sudan – Repatriation assistance for Sudanese refugees
- Democratic Republic of Congo – Protection and emergency aid for internally displaced Congolese refugees
- Pakistan – Shelter and emergency aid for internally displaced Pakistanis from the Swat Valley
- Ninemillion program – Education, technology, and sports programs for displaced children around the world
- Turkey – Education assistance for refugees and asylum seekers
- Yemen – Tertiary education scholarships for Somali refugees
- Colombia – Education and assistance for internally displaced children
- Iraq – Emergency assistance for Iraqi refugees

➤ AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

- Celebrated World Refugee Day 2008
- Provided weekly USA for UNHCR e-updates
- Distributed the bi-annual USA for UNHCR Newsletter, *With You*
- Supported grassroots groups with resources and materials about refugees & UNHCR

ABRIDGED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

The following is a summary of financial information of the United States Association for UNHCR for the year 2008. USA for UNHCR is a 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and is qualified for charitable contribution deductions.

<u>Revenue</u>	2008
Grants and contributions	\$ 7,298,148
Contributions from UNHCR	\$ 957,492
In-kind contributions	\$ 435,795
Interest and investment income	\$ 16,680
Total revenue	\$ 8,708,115
<u>Expenses</u>	
Program services:	
Refugee Programs	\$ 5,349,553
Awareness Activities	\$ 1,117,475
Total program services	\$ 6,467,028
Supporting services:	
Management and General	\$ 298,284
Fundraising	\$ 1,352,032
Total supporting services	\$ 1,650,316
Total expenses	\$ 8,117,344
Changes in net assets	\$ 590,771
Net assets at beginning of year	\$ 1,561,432
Net Assets at end of year	\$ 2,152,203

The complete financial statements for 2007 and 2008 are available upon request from the United States Association for UNHCR. The firm of Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman is USA for UNHCR's auditor.

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