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Cover: A child plays at a community youth centre for at-risk and displaced families supported by UNHCR in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. By the end of 2018, over 17,500 unaccompanied children had fled from horrific violence across Northern Central America.

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UNHCR Item Name/No: 1 KITCHEN SET TYPE B- Stainless
ITEM NO: 06833
PO No: 36147
PO Quantity: 38080 SETS
Consignor (supplier / manufacturer): KITCHEN ESSENTIALS
KUNAL HOUSEWARES
Consignee: UNHCR Warehouse in Kampala, Uganda
Destination: Kampala, Uganda
Packing Units: 38080 SETS

GUT NO. 762, MANOR-PALGHAR ROAD
NETAJI VILLAGE, PALGHAR EAST
MADE IN INDIA

A South Sudanese refugee carries a box of kitchen utensils provided by UNHCR at Imvepi settlement, Uganda.

UNHCR / D. Azia

2018 Key Facts



68.5 million

The number of people forcibly displaced worldwide – over half of whom are children

345,304

Australians engaged with us through social media



138

The number of countries where UNHCR works

90%

of UNHCR's staff are based in the field, in direct contact with people of concern



57%

of all refugees come from three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and South Sudan

76,635

people donated to Australia for UNHCR





Report from the Chairman and National Director

A year of milestones, national engagement and global response

We have great pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Australia for UNHCR, in reporting on our 2018 highlights and achievements supporting UNHCR's global humanitarian response and advocacy for refugees and displaced people.

We were very proud that in 2018, Australia for UNHCR achieved a new milestone surpassing \$260 million raised for refugees since being established in 2000. Globally, we were UNHCR's eighth largest private sector donor in 2018 after raising \$32.5 million during the year. This was ahead of many governments and a reflection of the generous support from individual Australians and the private sector in Australia more broadly.

Australia for UNHCR prioritised fundraising for UNHCR's Emergency Response activity, with general earmarked funds (79 per cent) supporting relief operations in 53 countries, across Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Central America.

Funding was also directed to specific needs (seven per cent), such as clean water and sanitation in Sudan, providing warmth and shelter to displaced Syrians

during the winter and in Uganda, building a new Vocational Training Centre for refugee youth.

Protection and empowerment for women and girls at a local level remained a key pillar of our work. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we funded neonatal care for refugee mothers and newborns. In Uganda, a multi-year livelihoods program continues to provide employment to urban-based refugee women helping them provide for their families.

As the global spotlight turned to Central America, Australia for UNHCR launched a special appeal to protect unaccompanied children and families fleeing gang violence. A mission with Fairfax Media brought valuable coverage and attention to the plight of families caught up in this crisis.

Natural and man-made emergencies again brought a compassionate response to our appeals providing shelter to survivors of the Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia and emergency nutrition to refugee families in Yemen as near-famine conditions threatened millions. Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR (14 per cent) were directed to specific emergencies like these.

Galvanising national solidarity

Australia for UNHCR advocated for refugees and their protection throughout the year, to build solidarity and public understanding alongside financial contributions. In support of UNHCR's global *With Refugees* campaign, we gathered more than 36,000 signatures from Australians to call on governments to protect the rights of refugees. This supported a global count of 2 million signatures that were presented at the UN High Commissioner's Dialogue in Geneva.

In parallel, UNHCR successfully delivered the Global Compact on Refugees to the UN General Assembly, delivering a new vision for the global response to refugee crises, by reaffirming the right of people fleeing conflict to seek protection and better supporting countries that host the majority of the world's refugee population. The compact was adopted by Member States in December.

In March, we hosted a series of sold out screenings of *Human Flow*, a documentary by celebrated artist and human rights activist Ai Weiwei.



Australia for UNHCR supported UNHCR Canberra's advocacy for vulnerable refugees on Manus and Nauru to be transferred for urgent medical assistance. This included joining the #KidsOffNauru coalition, which saw more than 400 Australian businesses, charities and communities call for the removal of children detained by offshore processing on Nauru. More than 100 children were subsequently taken off Nauru.

Corporate sector support

Australia for UNHCR launched a three-year corporate partnership with Australian not-for-profit health fund Teachers Health, which will support healthcare for refugee mothers and their newborns in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On World Refugee Day, more than 470 business leaders, high profile supporters, advocates and former refugees attended Australia for UNHCR's flagship breakfast event. New South Wales Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP delivered a keynote speech highlighting the contribution of refugees to our economy and culture.

Board welcomes and farewells

In June, we farewelled outgoing Chair, John W.H. Denton AO, and welcomed Michael Dwyer AM to the role.

Michael, the long standing CEO of First State Super, is a committed advocate for refugees and has been a Board

member of Australia for UNHCR since our establishment. During this time he has visited UNHCR operations in countries such as East Timor, Turkey and Lebanon, and been instrumental in galvanising support for refugees within the financial services sector.

John stepped down as founding Chair to take up the role of Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris. During his tenure, John helped steer our organisation from start-up to becoming Australia's leading charity focused on humanitarian response to the global refugee crisis. We are delighted that he will continue his support through his new role as our Patron.

We also thank Board director and former partner at KPMG, Paul Reid, who retired this year, for his outstanding service to our organisation's governance over 17 years.

At a global level, National Director Naomi Steer was nominated by her peers to co-chair the Global Partnership Council in 2018, bringing together senior UNHCR officers with the executive leadership of UNHCR's National Partners.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all our UNHCR colleagues including outgoing UNHCR Regional Representative Thomas Albrecht, his Deputy Mr Nai Jit Lam and the UNHCR Canberra team for their support and collaboration. We look forward to welcoming the new UNHCR Regional Representative, Ms Louise Aubin, who brings with her extensive field experience

including leading UNHCR's Emergency Response for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

We also acknowledge Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade representatives around the globe for their support of our work, in particular, the Ambassador to Jordan, Mr Miles Armitage.

Special thanks also to our fellow Board members, Special Representatives, staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to helping refugees.

Above all, we thank our donors and supporters. It is their solidarity, generosity and commitment which ensure people fleeing conflict can feel safe again and empowered to rebuild their lives.

Michael Dwyer AM
Chairman

Naomi Steer
National Director

Year in Review



UNHCR stepped up aid to protect displaced families across the Middle East from harsh winter weather. The program targeted 3.8 million of the most vulnerable people with a combination of cash assistance, shelter materials, and winter items including thermal blankets, gas heaters and warm clothes.



With support from UNHCR, the Ugandan Government launched a nationwide program to register all 1.3 million refugees in the country using biometric data, including iris scans. The program aims to ensure that refugees are properly registered and receive the protection and assistance they need.



Young refugees made their voices heard at talks in Geneva, Switzerland on the Global Compact on Refugees – a framework that will transform the way the world responds to displacement. Global Youth Advisory Council delegates spent months conducting consultations with refugee and host community youth, community leaders and government to gather feedback on the compact.



Over 470 corporate supporters, former refugees and advocates joined together at Australia for UNHCR's annual World Refugee Day Breakfast to stand in solidarity with refugees. Guests donated a record \$195,300 to help UNHCR provide healthcare for refugee mothers and their newborns in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



In partnership with Australia for UNHCR, the Vietnamese Community in Australia – Victoria Chapter (VCA Vic) held a Walk for Humanity walkathon in Melbourne to raise awareness and funds. VCA Vic raised \$100,000 in 2018 to deliver life-saving aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.



