

Appendix H

Summary of *World Refugee Day 2001* events and activities

Country	Event
Albania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In collaboration with refugees, national and international artists, its partners and the media, BO Tirana organized the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A refugee photo exhibition (taken during closure of the last refugee camp in Albania since Kosovo crisis) in collaboration with British photographer, Robert Hackman; ● A radio soap opera on the theme of refugees (an Iraqi refugee became one of the soap opera actors); ● The broadcast of the documentary '50 Years of Humanitarian Action' and the HC's speech by Albanian public TV; ● The broadcast of a refugee concert by national TV; ● The distribution of the WRD poster translated into Albanian; ● The launch of the 'Respect' spot by national media; ● A press conference to inform the media of WRD activities.
Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A press conference was organized on 19 June at BO Algiers. Individual interviews were given by the Representative and other staff. ○ A reception and exhibition (photo and video) were organized by UNHCR on 20 June at a major hotel in Algiers. The exhibition focused on the three main refugee operations in Algeria. Over 80 persons from the diplomatic community, the Government and NGOs attended. ○ On 21-22 June, UNHCR conducted a two-day International Refugee Law seminar for government officials, national NGOs, members of academic institutions and journalists.
Australia and New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Australia: On WRD, UNHCR hosted a Refugee Women's Breakfast at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra to celebrate the successes of refugee women. The function raised over \$ 3,000 towards equipping an Information Resource Centre for the people of Oecussi, an East Timorese enclave in West Timor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Australia for UNHCR hosted an event at Parliament House in Canberra, where representatives of RedR Australia, the Australian Defence Force, the Australian Federal Police and elite athletes participated in the construction of emergency shelter, symbolizing the conditions endured by millions of refugees and the contributions of Australians. ● HC's opinion piece on 'Asylum and Elections' was published in <i>The Australian</i>. ● RO Canberra gave a number of TV and radio interviews. ○ New Zealand: A special welcome was arranged for the latest intake of resettlement quota refugees at the Mangere Refugee Reception Centre. The event included a Maori welcome and a concert, organized in collaboration with King's College in Auckland. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the Wellington region, a Refugee Family Reunification Trust was launched at Parliament.
Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A celebration at UNOV with 200 guests was organized with and partly by refugees. ○ A two-day excursion (11-12 June) was organized with 14 journalists to refugee integration projects in several cities. ○ A UNHCR 50th anniversary commemoration stamp was issued by the Austrian Postal Administration. ○ Op-ed by the HC and other material were sent to the media in advance of WRD.
Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BO Dhaka distributed WRD posters. ○ The video 'Global View – 50 Years of Protection' was broadcast by two local TV channels. ○ SO Cox's Bazaar organized a students rally with 280 students from the two refugee camps; a drawing competition for refugee children; an exhibition of refugee handicrafts; and the final round of an ongoing football match for refugees.

