

Afghanistan

Providing shelter

Background: Since 2002, more than five million Afghan refugees have returned home, representing the largest voluntary repatriation program organized by UNHCR in recent history. While we welcome this repatriation, the journey does not end once a refugee crosses the border into his or her homeland. Afghanistan has been devastated by decades of war and neglect, leaving returning refugees without access to decent housing, safe water, jobs, schools or hospitals. Most no longer even have a home—forcing families to sleep in holes dug into the ground for warmth during the harsh winters. The UN Refugee Agency has been working in Afghanistan to set up water taps, build schools and hospitals, and train returnees in new skills to help them find jobs.

Projects: One of the Agency's most successful initiatives has been the Shelter Assistance Program, which provides returning Afghan families with the resources and tools they need to rebuild their war-torn homes. Priority is given to the elderly, children and the disabled. UNHCR allows local communities to take primary responsibility for identifying beneficiary families and to participate in the construction. In 2009, this program provided some 7,900 2-room homes covering the needs of almost 50,000 people. Despite our success 2009, UNHCR's work is not finished. More 2.5 million Afghans remain in Pakistan and Iran, creating the potential for large return movements in the future and further development of the Shelter Assistance Program.



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Kenya

Life in Dadaab

Background: Hundreds of thousands of Somalis have fled their homeland, many to the relative safety of neighboring Kenya. Somalia has been without a formal government since 1991, leaving the country at the mercy of armed rebel groups that terrorize much of the population, especially in and around the capital, Mogadishu. Over the last several years, the number of Somalis arriving in Kenya has swelled, overwhelming the capacity of the three UNHCR-run camps in Dadaab. The UN Refugee Agency is working around the clock to ensure that these refugees are receiving the protection and sustenance they need.

Projects: One of the Agency's main concerns in the Dadaab camps is education—especially for older children who have missed out on a formal education and now find themselves ill-equipped to support themselves or their families. Youth Education Packs (YEPs) are education centers aimed at refugee youth between 15 and 24 years of age and offer classes in basic and computer literacy and vocational training. In 2009, UNHCR opened two new YEP centers in the Dadaab camps. The program was received with overwhelming enthusiasm; more than 2,000 youth applied in 2009 alone. Students attending the program showed tangible progress in just a few short months, with more than 80 percent of students achieving above average scores on regional performance exams.



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Colombia

Success in education

Background: Colombia is home to one of the world's worst internal displacement crises—second only to Sudan. More than three million Colombians have been forced from their homes by rebel and paramilitary groups and ongoing violence resulting from the government's crackdown on these illegal forces. Nearly 50 percent of the internally displaced are children. Although Colombia's government guarantees access to education for all internally displaced children, there are many barriers to access. The UN Refugee Agency is working with the Colombian government at all levels to increase the number of displaced children in schools.

Projects: In 2009, tens of thousands of internally displaced children in Colombia directly benefitted from UNHCR's efforts to increase access to education. Learning Circles, which facilitate reintegration into the education system for students who have been out of school due to displacement, were successfully implemented in cities where there have been large influxes of displaced families. In extremely rural areas that are home to mostly indigenous groups who are vulnerable to displacement and often face discrimination, schools known as tambo-escuelas were constructed. Hundreds of students who would otherwise not have access to school now have the opportunity to learn in a safe environment. University scholarships were awarded to displaced indigenous youth to continue their education beyond the secondary level. UNHCR also worked with the national and local ministries of education to help improve their ability to track out-of-school youth and implement policies to encourage their permanent integration into the education system. One year after the start of these ambitious education programs, we are happy to report that all of our expectations have been exceeded.



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Pakistan

Continued violence, continued displacement

Background: Pakistan continues to host 1.7 million refugees—most of whom are from Afghanistan—providing shelter, clean water and essential humanitarian aid. But in 2009, Pakistan faced new challenges. A surge of violence in the Swat Valley in the spring forced two million Pakistanis to flee their homes, leaving many traumatized. Fleeing with little more than the clothing on their backs, the displaced had to rely on the vital support provided by UNHCR for survival. Though voluntary repatriation continues, UNHCR is committed to supplying assistance until all of the displaced have safely returned home.

Projects: Fighting in the Swat Valley forced millions to flee to safer areas in Pakistan. As first responders, the UN Refugee Agency distributed some 430,000 non-food aid items, including 84,000 tents, in addition to blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, buckets, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting and kitchen sets. In situations of intense violence and upheaval, psychological assistance to help victims work through the effects of trauma can be critical to their well-being and eventual return. In response to the crisis, UNHCR established 10 centers, known as Friend's Houses, to provide counseling and psychosocial support to victims of the crisis. The centers were designed to serve as a safe place where both children and adults suffering from post-traumatic stress and other disorders could talk to trained professionals, as well as find support among their peers. The initiative had very notable success—especially with children experiencing anxiety and fear.