A UNHCR delivery of emergency tents provided shelter to some 10,000 children, women and men who lost their homes when a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck Sulawesi in late September. Over 12,000 plastic sheets were also delivered to help weatherproof makeshift shelters.



MARCH

Australia for UNHCR

More than 1,000 Australia for UNHCR supporters in Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane attended special screenings of *Human Flow*, a documentary by Chinese artist and human rights activist Ai Weiwei. In Sydney, Ai Weiwei took part in a Q&A session with National Director Naomi Steer before the screening.



APRIL

UNHCR / R. Arnold

UNHCR began relocating Rohingya refugees to higher ground ahead of flooding monsoon rains in Bangladesh. Other preparations included raising bridges, building retaining walls to stabilise steep hillsides, and prepositioning medical supplies to treat waterborne diseases.



JULY

Supplied

Former Premier of New South Wales and Australian Foreign Minister, Professor the Hon. Bob Carr generously donated all author proceeds from his new book – a political memoir called *Run for Your Life* – to Australia for UNHCR to help Syrian refugee children.



AUGUST

UNHCR / A. Nasrullah

UNHCR called for the education of refugee children to be prioritised to ensure their empowerment and future prosperity. With 4 million displaced children out of school, UNHCR worked hard in 2018 to increase enrolments and repair or build schools across the globe, including 168 classrooms for Rohingya children in Bangladesh.



NOVEMBER

Australia for UNHCR

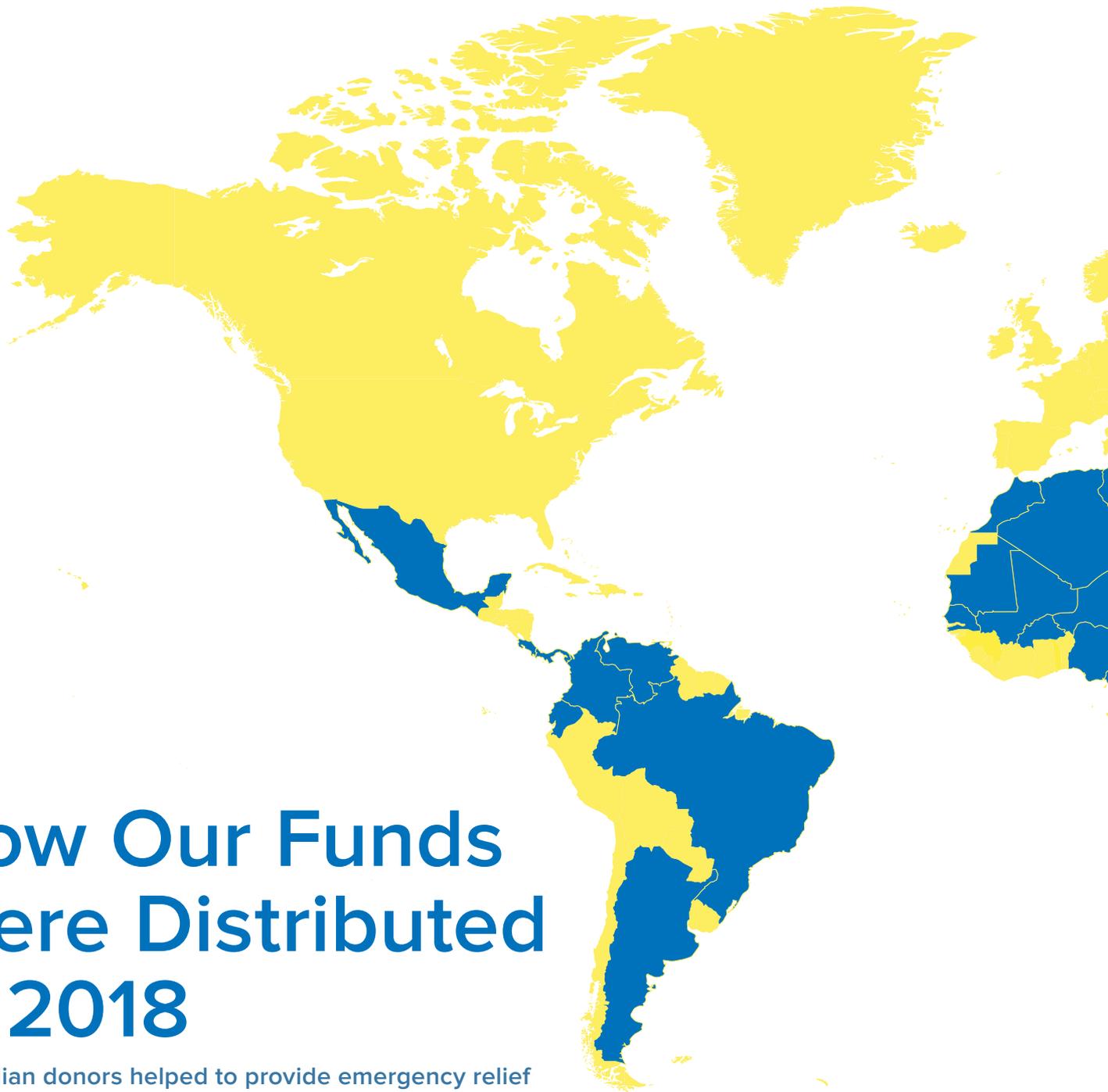
Australia for UNHCR supporters attended special events in Sydney and Melbourne to hear updates about their impact during 2018, including a panel discussion with senior Fairfax journalist Tim Elliott and Australia for UNHCR's Deputy National Director Trudi Mitchell, both of whom travelled to Guatemala and Mexico in March to report on the situation for children forced to flee gang violence.