Belarus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 200 posters were placed in university, central and regional libraries. 350 posters were placed on public transport in Minsk and Baranovichi. ○ On 18 June, a press conference was given at the National Press Centre. ○ On 19 June, an exhibition of children's drawings and posters was organized in the country's main festival hall. ○ On 20 June, UNHCR and its partners organized a concert by refugees and an award ceremony for 19 refugees who were chosen for their outstanding community contributions or successful integration. ○ On the same day, a concert was held in the country's main festival hall. ○ Eight large-scale public events (concerts, dancing, workshops) were held to raise the youth's awareness in the region of Belarus. ○ Two seminars with journalists were conducted in Minsk and Baranovichi. As a result, 20 articles were published and 5 radio broadcasts were produced.
Benelux countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 'Respect' campaign was launched. ○ The 'Refugee Voices' CD was launched.
Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A concert by refugee children was organized by the Bulgarian Red Cross, with BO Sofia's support, on 20 June. ○ An interview was given by the Representative on national TV, which included the success stories of two Afghan refugees.
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNHCR widely disseminated information and materials to NGOs, the Government and the media. ○ On 20 June, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration issued a special message, posted on the Government's website. ○ On 12 June, the immigration critic for the New Democratic Party (NDP) presented a statement on WRD in the House of Commons, followed by a press release on 19 June by the NDP leader (press release made use of the 'Respect' logo).
Central American countries and Cuba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mexico: UNHCR and COMAR organized a commemorative act at the Ministry of Interior. Some 500 persons attended. The Nobel Peace Prize, Rigoberta Menchu Tum and five refugees travelling from Chiapas, Campeche and Quintana Roo also attended. The act included delivery of naturalization documents to Guatemalan refugees; signature of a working agreement between COMAR and Foundation Rigoberta Menchu Tum; presentation of a special commemorative lottery edition; and an exhibition of UNHCR posters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campeche: The National Women's Institute organized a refugee children's festival at the former refugee settlement Santo Domingo Kesté. About 500 children and some adults attended. ● Chiapas: NHCR organized an act with the local authorities, NGOs and refugees to commemorate WRD and the first anniversary of the credit scheme 'Flor de Asilo' in San José Belen village. ○ Nicaragua: An act was organized in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on WRD, presided by the Minister himself. ○ Honduras: An event was held in a hotel with the presence of government officials, postal service officers and UNHCR's implementing partner. Two postal stamps to commemorate WRD were presented. A press conference took place. ○ El Salvador: Several TV and radio programmes were organized to present WRD. The 50th anniversary posters were shown on Channel 10 and later presented in the gallery 'Punto Literario' in San Salvador. ○ Belize: A popular fair was organized in a very populated place near the bus station in Belmopan. Photos of refugees living in the country and UNHCR posters were exhibited. ○ Cuba: WRD and UNHCR's 50th anniversary were celebrated on 7 June, with the presentation of a postal stamp to honour refugees, followed by a cocktail. The event was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A traditional Chinese music concert and informal gathering with government officers and the diplomatic community were organized by RO Beijing. ○ A very successful media campaign was organized by RO Beijing. Xinhua News Agency (biggest news agency in China) interviewed the Representative and released an article in English and Chinese.
Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eight interviews with the Representative were aired on TV and radio. ○ Field Offices held their own celebration. In Apartado, UNHCR held an open conference; in Barrancabermeja, a folkloric group of a UNHCR-supported returnee community made a presentation; in Puerto Asis, a special Mass was celebrated; radio programmes covered the significance of WRD even in cities without Field Offices. ○ In Bogota, plays were performed by displaced women and children and a "vallenato" concert was performed by a displaced family.

Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LO Cyprus organized the projection of the film 'Last Resort' in co-operation with Friends of the Cinema Association. ○ A photographic exhibition on the 'Respect' theme took place on 18-22 June. ○ A main TV station showed an hourly programme on WRD.
Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A film projection followed by panel discussion was held on 20 and 27 June. ○ A celebration of refugee children – pupils who have done well in school – was held at the Office of the Government. ○ A beneficiary concert 'World Music' was organized by UNHCR and Czech Helsinki Committee in Usti nad Labem.
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approximately 150 invitees visited the achievements of urban Burundi refugees assisted by UNHCR. Professional ability certificates were handed out to urban Burundi refugees that received UNHCR-supported training. Songs about refugees were sung by Catholic and Protestant choirs.
Eritrea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eritrean TV/radio ran the UNHCR WRD video/soundtrack. ○ By fortunate coincidence, the first organized repatriation of 57 Somali refugees to Mogadishu took place on 20 June and received worldwide press coverage. ○ On 2 July, Emkulu camp celebrated WRD through music, dances, drama and games. Soft drinks for all the camp population were provided. UNHCR funded the purchase of 300 T-shirts with a special WRD design as prizes for contest winners. ○ Leaflets on WRD were distributed to donor representatives, local and international agencies.
Estonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On 20 May, WRD was celebrated with an event organized jointly by the Estonian Refugee Council, UNA and UNHCR. A member of the Baha'i International Community gave a lecture entitled 'Human Rights and Refugees' in Tallinn and in Tartu. A musical evening was held in Tallinn in which musicians of diverse cultural backgrounds performed. ○ On 20 June, 'Baltic Saga' was shown on Estonian National TV. ○ During June, TV 3 and Estonian National TV continued showing the TV clip of the EU-UNHCR 'Stereotypes' campaign.
Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNHCR video film on 50 years of protection was shown by BO Addis Ababa to some 500 persons attending a half-day public awareness event, organized at the initiative of the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The funds raised from the event were donated, by the Patriarch, to an NGO dealing with refugees. ○ Articles on the first WRD event and on refugees were published in various newspapers. ○ A press release was issued on 19 June by BO. ○ On 19-20 June, a special event was organized at UN/ECA Africa Hall Rotunda with refugee women, children, government officials and diplomats. The US Ambassador to Ethiopia, having been himself a refugee, told his own story. Activities included: refugee children's songs; the launch of the 'Respect' logo; an art exhibition by refugees; a bazaar sale of items produced by refugees in the camps. ○ Environmental activities took place in the camps – more than half million tree seedlings were planted by refugees and local communities around the camps.
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On 16 June, the French National Assembly and UNHCR organized a special session for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention. 577 refugees were invited to take part in an extraordinary session in the Parliament building. Many high ranking officials and personalities attended the session and/or delivered a message live or through video. Refugees took the floor and spoke about their own story. At the end, the Parliament adopted an appeal calling on all States to apply the principles laid down in the 1951 Convention in a non-restrictive way. The "Paris Appeal" was sent to the Presidents of Parliaments worldwide.
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A press kit was sent by BO Berlin to some 150 newspapers.
Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prayers for refugees were said by Muslims and Christians on 15 June. ○ On 16 June, Sekondi College and Ghana Secondary Technical School engaged in a debate on refugees. ○ The commemoration of WRD took place in Takoradi (western region). The HC's message was read out and refugees exhibited their arts and crafts. They also performed a variety of cultural shows. ○ Parliament made special reference to WRD, followed by a short debate on refugees.
Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An "art and music" all-day event took place in the most central square of Athens, under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and the Athens Municipality. A press conference was held on 18 June at the Greek Council for Refugees to announce the event. ○ A high profile concert was held on 23 June at the ancient stadium of Delphi sponsored by and under the auspices of the Minister of Culture and attended by about 3,500 persons – it

featured music by former refugee Mikis Theodorakis performed by George Dalaras. A press conference was held on 14 June to announce the concert.

- The WRD poster was adapted into Greek and reproduced in 6,000 copies.
- Nine radio interviews were given by UNHCR staff, raising key protection issues.
- 50th anniversary historical video 'We Were There' was shown by state TV on 17 June.

Hungary

- BO Hungary organized a gala performance of refugee artists at the Danube Cultural Palace of the Ministry of Interior in Budapest on 19 June. Some 300 persons attended. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to selected staff of the Office for Immigration and Nationality and the Border Guards. Some 50 refugees performed songs and dances. Paintings of refugee artists were exhibited.
- BO and the Office of Immigration and Nationality held a joint press conference on 20 June.
- BO organized a full-day open air refugee festival in a Budapest sports and cultural park on 23 June.

India

- Two implementing partners jointly organized WRD celebrations on 20 June at two urban refugee centres. Refugee children presented various cultural items. A children's painting competition on peace was organized.

Iran

- UNHCR organized a ceremony in co-operation with Iranian NGOs – the focus was 'Respect'. The ceremony included the HC's statement; a performance of a series of songs and live music by Afghan artists; recital of poems on refugees' hopes by refugee children; two video clips; prizes to successful students of the informal Afghan school in Tehran; exhibition of photos, posters and cartoons on refugee issues.

Ireland

- The WRD celebration took place in the ballroom of the Department of Foreign Affairs with the World Children's Choir. The event was hosted and attended by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and by 120 guests.
- LO launched an intercultural festival of art at a local NGO – the exhibition included art by refugees.
- UNHCR gave interviews to two radio and one TV station.
- NGOs, media and national institutions were sent background material in advance of WRD.

Italy

- A full-page ad was published in three major Italian newspapers.
- WRD leaflets and posters were translated and printed for distribution through the Scout Association and NGOs.
- 2,000 copies of a coloured map on the world's refugees were distributed to private donors.
- The Italian version of the WRD press release and interviews featured in newspapers, radio and TV.