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Financials

Abridged Financial Statements for 2009 & 2008

Assets	2009	2008
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,743,850	\$1,638,201
Investments	\$10,211	\$400,000
Contributions receivable	\$485,445	\$318,753
Prepaid expenses	\$10,001	\$3,337
Total current assets	\$2,249,507	\$2,360,291
Furniture and Equipment		
Furniture and fixtures	\$15,666	\$15,666
Computers and equipment	\$72,617	\$61,550
Computer software	\$6,080	\$6,080
Leasehold improvements	\$34,113	\$34,113
	\$128,476	\$117,409
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	\$(110,528)	\$(98,836)
Net furniture and equipment	\$17,948	\$18,573
Other Assets		
Deposits	\$3,009	\$3,009
Total assets	\$2,270,464	\$2,381,873
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$367,981	\$229,670
Due to UNHCR	\$36,942	-
Total current liabilities	\$404,923	\$229,670
Net Assets		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$1,518,887	\$1,803,379
Board-designated	-	\$25,000
Total unrestricted net assets	\$1,518,887	\$1,828,379
Temporarily restricted	\$346,654	\$323,824
Total net assets	\$1,865,541	\$2,152,203
Total liabilities and net assets	\$2,270,464	\$2,381,873

Revenue	2009	2008
Grants and contributions	\$7,311,644	\$7,298,148
Contributions from UNHCR	\$773,904	\$957,492
In-kind contributions	\$1,162,115	\$435,795
Interest and investment income	\$4,066	\$16,680
Total revenue	\$9,251,729	\$8,708,115

Expenses	2009	2008
Program services:		
Refugee programs	\$6,842,725	\$5,349,553
Awareness activities	\$935,752	\$1,117,475
Total program services	\$7,778,477	\$6,467,028
Supporting services:		
Management and general	\$334,395	\$298,284
Fundraising	\$1,425,519	\$1,352,032
Total supporting services	\$1,759,914	\$1,650,316
Total expenses	\$9,538,391	\$8,117,344

Changes in net assets \$286,662 \$590,771

Net assets at beginning of year \$2,152,203 \$1,561,432

Net assets at end of year \$1,865,541 \$2,152,203

USA for UNHCR Abridged Financial Statements as of December 31, 2009 and 2008

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It is no exaggeration to say that UNHCR means the difference between life and death for the planet's vulnerable populations.

It is up to other organizations to solve the conflicts that produce refugees and displacement. It is UNHCR that initiates and coordinates the lifeline that is extended to millions in Africa, Asia and South America who otherwise would have no voice, no protection, no legitimacy or identity. Under impossibly difficult circumstances, its staff around the world, comprising exceptional, selfless people, extends the protective arm of UNHCR, ensuring basic shelter and nutrition, healthcare and education in a world that could easily forget its victims of conflict.

Nearly 60 years ago when UNHCR was founded, it was the hope and expectation that the need for an agency such as this would disappear once Europe's World War II displaced persons crisis was resolved. However, history has taught us throughout the interim that were it not for UNHCR, millions of women, children and men around the world would have been voiceless, unprotected, uncared for and abandoned.

If I were to distinguish this era of man's history with one distinguishing positive attribute, it would be that we had the courage to care, to act and to defend those, who by no choice of their own, were victims of the world's conflicts.

It is a great honor for me to work with UNHCR and to inform the residents of our country, insulated as we are from so much of this conflict, of this crucial work. I have traveled to refugee camps and seen firsthand the dedication of staff, the fortitude of refugees and the continuing hope of all. I deeply thank those of you who are a part of this mission and encourage those of you who have yet to join us to become part of this wonderful story of people helping people.

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Annual Report



Introduction

Look at their faces. Despite the tremendous obstacles in their paths, their eyes are filled with hope. It is the hope that accompanies the knowledge that someone out there cares. They may not know your name or where you live, but every tent they receive, every well that is dug, every schoolroom that is built reminds them that they are not forgotten.

At this moment, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is providing lifesaving care to more than 36 million women, children and men, somewhere in the world, who have been forcibly displaced from their homes. For nearly 60 years, UNHCR has been by their sides, offering security, aid and, most important, hope. In the wake of crisis or emergency, UNHCR is the first on the ground, negotiating with governments for the protection of displaced populations, establishing camps and implementing programs to quickly distribute emergency assistance. The UN Refugee Agency operates in the world's most hostile environments—Darfur, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo—coordinating with partner organizations to ensure that families receive shelter, food, clean water, medical care, and education.

Whether they are assisting refugees who have fled across an international border or internally displaced persons (IDPs) within the borders of their own countries, the UN Refugee Agency only considers its work done when the last innocent victim has found a durable solution. A two time Nobel Peace Prize winner, UNHCR's dedication is underscored by a reputation as the first one in and last one out in times of crisis.

The generosity of thousands of Americans across the country has helped USA for UNHCR provide millions of dollars of support to UNHCR's operations around the world—building schools, digging water taps, offering shelter, and most important, helping refugees find a permanent home. UNHCR could not do this work without you.



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