DECEMBER

UNHCR / A. Kelly

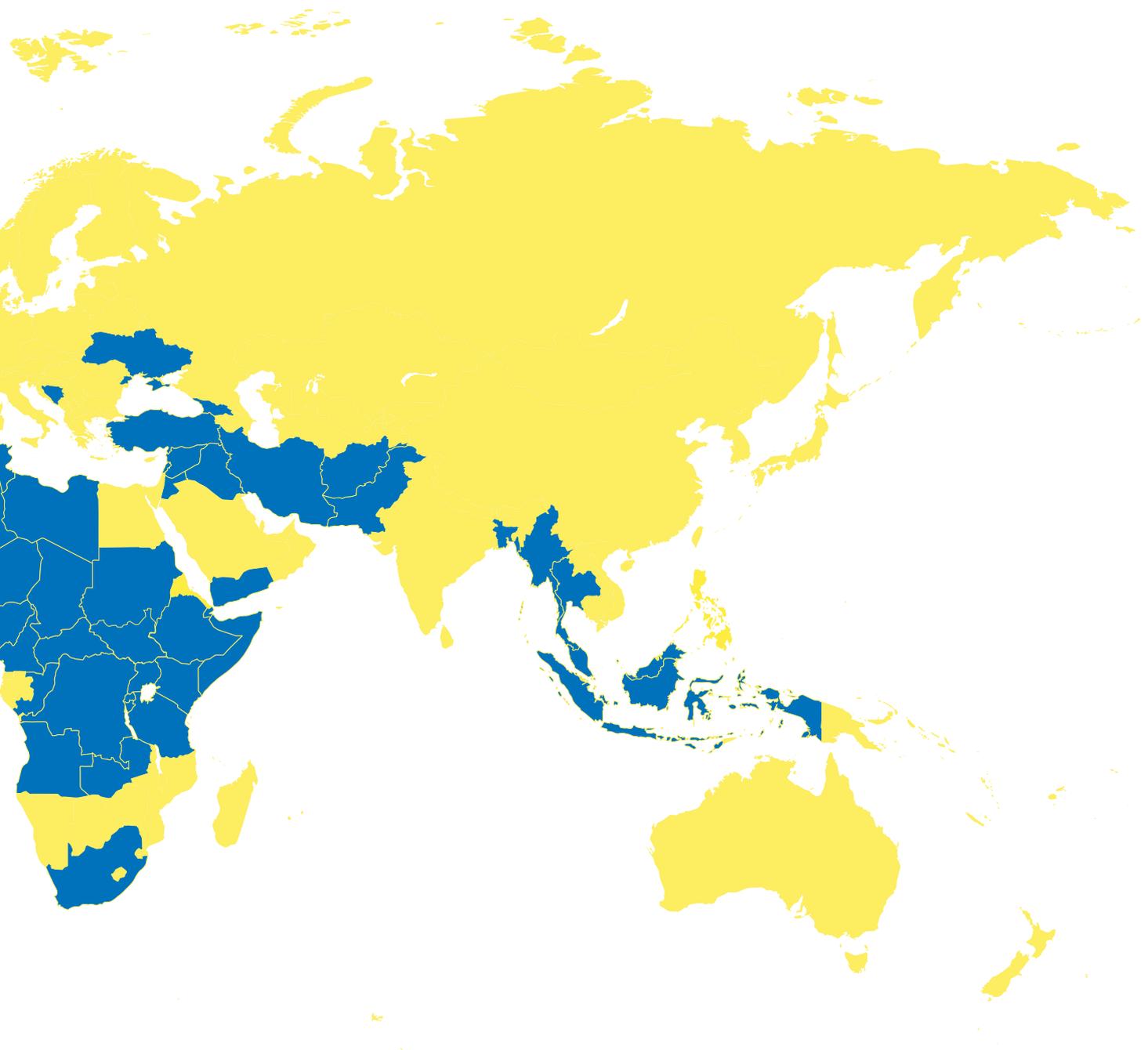
The Global Compact on Refugees developed by UNHCR was adopted by 181 Member States of the UN General Assembly. The international agreement is designed to provide a robust and sustainable response to the world's refugee crises, delivering greater support to people forced to flee and the countries that take them in.



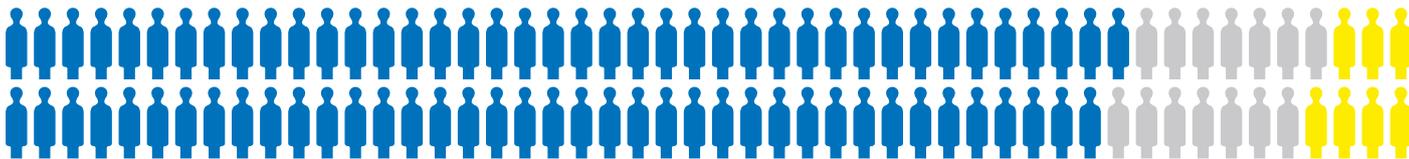
How Our Funds Were Distributed in 2018

Australian donors helped to provide emergency relief and long-term support to refugees and displaced people in the following countries:

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



\$25,349,420 Total humanitarian relief and support provided by Australia for UNHCR in 2018



79%
of funds supported UNHCR's emergency programs in greatest need

14%
of funds were directed to specific emergency and disaster relief operations

7%
of funds supported water and sanitation, nutrition, education, child protection and livelihood programs

Core relief items shipped for new emergencies and ongoing operations in 2018

 5,210,833
blankets

 2,649,146
sleeping mats

 1,573,563
plastic sheets

 921,398
jerry cans

 906,764
kitchen sets

 625,440
mosquito nets

 552,901
solar lamps

 465,866
buckets

 26,908
family tents





Displaced Yemenis Malak, 8, and her brother Muntasir, 3, receive UNHCR relief items in Dhamar governorate, Yemen.

UNHCR / A. Al Sabri

UNHCR's Emergency Response

UNHCR emergency teams are ready to deploy within 72 hours of an emergency declaration, leading the humanitarian response to global displacement. The agency's operations are equipped to address multiple, large-scale crises across the globe at any given moment.

To enable rapid response, UNHCR maintains a global network of aid stockpiles. Relief items and equipment are warehoused in seven strategically located regional hubs across Africa, Asia and Europe, allowing for efficient transit anywhere in the world.

These stockpiles give UNHCR the capacity to deliver core relief items to meet the needs of 600,000 people at any one time.

UNHCR's eCentre in Bangkok also provides technical support to teams on the ground, and facilitates communication between different parties involved with emergency response.

In 2018, UNHCR continued to respond to new and ongoing emergencies around the world, providing life-saving protection and assistance.

Key Emergencies



UNHCR's assistance included

- 22 healthcare centres
- 625 tube wells
- 6,243 latrines
- 60,200 hygiene kits
- 176,000 shelter kits
- 406,900 health consultations
- 431,000 immunisations

Bangladesh Rohingya Emergency

Six months after an estimated 738,000 Rohingya fled from violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, UNHCR increased its presence on the ground in Bangladesh as monsoon season threatened thousands of lives.

Australia for UNHCR supported the distribution of over 91,000 shelter upgrade kits and almost 85,000 pre-monsoon kits to help families strengthen their shelters against torrential rains and gale-force winds. These kits contained bamboo poles, ropes, tarpaulins, sandbags and tools.

Over 37,400 Rohingya refugees living on sloping hills prone to landslides

were relocated to new shelters on safer ground, and an additional 950 latrines and 112 water points were constructed.

By the end of 2018, UNHCR had conducted 17 airlifts carrying US\$13.5 million worth of emergency and life-saving aid to Bangladesh with the support of Australia for UNHCR. Some 300 UNHCR staff continued to work on the ground to help meet

Rohingya refugees' basic needs including shelter, clean water, nutrition, children's education, healthcare and trauma counselling.

UNHCR also supported a verification exercise to provide refugees with secure identity documentation and a more efficient way to access services. By year's end, over 35,000 individuals were issued with ID cards.

Khadija's story

Khadija, her 60-year-old mother, 10-year-old daughter Nur and four-year-old son Saiful live in a newly-built shelter in Camp 4 of Kutupalong refugee camp.

In preparation for the monsoon season, UNHCR constructed new shelters on 60 acres of safe ground with the capacity to house up to 1,400 relocated families at risk of landslides or flooding.

"This shelter is constructed very well. I can sleep easier here. When we lived on the hillside, my children didn't have space to play. Here, there are more opportunities, and they can make new friends."





UNHCR / A. Chindiji

Syria

Intense fighting across Syria caused the highest level of internal displacement since the war began, forcing over 1 million people to flee their homes.

In March, a joint UNHCR aid convoy reached 60,000 trapped Syrians in the city of Douma in Eastern Ghouta, delivering shelter and core relief items including mattresses, blankets and jerry cans. In November, Syrians in dire conditions near the Jordan border in Rukban settlement received aid for the first time in months. Working with other UN agencies, a convoy delivered food, emergency items, and health and sanitation supplies to 50,000 people.

Across the region, Australia for UNHCR funds helped provide Syrian refugees

with shelter, household items, water and access to healthcare and education. In the lead-up to the freezing winter months, UNHCR's winterisation program provided families with stoves and fuel for heating, insulation for tents and homes, thermal blankets and winter clothing.