Japan

- A workshop co-sponsored by the Parliamentary League for UNHCR and PARinAC Japan Forum was held on 20 June. Approximately 80 people attended. A former Vietnamese refugee, now resident in Japan, delivered a speech. Another workshop was held to study the domestic refugee situation on 28 June.
- Japan for UNHCR placed an ad on WRD in two of the nation's leading dailies prior to 20 June.
- The HC's videotaped statement was posted on UNHCR's website in Japanese.

Jordan

- The Representative's interview with Radio Jordan was broadcast on 20-21 June.
- BO organized a workshop 'Refugees in International Law and Local Legislation' on 25-26 June at Yarmouk University.

Kyrgyzstan

- WRD posters were adapted in Russian and Kyrgyz and placed in all buses and trolleys in May.
- On 19 June, 12 youth rap and hip-hop dance bands performed a charity concert in a Youth Centre. Nearly 700 people gathered for the concert. The funds raised were given to needy refugees.
- On 20 June, UNHCR opened a photo exhibition 'Respect' in the National Museum of Fine Arts. Sets of 10 postcards (including 2002 calendar) were produced and presented to guests of the photo exhibition.
- On 21 June, refugees from Tajik, Chechen and Afghan communities gathered in a refugee village and performed folklore music and dances. Refugee children participated in a drawing competition.
- The Head of LO and the Director of the Department of Migration Services participated in a live TV talk-show devoted to WRD.
- The HC's statement was dubbed into Russian and broadcast for free on radio and TV.

Liberia

- BO's activities included: an essay competition on the theme 'Respect' and a drawing competition on life in refugee camps; an exhibition of art works and other items by refugees; volleyball matches between refugees and UNHCR/NGO staff; publication of the HC's speech in three local newspapers; a panel discussion on the WRD theme; the printing of the WRD theme and logo on T-shirts.

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- Moldova**
- The spot 'Integration of Refugees in the European Community' was broadcast early in the year.
 - BO organized a press conference on 16 May.
 - On 1 June, UNHCR organized the concert 'Rock for Refugees – III'. It was attended by government officials, NGO staff, refugees and the public at large.
 - UNHCR's implementing partner organized a party on 20 June. Refugees presented their national culture by performing national music and dances.
 - On 20 June, the Representative gave an interview to a local TV station. National TV broadcast a special programme on UNHCR.
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- Namibia**
- In co-operation with the Government, BO organized activities at Osire refugee camp. Refugees celebrated the day through cultural songs and dances, sports, drama, poems and arts.
 - BO issued a press release.
 - The HC's statement was aired on national radio and TV. This followed an interview with the Representative on pressing issues experienced in the camp.
 - Publications and posters were distributed.
 - Schoolchildren were rewarded for outstanding performance in school.
 - Volunteer workers were given gifts as tokens of appreciation.
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- Nordic countries**
- UNHCR sent a press pack to the Nordic media with, among others, the HC's statement translated into four Nordic languages and the 'Respect' campaign.
 - In collaboration with UNIC and Danish Refugee Council, UNHCR organized a press conference for Danish media in Copenhagen.
 - As part of the 'Migrating Memories' exhibition in Tampere, Finland, the 'Baltic Saga' video was shown on WRD.
 - In Norway, an article written by the Secretary-General of Norwegian Refugee Council was published in four national newspapers. People working with refugees were interviewed on six radio programmes.
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- Northern South American countries**
- **Ecuador:** A special event was organized with the launching of 'The State of the World's Refugees 2000' at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador. The 'Respect' videos, WRD posters, pamphlets and magazines were distributed.
 - UNHCR, the Comite Pro-Refugiados and the Foreign Ministry held a press conference.
 - A celebration took place in Sucumbios at the local Catholic church, including a concert by Colombian refugees, poetry and food and crafts by refugees. UNHCR staff participated in a discussion panel on a local radio station.
 - **Panama:** The National Lottery of Panama used their media space to promote WRD. Missionary teams based in Darien and local NGOs and Catholic radio stations based in Panama City organized awareness activities from 18 to 22 June. Two TV stations during WRD transmitted a special commemorative PSA produced by the Vicarage of Darien.
 - **Venezuela:** The exhibition 'Respect Refugees' was opened on 20 June co-sponsored by the Athenaeum of Tachira and the Soka Gakkai International. UNHCR organized a commemorative concert with the Tachira Youth Orchestra with a chorus of 200 children.
 - **Regional:** Press releases were sent to all major newspapers. The 'Respect' print media campaign and the WRD flyer were displayed in the major newspapers in Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela. TV channels in the region broadcast the 'Respect' PSA.
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- Pakistan**
- BO launched an information campaign in May sending a large number of WRD posters and brochures to the media, Government officials, UN agencies, NGOs and the diplomatic community.
 - Afghan and Iranian refugee children and youth participated in a drawing session on the WRD theme, held at SAVERA Community Centre on 18 June. The drawings showed images of refugees' lives in Pakistan.
 - The WRD ceremony was held in the National Library of Pakistan on 20 June. UN, Government officials and more than 450 Afghan and Iranian refugees attended. The event included the opening of the drawing exhibition. Cultural activities performed by refugees also took place.
 - In Peshawar, the Head of the Afghan Women Counsel delivered a speech at an event organized at the Pearl Continental Hotel and narrated her experience of accompanying 30 Afghan children selected to sing in the 'Pavarotti and Friends' concert in Italy in May.
 - In Quetta, SO organized a panel discussion on refugees, attended by 23 persons.
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- Poland**
- 200 kits of information about refugees were sent to media outlets a month before WRD.
 - A 50th anniversary mobile exhibition was shown in Krakow for two weeks prior to WRD.
 - Two photo/poster exhibitions about refugees were organized by NGOs (with UNHCR's help) in two Polish cities.
 - A press conference was held on 19 June.
 - An open-air concert and a fair of NGOs were organized on 24 June. The main theme was 'Refugee Children'.
 - The 'Respect' spot was aired on Polish TV throughout the week.

Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A press release was issued on 18 June. ○ A press conference was held on 19 June. ○ In co-operation with the Romanian National Council for Refugees, a photograph and poster exhibition was organized on 19-23 June. ○ An open-air concert with African music and a traditional clothing fashion parade was organized on 20 June in co-operation with the Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants. ○ On 23-24 June, a roundtable meeting between refugee adolescents and representatives of national minorities took place.
Russian Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two celebrations – one at the National Press Club and another at the Moscow Theatre of Music and Gestures – were organized by local NGOs. 600 people were invited. Activities included folk songs and dances and a photo exhibition. ○ The Representative's interview was broadcast, including on BBC (live). ○ The spot 'Respect' was broadcast in prime time. ○ The WRD poster in Russian was distributed and sent to BOs in CIS countries. ○ A film festival on refugees' rights was held in St. Petersburg. ○ A special commemorative stamp with envelope was produced by the State Postal Service.
Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A cocktail was held in Kigali. Invitees included Government officials, the diplomatic community and NGO staff. ○ The HC's message was aired on 20 June.
Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNHCR launched a pre-WRD awareness campaign, including contacts with local and regional radio and TV stations. Copies of the 'Respect' spot and '50 Years of International Protection' were distributed. ○ A press release and the HC's message were published in the local and regional media on WRD.
Slovakia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A concert 'Artists for Refugees' was held on 17 June in the refugee site Brezova pod Bradlom, in co-operation with the local authorities. ○ A press conference was held on 19 June in Bratislava. ○ WRD posters were distributed in eight major Slovak cities. ○ The spot 'Respect' was launched by two major Slovak TV stations.
Slovenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A special issue of <i>Refugee Time</i> dedicated to WRD was produced in 5,000 copies and distributed. ○ On 18 June, a roundtable discussion was organized in co-operation with the Information and Documentation Centre of the Council of Europe. The Minister of the Interior and the Judge of the Administrative Court were main speakers. ○ On 20 June, an outdoor concert of popular music took place in Ljubljana. ○ BO Ljubljana took part in an interview on the first channel of TV Slovenia. ○ On 21 June, an art exhibition in the series 'Artists for Human Rights' was opened.
South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Johannesburg, a media seminar (18 June) and an Inter-Faith Prayer Service (19 June) were held to commemorate WRD, culminating in a workshop for the Government and implementing partners on 20 June.
Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An event was organized with the 'Circulo de Bellas Artes' with intervention from NGOs. ○ Several interviews were given by the Representative and PI Officer on national and regional TV. ○ The Spanish version of the TV programme 'Big Brother' introduced WRD as the theme for the participants. Sentences from refugees were written on the walls of the house. ○ Students of a secondary school visited the Ministry of Interior refugee office.
Swaziland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two roundtable discussions were organized for two print media houses whose aim was to further reinforce their understanding of the challenges facing the asylum institution and the need for them to play a vital role in peace-building initiatives. All media houses provided full coverage, including the broadcast of the HC's speech, on WRD. ○ The Rhumba Stars debut CD, 'Come Back Africa', was launched. The band rendered a live performance, which was attended by, among others, the Minister of Home Affairs, a representative of Her Royal Highness Queen LaMbikiza and the President of the Senate. ○ A special children's publication entitled 'Together in the Search for Solutions through the Eyes of the Swazi Children' was produced. ○ The Swaziland Refugee Business Forum, an initiative spearheaded by a refugee, was officially launched on WRD by the Minister for Enterprise and Employment. On this occasion, a refugee photo exhibition, depicting the various talents and business ventures that refugees are involved in, was displayed. The Malindza Self-reliance Initiative was also inaugurated by the Minister of Agriculture and Co-operatives. This initiative seeks to promote camp-based self-reliance initiatives.

