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South Sudanese refugee Sanna Mabel Reth, 33, with her seven children at their shelter in the UNHCR-supported Alagaya refugee camp, Al Jabalain, White Nile State, Sudan. A volunteer health promoter at the site, Sanna has also hosted three refugee families (15 people) who fled Khartoum since the conflict started, some of whom have now returned to South Sudan.

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Thanks to Avanti Communication's generous in-kind contribution on connectivity, valued at of USD 91,000, seven refugee sites in Uganda now have uninterrupted connectivity, which has greatly enhanced digital literacy and livelihoods. This has enabled information flow in the campsites, enabling refugees to undertake research and access educational materials and scholarships with relative ease. Over 250 displaced and host community members access the different centers daily for free broadband internet.



To help protect newly displaced Sudanese arrivals from communicable diseases resulting from hygiene issues, Malteser International in Uganda donated over 420,000 soaps (105,000 kilograms) worth USD 449,000. UNHCR appreciates this contribution which helped keep displaced families safe from increased vulnerability.



To celebrate World Refugee Day and help enhance educational access for displaced children in Kenya, Moran E.A. Publishers Ltd donated over USD 10,000 worth of books and learning materials to be used by refugee learners from pre-primary to grade 7. The donation will go a long way in ensuring that learners meet the requirements of the robust competency-based curriculum. UNHCR extends sincere gratitude to Moran E.A. Publishers for supporting access to education for refugee and host community children in Kenya.



Thanks to Hope Health Action, over 370 refugees at New Hope Disability Centre, located at Uganda's BidiBidi refugee settlement, no longer contend with mobility challenges. The organization's donation amounting to USD 142,000 worth of medical equipment (322 wheelchairs and 50 tricycles) has greatly enhanced the lives of physically challenged refugees. UNHCR is grateful for this valuable support.



Open Society Foundation for South Africa donated USD 128,000 to help refugees and asylum seekers access legal documentation in South Africa. The donation was utilized to facilitate improved access to legal frameworks in Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, and Limpopo provinces. UNHCR is thankful for the support provided by the Open Society Foundation.



To help improve access to hygiene materials for refugee families in Kigoma, Tanzania, World Vision Tanzania generously donated over USD 171,000 worth of soap (over 40,000 kgs). UNHCR highly appreciates World Vision Tanzania for the much-needed support in hygiene-related programmes.



UNHCR sincerely appreciates Barefoot to Boots' generous donation of 400 Lenovo laptops worth USD 87,250 to refugee and host community students in the Kakuma refugee camp. The laptops will assist students in pursuing education and digital livelihoods opportunities.



Africa Forum on Displacement (AFD) 2023

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L to R UNHCR’s Nancy Aburi, in conversation with Africa Forum on Displacement co-conveners Amahoro Coalition’s Isaac Kwaku and Inkomoko’s Julienne Oyler.

UNHCR Private Sector Partnerships Africa, Amahoro Coalition, and Inkomoko organized the second AFD with the support of partners Mastercard Foundation and IKEA Foundation. The bi-annual forum themed Private Sector Solutions was held in Accra, Ghana, in November 2023, to spotlight African private sector engagement around displacement, discuss homegrown solutions for and with displaced communities, and galvanize the African private sector for due representation and pledging support at the Global Refugee Forum (GRF).

AFD brought together over 56 speakers from 20 countries and 700 physical and virtual participants including the private sector actors, refugees, government representatives, academic institutions, and refugee-led organizations.

The Forum facilitated 22 pledges from key UNHCR partners such as Amahoro Coalition, Inkomoko, Safaricom, Equity Bank, and the. New partners such as Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) and IPMC Ghana, also came on board to pledge support. Pledges were around advocacy, education, jobs, healthcare services, financial services, ICT, and skills training. For more information about 2023 AFD please see highlight reel [here](#) and the 2023 AFD report [here](#).

Top highlights from AFD 2023 include:

- **Youth-dedicated solutions day** - Exemplifying our collective efforts to pioneer refugee-led solutions for Africa's displacement crisis.
- **Increased private sector participation** - Out of the over 300 participants who attended the Forum in person, 125 were private sector representatives - an increase of over 80% compared to the first forum.
- **Refugee inclusion** - More than 25% of speakers were refugees, who boldly shared their inspirational stories and challenged participants to create meaningful solutions to address the displacement crisis.
- **Follow up on pledges from 2021** – Private sector players that made pledges during the 2021 forum shared their progress in implementing their commitments and made additional pledges.

Africa Forum on Displacement was birthed at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum (GRF) which takes place every four years, because of the Amahoro Coalition pledging to mobilize the African private sector. The first edition was held in Kigali Rwanda, in November 2021, and the second edition was therefore a precursor to the 2023 GRF held in December.

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Celebrity Supporter Engagement



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Chef Ali Mandhry spearheads Ramadan Crowdfunding Campaign

UNHCR Private Sector Partnerships (PSP) Africa collaborated with Chef Ali Mandhry, a Kenyan digital influencer, to run a Ramadan community fundraising appeal in Kenya. Chef Ali is a celebrated chef and media personality, known for his Swahili-influenced culinary style and affable online personality. He has been featured on several cooking shows across Africa and is a brand ambassador for several brands, including Kericho Gold and Coca-Cola.

The community fundraiser utilized M-Changa, a local crowdfunding platform, that was dedicated to Chef Ali's appeal. The appeal supplemented Kenya's Ramadan campaign call to action to support drought-affected families in the Horn of Africa. The campaign ran from 20 March to 23 April.