By the end of 2018, 6.6 million Syrians were internally displaced and 5.6 million had fled to neighbouring countries. The majority of Syrian refugees remained in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, with around 85 per cent surviving in urban situations rather than camps.

South Sudan

South Sudan remained Africa's largest humanitarian crisis in 2018.

By the end of the year, over 2.2 million people had fled civil war and food insecurity into neighbouring countries including Uganda and Sudan. Another 1.9 million people remained displaced inside South Sudan.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR helped UNHCR identify the most vulnerable and assist newly arrived refugees. Life-saving supplies were distributed including emergency nutrition,

clean water, shelter, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets and mosquito nets.

UNHCR's protection initiatives ensured the safe passage of refugees with border monitoring, registration, child protection, and sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response. UNHCR supported integration into host communities and helped displaced people achieve self-reliance with livelihoods and youth and education programs.



UNHCR / O. Cohen



UNHCR / W. Swanson

South Sudanese surgeon wins Nansen Refugee Award

Dr Evan Atar Adaha, surgeon and medical director at Maban Referral Hospital in Bunj, South Sudan, was the winner of UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award 2018. The only functional hospital in Upper Nile State, it serves a population of more than 200,000

people, the majority of whom are refugees. Dr Atar received the award for his 20-year commitment to providing medical care to people forced to flee and the communities that host them.



Ritzau Scanpix

Indonesia

On 28 September, a devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit Sulawesi, displacing over 80,000 people from their homes and claiming more than 2,000 lives.

Australia for UNHCR supporters responded generously to our emergency appeal, donating over \$75,000 to rush life-saving supplies to displaced families.

UNHCR airlifted family tents, plastic tarpaulins and tonnes of core relief items such as sleeping mats, mosquito nets and solar lamps. Some 20,000 displaced people benefitted from this assistance.

Field staff also travelled to Palu, one of the hardest hit areas in Central Sulawesi, to coordinate assistance with partners and local government to ensure displaced families had access to shelter, water and sanitation, emergency nutrition and healthcare.

UNHCR's assistance included

2,800 family tents

16,000 plastic tarpaulins

5,000 jerry cans

12,000 sleeping mats

16,060 solar lamps

9,000 mosquito nets



UNHCR / S. Limboki

Bampek's story

The day after a devastating earthquake flattened their home, Bampek and his family built a makeshift tent on empty land with old plastic sheeting.

"Sometimes, when it rained hard, the water would come from every direction," he said.

Forty-five-year-old Bampek, his wife Vemy and their eight children were among the thousands of families who lost their homes to the natural disaster.

Emergency tents and plastic tarpaulins provided by UNHCR were vital in sheltering the most vulnerable displaced survivors.

"I'm glad that the tent now is fully covered," says Vemy, whose family is now safe and dry. "The separators inside the tent also allow me and the girls to change our clothes privately."



UNHCR / M. Hamoud

Yemen Emergency

After more than three years of war, UNHCR scaled up its operations in Yemen as the country teetered on the brink of famine. By the end of the year, 14 million people were at immediate risk of starvation, the majority of them children.

Australia for UNHCR launched an emergency appeal in October, raising over \$187,000 by year's end to deliver life-saving aid to displaced Yemenis.

UNHCR is one of the few humanitarian aid organisations in Yemen, with 190 staff working to provide life-saving assistance across the country, including hard-to-reach and remote areas. By the end of 2018, UNHCR had

distributed more than US\$48 million in cash assistance, benefitting close to 800,000 displaced Yemenis, as well as 130,000 refugees and asylum-seekers in the country.

UNHCR also provided core relief items – mattresses, blankets and household items – to over 700,000 individuals, and emergency shelter kits to 125,000 people.

UNHCR assistance in 2018

105,000 people received protection support

700,000 people received core relief items

125,000 emergency shelter kits distributed

119,000 medical consultations provided

Siham's story

Twenty-seven-year-old Siham Abdullah fled the western port of Al Hudaydah with her two children and her twin brother Bassam, who has one child, after fighting escalated in July.

"All the shops closed and my children cried of hunger," she says. "We had to leave. Shelling and air strikes hit our neighbourhood. Even our house was damaged by shrapnel."

The family fled to Sana'a, where they live in temporary accommodation and are receiving cash assistance from UNHCR. Such support is a lifeline for Yemen's most vulnerable displaced families, helping them to meet their most urgent needs.

"We are running out of food," says Siham. "I will use the money to buy food and pay the rent."



UNHCR / M. Hamoud

Ongoing Protection of Refugees

At the start of 2018, some 13.4 million refugees were in a state of 'protracted displacement', meaning that they had been forcibly displaced for more than five years. For an estimated 3 million refugees, their exile has lasted for 38 years or more.

Finding durable solutions that enable refugees to rebuild their lives and live in dignity and peace is a core part of UNHCR's work and mandate.

The Global Compact on Refugees was adopted at the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 17 December 2018 after two years of formal consultations and contributions from Member States. The compact aims to strengthen the international response to large movements of people and protracted displacement situations. At the heart of this approach is the idea that refugees should be included in communities from the very beginning.

Community integration prevents refugees from being relegated to the margins of society, where they are vulnerable to poverty, exploitation, violence and disease. Access to education and labour markets allows them to build their skills and become self-reliant, contributing to local economies and fuelling the development of the communities hosting them.

Each year, Australia for UNHCR directly funds programs for refugees in protracted settings, providing infrastructure and services to ensure their health and safety, improve their quality of life and enable them to support themselves and their families.



Housing



Healthcare



Education



Safe Places



Vocational Training



Livelihoods



Reuniting Families



Supplies



Cash Assistance





With training from UNHCR, Sham Khalili is learning how to grow nutrient-rich food for his family near his shelter in Doro refugee camp, South Sudan.

UNHCR / E. Byam



Children on the Run

Across Northern Central America, record numbers of children and families fled from gang violence, exploitation and persecution in 2018.

By the end of the year, there were 396,300 people of concern to UNHCR from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. Among them were over 17,500 unaccompanied children, who were escaping from horrific violence and forced recruitment into criminal gangs.

An Australia for UNHCR appeal launched in March raised over \$717,000 to help protect these children and families. The funds helped UNHCR provide safe accommodation for 50,000 people by mid-year. A further 12,000

people were given information about their rights as asylum-seekers, and over 7,700 people received legal aid.

UNHCR also provided cash grants to families to help them cover the costs of essentials such as rent, food and medicine. Working with local authorities and partner organisations, UNHCR also delivered child protection services, sexual and gender-based violence case management, and psychosocial support for traumatised children and adults.

Good Weekend feature

Australia for UNHCR's Children on the Run appeal was supported by a feature in the Fairfax magazine supplement *Good Weekend* in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*. In March, Walkley Award-winning photojournalist Kate Geraghty and senior journalist Tim Elliott travelled with Australia for UNHCR to Guatemala and Mexico to report on the situation for children forced to flee gang violence.



Raul's story

Thirteen-year-old Raul fled violence in Honduras with his mother and five-year-old brother.

The family walked for weeks to reach safety in Mexico, where UNHCR was on the ground providing shelter, registering asylum-seekers and identifying the most vulnerable, including unaccompanied children.

"I have a lot of fun playing games at the shelter and feel safe here," says Raul. He wants to be able to go to school in peace, without being threatened by gang members.



Australia for UNHCR

Newborn and Maternal Health

An Australia for UNHCR appeal launched in May raised over \$1.27 million to support urgently needed healthcare for mothers and newborns in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

For pregnant refugee and displaced women in the DRC – many of whom have fled from conflict in neighbouring Central African Republic – childbirth is literally a matter of life or death, for themselves and their babies.

Every year, 96,000 newborns die before the end of their first month of life and up to half of these babies don't survive their first 24 hours. Breathing problems, hypothermia and infection are the three major threats to newborns.

With the generous support of Australian donors, UNHCR is improving maternal and newborn health outcomes.



Australia for UNHCR

Achievements in 2018

UNHCR is now providing essential medicines, basic equipment and staff salaries in eight health centres across the two provinces hosting the largest numbers of refugees from Central African Republic.

A new maternity ward has been built at the Bili refugee camp health centre in Nord-Ubangi province, providing care to an average of 40 pregnant refugee women and newborns each day.

Construction of a second maternity ward commenced in Boyabu camp in Sud-Ubangi province. The completed ward will provide care for some 60 refugee mothers and their newborns each day.

Health workers in Nord-Ubangi and Bas-Uélé provinces received additional training and development, with a focus on obstetric care.

Partnership with Teachers Health

Australia's largest industry-based health fund, Teachers Health, partnered with Australia for UNHCR in 2018 to support neonatal care for refugees.

Teachers Health will contribute funding over three years to support healthcare for refugee mothers and newborns in the DRC. This includes providing training for health workers, essential equipment and nutritional support.



Teachers Health will visit UNHCR operations in 2019 to see the impact of its partnership on neonatal care for refugees, and members and staff will be able to connect with Australia for UNHCR's work.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

UNHCR's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs deliver clean water and sanitation services to millions of displaced people in camps, outside of camps and in urban areas.

An Australia for UNHCR appeal launched in September raised \$846,000 to improve WASH facilities in refugee camps in Sudan's White Nile State, where the daily clean water ration had fallen below the basic survival level. Families were left with no choice but to draw water from polluted sources, exposing them to waterborne diseases such as cholera.

With the generous support of Australian donors, UNHCR has been able to distribute water purification sachets, support the operation and maintenance of water supply systems in camps, improve sanitation facilities, and install more household latrines to ensure a decent standard of hygiene, privacy and safety.

In Al Jameya camp, a generous donation from BB & A Miller Foundation is supporting the construction of 400 household latrines, distribution of 800 handwashing ibriks and provision of hygiene promotion training.

Vocational Training

When young refugees have the opportunity to learn vocational skills, they are more likely to find employment – or start their own businesses – and build a better future for themselves.

Construction of the Australia for UNHCR-funded Vocational Training Centre in Kyaka II refugee settlement in Uganda reached the final stage in 2018, with most of the campus buildings completed by year's end.

The centre will open in 2019 and offer accredited training in mechanics, hairdressing, carpentry and more. It will provide a pathway into meaningful work for young people between the ages of 14 and 30, as well as other keen refugees and locals who have not had the opportunity before to study.



Livelihoods

Australia for UNHCR is a strong supporter of UNHCR's livelihoods programs, particularly those that help women achieve financial independence.

In 2018, Australia for UNHCR again supported the Refugee Women's Craft Group in Kampala, Uganda, by purchasing the group's beaded keyrings for new donor 'welcome' packs.

One of the women earning a regular income from the craft group, Immaculata, says:

"Since we got this opportunity to work, we are going up day by day. Now my children can go to school. I can pay my rent without the landlord knocking on the door. I thank you, Australia. I thank you so much."



UNHCR / D. Ibarra Sanchez

Winter Assistance

As displaced families across the Middle East braced for brutal winter conditions, Australia for UNHCR launched an appeal to provide life-saving winter assistance, raising almost \$800,000 by the end of 2018.

More than 15 million people have been displaced from their homes in Syria and Iraq, with nearly 5.9 million seeking refuge in neighbouring countries including Lebanon and Jordan.

Already forced into extreme poverty after years of war, many displaced families have no option but to live in makeshift shelters in camps and informal settlements, or in abandoned, unheated buildings in urban areas. In Iraq, families are returning to find their homes and neighbourhoods reduced to rubble.

Without adequate protection from freezing temperatures, torrential rain

and snowstorms, already vulnerable families face significant risks to their health and wellbeing.

Australia for UNHCR's Winter Survival Fund helped to provide winterisation items to refugees and displaced people across the Middle East. By the end of December, UNHCR had already reached over 790,000 people with winter assistance, including core relief items such as blankets, heaters and winter clothes; shelter insulation materials; and seasonal cash assistance to help vulnerable families meet their additional needs during the winter months.

Mohamed's story

Mohamed and his family were forced to flee intense fighting in Deir ez-Zor in eastern Syria. After a long and treacherous journey, they reached Al Hol camp for displaced people in the country's northeast.

"We have suffered so much, no sleep, absolutely tired and freezing in this cold. We arrived to Al Hol camp, and thankfully they were prepared. We immediately received tents, essential items and food."

Winter items distributed between September and December include:

425,176 high thermal blankets

225,852 winter jackets

193,901 sleeping bags



UNHCR / A. Ghakaji



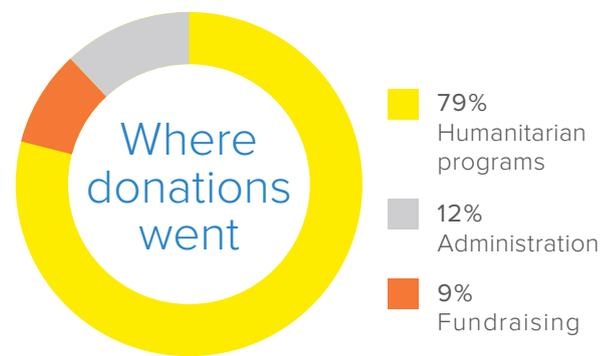
A young Rohingya boy uses a water pump in Kutupalong refugee camp, Bangladesh.

Fundraising Highlights

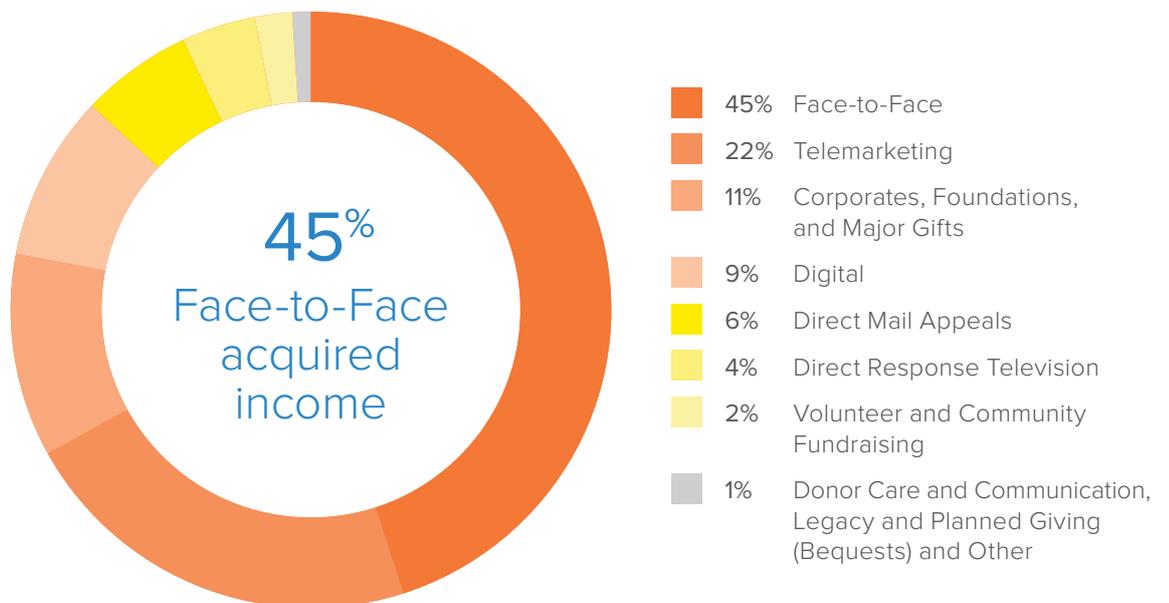
\$32.5 million
private sector funds raised

\$24.8 million

raised through our regular giving program and directed to UNHCR's General Emergency Assistance Fund



2018 fundraising income streams



Community Fundraising



Running for Refugees

In 2018, over 220 people took part in running events around the country for Team UNHCR.