LuQuLuQu Champions participate in Charity Golf Tournament and Private Sector Roundtable

To celebrate World Refugee Day, UNHCR's PSP Africa organized a Charity Golf Tournament to help provide Hope away from Home by mobilizing much-needed funds to support the education of displaced and host community youth in Kenya. The tournament raised over USD 26,000 through sponsorships, auctions, raffle prizes, and a clinic for non-expert players.

Drought-affected families in Kenya need our help. This Ramadan, your Sadaqah can be their lifeline.

Donate today

Donate via M-Pesa
 Paybill No: 329378
 Account: ChefAli
 Amount: Give generously

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 Select option: Lipa na Bonga Points
 Select option: Pay Bill
 Business number: 329378
 Account number: ChefAli
 Amount: Your amount
 Select option: Accept payment
 Enter M-Pesa pin: Donation complete

In the lead-up to the Charity Golf Tournament, several celebrity supporters created videos to help mobilize resources and amplify the tournament among their social media followers. This activation included participation from Collins Injera, Crazy Kennar, Dennis Ombachi, and Mutahi Kibugu.

The celebrity supporters attended the tournament alongside Mercy Masika, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador; Pinky Ghelani, UNHCR High Profile Supporter. Lavin Asego, UNHCR celebrity supporter served as the emcee for the day.



From L to R Bernard Rono, UNHCR Kenya Assistant External Relations Officer; Lavin Asego, and Crazy Kennar UNHCR celebrity supporters; Mercy Masika, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador; Nancy Aburi, UNHCR Chief of PSP Africa; Pinky Ghelani, UNHCR High Profile Supporter; Collins Injera, UNHCR Celebrity Supporter pose for a picture at the end of the Tournament's reception.



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A collage spotlighting images from the tournament, including registration of participants, players on the golf course, corporate and Made51 exhibitions, the golf clinic, the reception event, individual and corporate teams, a refugee poet on stage, and UNHCR LuQuLuQu celebrity supporters.

On 21 June, PSP Africa organized a private sector roundtable between the UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi, UNHCR Kenya Country Representative Caroline Van Buren, UNHCR Private Sector Partnerships Africa's Chief Nancy Aburi, and various PSP Africa private sector partners. The meeting spotlighted Kenya's private sector's support for displaced communities in Kenya and the increasing role of faith-based communities, corporates, and UNHCR's celebrity supporters.



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From L to R (Standing): Caroline Van Buren, UNHCR Kenya Representative; Pinky Ghelani, UNHCR High Profile Supporter; Chol Matiop (aka K-Two) Refugee Poet; Bathsheba Asati, Amahoro Coalition; Mercy Masika, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador; Bimal Kantaria, Chairperson of the United Asian Network (UAN).

From (L to R): Altaf Ganatra, Managing Director Ganatra Plant & Equipment and UNHCR Islamic Philanthropy Stakeholder; Dr. Sylvia Vito, Amahoro Coalition Board Member; Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; Nancy Aburi, UNHCR Chief PSP Africa.

Ghana's celebrity supporters 'Pass the Phone to Refugees'.

PSP Africa facilitated UNHCR LuQuLuQu Champions in Ghana to participate in a social media initiative dubbed Pass the Phone to Refugees for World Refugee Day. Kwame Annom, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador; Tracy Owusu Addo and Giovanni Caleb, UNHCR celebrity supporters used social media platforms to spotlight refugee stories of hope and create awareness on forced displacement.



Nigeria's Celebrity Supporter Participates in Talent Show and Exhibition

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Photo Gallery



Donors at the exhibition stand purchasing items



UNHCR staff with donors



Picture 1: The three winners with their cash prizes.
Picture 2: L-R: Judith Audu, UNHCR high profile influencer talking about the talent show.

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PSP Africa collaborated with the UNHCR Lagos field office to organize a talent show and exhibition to commemorate World Refugee Day. Judith Audu, award-winning actress, filmmaker, and UNHCR High Profile Supporter, other UN agencies, representatives from government & non-governmental organizations, and UNHCR partners attended the event.

The highlight of the day was showcasing refugee skills and talents, with Judith Audu as one of the judges. Top three winners were awarded cash prizes.



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UNHCR High Profile Supporter Pinky Ghelani, alongside UNHCR Private Sector Partnerships Africa Chief Nancy Aburi, and the esteemed members of the Lohana Ladies Circle.

Kenya’s Pinky Ghelani Champions Inaugural Diwali Campaign

In November 2023, UNHCR Private Sector Partnerships Africa with the support of UNHCR Kenya, worked with UNHCR High Profile Supporter Pinky Ghelani to hold the inaugural Diwali Campaign in Kenya dubbed #ShareYourLight. The first-ever UNHCR Diwali-focused campaign sought to raise much-needed funds to support 5,000 families with core relief items including solar lanterns, soap, sleeping mats, warm blankets, and an annual supply of sanitary materials.

UNHCR LuQuLuQu Champions Shine at the Africa Forum on Displacement.

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Innocent Idibia (2Baba) and High-Profile Supporter Pinky Ghelani were present at the second AFD held in Ghana last November. 2Baba spoke at the Forum highlighting his role as Goodwill Ambassador and performed at the closing gala dinner. Pinky Ghelani also participated in various sessions and co-hosted the dinner alongside award-winning journalist Israel Laryea.



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