Team UNHCR is a community of Australians who are passionate about helping the world's refugees. Participants can fundraise for Australia for UNHCR in any running, walking, cycling or challenge event of their choosing.

Running events Team UNHCR members joined in 2018 include the Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon, the City2Surf, Blackmores' Sydney Running Festival, Run Melbourne and Bridge to Brisbane. Together our runners raised a total of \$100,000 to support UNHCR's life-saving work.



Vietnamese Community in Australia

The Vietnamese Community in Australia – Victoria Chapter (VCA Vic) raised \$100,000 in 2018 to deliver life-saving aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Once refugees themselves, the members of VCA Vic have a strong desire to help others in need. In September, they held their Walk for Humanity walkathon in Melbourne. Over 100 people took part in the walk from Princes Park to the Global Village, where local Vietnamese, Burmese, Rohingya, Jewish and Eritrean communities gathered to share their cultures and cuisines.

VCA Vic also held a fundraising dinner in July, which brought together diaspora communities from around Melbourne and was attended by Australia for UNHCR's National Director, Naomi Steer. The Vietnamese Community in Australia – Northern Territory Chapter also held a fundraising dinner in Darwin, raising just over \$5,000 for UNHCR.



The Hon. Bob Carr

Former Premier of New South Wales and Australian Foreign Minister, Professor the Hon. Bob Carr, chose Australia for UNHCR as the charity partner for his new book in 2018, a political memoir called *Run for Your Life*.

Through this partnership, Mr Carr recognised Australia for UNHCR's work at book launch events across Australia. Mr Carr generously donated all author proceeds from book sales to Australia for UNHCR to help Syrian refugee children.



Australia for UNHCR

World Refugee Day Breakfast

Australia for UNHCR supporters came together at the annual World Refugee Breakfast in June to stand in solidarity with refugees.

Keynote speaker, New South Wales Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, recognised the contribution that former refugees have made to Australian society and acknowledged growing corporate support.

Guests were welcomed with a special video address by UNHCR Goodwill

Ambassador, Cate Blanchett, and the event was hosted by ABC presenter Kumi Taguchi. Australia for UNHCR staff members Joelle Farayeh and Talar Hagob, both former Syrian refugees, shared their experiences in a panel discussion with actor and Australia for UNHCR Special Representative Marta Dusseldorp.

Over 470 guests attended the event from across the business community and civil society, including former refugees and advocates. A record \$195,300 was raised to help UNHCR provide healthcare for refugee women and newborns in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Opportunities for Former Refugees

Australia for UNHCR is committed to providing opportunities to people from diverse backgrounds and we employ many former refugees across our organisation.

In 2018, Australia for UNHCR employed two former refugees in our administration team. Talar Hagob (right) and Joelle Farayeh (left) began working at Australia for UNHCR in 2017 as part of a partnership with Settlement Services International. The paid internship program helps to provide work opportunities for resettled refugees.

Talar was a high school student in Aleppo when the war broke out in Syria. In 2017 during her final year of university, Talar's family were resettled in Australia with

support from UNHCR. Today, she combines her part-time role at Australia for UNHCR with work as a graphic designer and studying for a Bachelor of Architectural Design.

Joelle and her family lived in Damascus, Syria until the war forced them to flee to Lebanon. Life was difficult in Lebanon and the family were resettled in Australia in 2016. Joelle works part-time at Australia for UNHCR while studying a Bachelor of Business.



Australia for UNHCR

Community Engagement



#KidsOffNauru

Australia for UNHCR joined the #KidsOffNauru campaign in October – along with more than 400 businesses, charities and communities – calling for all refugee children and their families on Nauru to be immediately evacuated to Australia.

The decision to join the nationwide campaign was consistent with Australia for UNHCR's work to ensure that refugee children are protected, have adequate healthcare and can continue their education, wherever they are in the world.

Australia for UNHCR has a long history of supporting displaced children. This support includes family tracing programs for unaccompanied Eritrean refugee children, delivering trauma counselling for Rohingya children who fled from violence in Myanmar, and funding healthcare for newborns in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Thousands of Australians engaged with the advocacy and humanitarian work of Australia for UNHCR's role in the #KidsOffNauru campaign. Together we joined over 170,000 Australians in signing the collaborative petition which played a key role in the evacuation of all children off Nauru.



Donor Briefings

In late November, Australia for UNHCR thanked donors with special events in Sydney and Melbourne to share updates about their impact during 2018.

A highlight of these events was a panel discussion featuring senior Fairfax journalist Tim Elliott and Australia for UNHCR's Deputy National Director Trudi Mitchell, both of whom travelled to Guatemala and Mexico in March to observe and report on the situation for children forced to flee gang violence.

Donors also heard from UNHCR Regional Representative Thomas Albrecht and UNHCR Deputy Regional Representative Nai Jit Lam, who shared updates on UNHCR's work globally.

Field Missions



Guatemala and Mexico

In March, Australia for UNHCR facilitated a media mission to Guatemala and Mexico to report on the silent crisis of children and families fleeing violence and persecution in Northern Central America. The mission supported the Children on the Run appeal.

Deputy National Director Trudi Mitchell and Media and PR Officer Wendy Bruere accompanied senior Fairfax journalist Tim Elliott and photojournalist Kate Geraghty to the region. They met refugee children and families and observed UNHCR's work on the ground.

They also witnessed the extreme dangers faced by people fleeing, from the hidden jungle paths used to cross illegally from Guatemala to Mexico, to *La Bestia* – the Beast – a well-known freight train that asylum-seekers risk their lives to board as it travels north from Mexico to the United States.

The story and photographs ran as a six-page feature article and cover in *Good Weekend* magazine, as well as an online feature for Fairfax papers, including *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age*.

East Africa

National Director Naomi Steer travelled to Uganda in July to see the progress of the Vocational Training Centre at Kyaka II refugee settlement.

Funded by Australian donations, this centre is a major initiative of Australia for UNHCR and will change the lives of generations of refugees in Uganda. The majority of the campus buildings

were completed in 2018, including classrooms, kitchens for cookery classes, and dormitories. The centre will open to students in the first half of 2019.



High Profile Supporters

Australia for UNHCR is grateful for the partnership of high profile supporters, both in Australia and globally, as they support our fundraising activities and advocacy for refugees.

Their contribution in 2018 helped Australia for UNHCR raise public awareness and generate media coverage on a variety of issues including water and sanitation in Sudan, children forced to flee in Central America, the desperate journeys of those seeking to cross the Mediterranean, the situation for Burundian refugees in Rwanda, and the emergency response to the Rohingya crisis.

Special thanks to Australia for UNHCR's Special Representatives for their generous commitment:

Marta Dusseldorp, Carina Hoang, Ian Chappell, Aminata Conteh-Biger, Yarrie Bangura and Jane Turner. Thanks also to Aliir Aliir, Benjamin Law and Missy Higgins who gave their support in 2018.

In addition, Australia for UNHCR acknowledges the support of UNHCR's Global Goodwill Ambassadors and High Profile Supporters.



Highlights of the year include:

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador **Ben Stiller's** mission to Guatemala in support of the Children on the Run appeal.

For the launch of his new book *Sea Prayer*, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador **Khaled Hosseini** spoke to Fairfax's *Spectrum* magazine about the desperate journeys refugees and asylum-seekers he met in Europe had been forced to take.

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador **Cate Blanchett** supported the Rohingya emergency appeal and was interviewed by ABC's *The World* in March about her visit to camps in Bangladesh.

Model, photographer and UNHCR High Profile Supporter **Helena Christensen** spoke to *Stellar* magazine about Burundian refugees she met and photographed in a Rwandan camp.

Benjamin Law and **Missy Higgins** both filmed short pieces for World Refugee Day about why they support refugees. These pieces were shared on their own social media channels, as well as by Australia for UNHCR.

Sydney Swans player and former refugee **Aliir Aliir** represented Australia for UNHCR's appeal to improve water and sanitation in Sudanese refugee camps.



Ai Weiwei – *Human Flow* premiere

In March, Australia for UNHCR supporters in Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane attended special screenings of *Human Flow*, a documentary by Chinese artist and human rights activist, Ai Weiwei. At the Sydney event, Ai Weiwei took part in a Q&A session with National Director Naomi Steer before the screening. He described how a trip to the Greek island of Lesbos – one of Europe's main entry points for refugees – inspired the documentary, which would go on to span 23 countries and 40 refugee camps.

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We also thank those supporters who left a bequest and wished to remain anonymous



About Australia for UNHCR



Our purpose

To provide life-changing humanitarian support to refugees and other displaced and stateless people who come under the care and protection of the UN Refugee Agency.

Corporate statement

Australia for UNHCR is an Australian company limited by guarantee. It was registered under the Corporation 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 ACFID – the Australian Council for International Development – and a signatory to ACFID's Code of Conduct, which ensures that non-government organisations (NGOs) conduct their activities with integrity, transparency and accountability. This code sets out an agreed set of values and principles for NGOs to follow in the work they support overseas and in their fundraising and educational activities. Australia for UNHCR is affiliated to the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA), which sets standards for the charitable and fundraising sector, and an accredited 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.

Australia for UNHCR is one of a number of National Partners (NAPs) around the world set up with the support of UNHCR to raise funds from the private sector. We operate through a Recognition Agreement with UNHCR, which authorises Australia for UNHCR to raise funds on its behalf in Australia to support UNHCR's international humanitarian projects. Australia for UNHCR works closely with UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva and the UNHCR Regional Office in Canberra.

Complaints

Australia for UNHCR has a Complaints Handling Policy and Procedure. If you have a complaint, please call our Donor Care team on **1300 361 288** or email **info@unrefugees.org.au**. Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct can be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee at **www.acfid.asn.au**



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Ms Zoe Ghani	BA Text and Writing (Communications) Western Sydney University Chief Technology Officer, THE ICONIC	April 2017

Our People

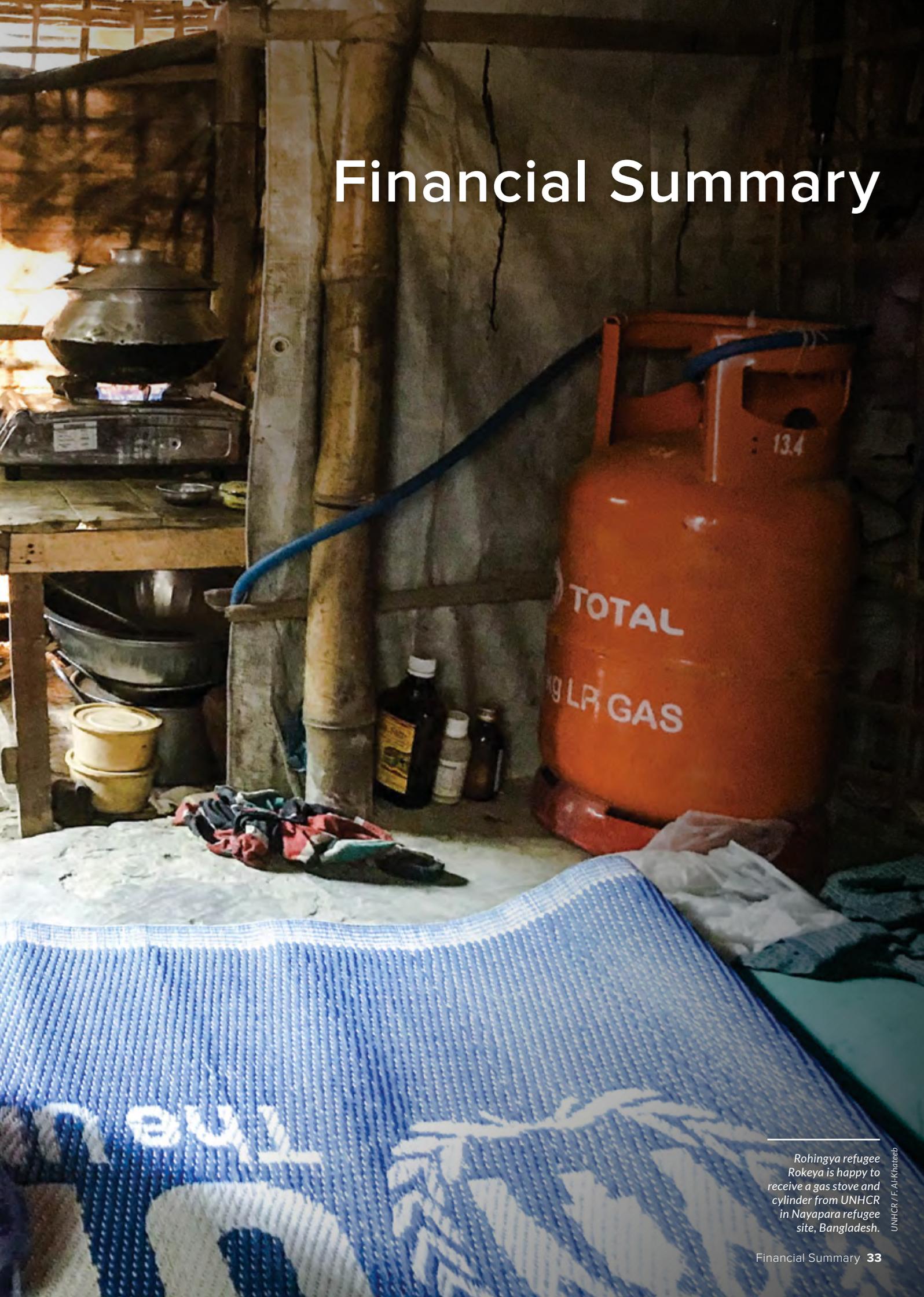
By the end of 2018, Australia for UNHCR had a total of 140 employees, with 58 permanent staff based in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide and the remainder operating as casual staff in our Face-to-Face fundraising program. Our staff includes a number of former refugees with firsthand experience of displacement. Additional support in 2018 came from our dedicated volunteers, who assisted with office operations and special events.

Australia for UNHCR reported on its second annual staff survey in February. The survey sought feedback on staff engagement, career development, leadership and employee benefits and had a 90 per cent completion rate. We continue to receive positive feedback about employees feeling proud to work for Australia for UNHCR (97 per cent) and having a strong connection and understanding of the mission, vision and values of the organisation (96 per cent).





Financial Summary



Rohingya refugee
Rokeya is happy to
receive a gas stove and
cylinder from UNHCR
in Nayapara refugee
site, Bangladesh.

UNHCR / F. Akhateeb

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue			
Donations and gifts – monetary		32,140,284	38,298,746
Grants			
– Overseas related party		8,932,220	10,196,412
– Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)		-	2,500,000
Bequest and legacy income		42,957	324,024
Investment income – interest		102,916	113,881
Other income		292,539	99,680
Total revenue		41,510,916	51,532,743
Expenses			
International aid and development programs expenditure:			
International programs:			
– Funds to international programs paid		19,939,149	23,930,061
– Funds to international programs accrued		5,410,271	9,290,808
Community education		306,144	388,375
Fundraising costs:			
– Funded by overseas grant		8,932,220	10,196,412
– Public		2,954,603	3,034,933
Accountability and administration		4,243,265	4,348,238
Total expenses		41,785,652	51,188,827
Excess/(shortfall) of revenue over expenses	2	(274,736)	343,916
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		(274,736)	343,916

For the year ended 31 December 2018, there were no amounts earned or incurred by Australia for UNHCR for the following categories: non-monetary donations and gifts, other Australian grants, revenue from international political or religious adherence promotional programs, international program support costs, non-monetary expenditure, international political or religious adherence promotion programs expenditure and domestic programs expenditure.

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

The concise financial report is an extract from the financial report. The financial statements and specific disclosures included in the concise financial report have been derived from the financial report.

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

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,486,946	8,300,013
Financial assets – held-to-maturity investments	2,712,027	2,708,563
Receivables	318,824	2,779,676
Prepayments	185,976	222,259
Total current assets	9,703,773	14,010,511
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	276,483	380,960
Intangible assets	142,944	177,749
Financial assets – security deposits	343,294	343,294
Total non-current assets	762,721	902,003
Total assets	10,466,494	14,912,514
Current liabilities		
Payables	6,689,751	10,981,352
Provisions	484,854	418,518
Total current liabilities	7,174,605	11,399,870
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	54,723	37,117
Provisions	76,376	40,001
Total non-current liabilities	131,099	77,118
Total liabilities	7,305,704	11,476,988
Net assets	3,160,790	3,435,526
Members' funds		
Retained surplus	610,790	885,526
Reserves	2,550,000	2,550,000
Total members' funds	3,160,790	3,435,526

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 accompany 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 2018

	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Funds available for future use at 1 January 2017	2,550,000	541,610	3,091,610
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	-	343,916	343,916
Funds available for future use at 31 December 2017	2,550,000	885,526	3,435,526
Shortfall of revenue over expenses for the year	-	(274,736)	(274,736)
Funds available for future use at 31 December 2018	2,550,000	610,790	3,160,790

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

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts of grant	11,216,233	9,481,379
Cash receipts of donations, gifts and bequests	32,183,241	38,622,770
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(16,341,505)	(18,532,723)
Cash payments to UNHCR for overseas projects	(29,229,957)	(30,774,661)
Interest received	102,069	116,064
Other income	292,539	99,680
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,777,380)	(987,491)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for plant and equipment	(13,723)	(163,413)
Payment for intangible assets	(18,500)	(87,903)
Investment in held to maturity financial assets	(3,464)	146,471
Net cash used in investing activities	(35,687)	(104,845)
Net decrease in cash held	(1,813,067)	(1,092,336)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	8,300,013	9,392,349
Cash at the end of the financial year	6,486,946	8,300,013

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018

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 2018. 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).

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) 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 / (shortfall) of revenue over expense

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Excess / (shortfall) of revenue over expenses has been arrived at after charging the following items:		
Depreciation and amortisation of plant and equipment	171,504	140,234
Operating leases – rental expense	421,760	399,827
Employee benefits expense	7,403,600	6,733,010
Provision for employee entitlements	133,604	172,930

Note 3: Cash and cash equivalents

Table of cash movements for designated purposes

Purpose / Appeal	Cash available at 1 January 2018 \$	Cash raised during 2018 \$	Cash disbursed during 2018 \$	Cash available at 31 December 2018 \$
General Emergency Assistance Programs for Refugees	4,617,783	20,343,787	(20,941,523)	4,020,047
Emergency Assistance for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh	3,988,685	1,248,747	(5,034,998)	202,434
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene for South Sudanese refugees	-	681,009	(353,026)	327,983
Maternal health in Democratic Republic of the Congo	-	1,037,885	(1,027,576)	10,309
MENA winter assistance	-	610,834	-	610,834
Unaccompanied Children	-	551,722	(551,722)	-
Syria Crisis	34,622	406,501	(368,113)	73,010
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene in Afar and Jijiga, Ethiopia	-	115,000	(115,000)	-
Other purposes	(366,883)	18,798,597	(17,215,191)	1,242,329
Total	8,300,013	43,794,082	(45,607,149)	6,486,946

Note 4: Events subsequent to reporting period

The Company has entered into the 2019 Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement with UNHCR. The agreement confirms the financial contributions from UNHCR for fundraising activities for the year.

Note 5: Economic dependency

During the year ended 31 December 2018 the Company was entitled to a grant of \$8,932,220 (2017: \$10,196,412) from UNHCR and is dependent on this entity for financial support in respect of developing its fundraising activities and donor acquisition, and special projects as assigned by UNHCR. A similar arrangement has been agreed for 2019 through the Annual Partnership Agreement and Project Funding Agreement.



Two of Abu's daughters, Inas and Baylason, both aged four, hold drawings of their family and home in Syria. The family live in an apartment in Lebanon with support from UNHCR.

UNHCR / S. Rich

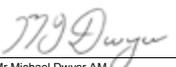
Directors' Declaration & Auditor's Report

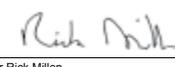
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Australia for UNHCR declare that the concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 as set out on the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in members' funds, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements:

- (a) complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports; and
- (b) is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2018 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Australia for UNHCR.

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


Mr Michael Dwyer AM
Director


Mr Rick Millen
Director

Dated at Sydney this 25 March 2018

Australia for UNHCR (ABN 35 092 843 322)
Concise report for the year ended 31 December 2018



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

Report on the Audit of the Concise Financial Report

We have audited the concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report including the discussion and analysis of Australia for UNHCR for the year ended 31 December 2018 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports* and the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* ("ACNC Act") and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the concise financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's directors report for the year ended 31 December 2018, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the concise financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the concise financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent Auditor's Report
To the Directors of Australia for UNHCR
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Responsibilities of Directors for the Concise Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the concise financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1039 *Concise Financial Reports*, the ACFID Code of Conduct and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the concise financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the concise financial report, directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Concise Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the concise financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the concise financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the concise financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the concise financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the concise financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the concise financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate evidence regarding the financial information of the Company or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.


C I Chandran
Partner

25 March 2019


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Auditor's Independence Declaration
To the Directors of Australia for UNHCR
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I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2018 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. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C I Chandran".

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