Switzerland

- At UNHCR HQ, the HC welcomed 50 refugee women to highlight the theme of 'Respect'.
- The HC held a press conference.
- The mayor of Geneva offered the HC the first copy of the booklet 'Genève et les réfugiés – 500 ans d'histoire'. The booklet incorporates the pictures of the mobile exhibit 'Les rues de Genève'.
- The Nansen Refugee Award ceremony was held in the Palais des Nations, followed by a reception. The Nansen Refugee Award Committee selected Maestro Luciano Pavarotti as the recipient of the 2001 Award for his efforts to give visibility to the cause of refugees, in particular the plight of Afghan refugees in Pakistan. Mrs. Anna Cataldi, journalist and UN Messenger of Peace, accepted the Award on behalf of Maestro Pavarotti, who was on tour in Asia. During the ceremony, the Nansen bust, created in 1929 and donated to UNHCR in 2001, was unveiled.
- The CD 'Refugee Voices' was launched. The album 'Building Bridges' features the contributions of 12 musicians from nine African countries. The musicians recorded the album at Youssou N'Dour's studio in Dakar. The documentary 'Freedom Soldier, Making Music not War', which shows the making of the recording in Dakar, was also shown.

Tanzania

- Events were organized by the SOs in western Tanzania, including sports tournaments and cultural performances, which took place in the refugee camps. The refugees participated in the planning of the events. Three refugee women from the camps took part in the celebrations and Global Consultations in Geneva.
- A press release was widely distributed together with the HC's message.
- The largest Tanzanian TV station launched the 'Respect' campaign.

Thailand

- WRD began with an event at the Sacred Heart Convent in Bangkok, in collaboration with the Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees. The event marked the opening of the 'Refugee in Thailand' exhibition, involving the participation of more than 300 students and teachers from different schools.
- RO Thailand held an event to mark WRD at the UN Conference Centre in Bangkok, with the presence of representatives from UN agencies, embassies, the Government, NGOs, academic institutions and the media.
- Events were organized in the refugee camps in Mae Hong Son, Tak and Ratchaburi provinces. Activities included sports; a dancing competition; a singing competition; a painting contest; a cooking contest; and a bamboo basket-making contest.
- RO Thailand in collaboration with the Chumbhot-Pantip foundation displayed the paintings of Thai artists 'Images: Refugee in Thailand' in academic institutions in northeastern Thailand.

Turkey

- BO launched a media campaign weeks ahead of WRD. Copies of the 'Respect' video and other PA material were distributed. Five national TV stations used the TV spot. Five leading national dailies dedicated a special coverage to WRD. The most popular Turkish film star produced a TV announcement for WRD.
- UNHCR, NGOs, a university, media organizations and commercial PR firms organized a panel discussion on refugees. A CD-Rom was prepared by photojournalists and launched during the panel discussion.
- Several TV stations covered the EBU transmission of 'Building Bridges'.
- The Representative gave an interview to a local affiliate of CNBC.

Turkmenistan

- On 19 June, the Head of the office made a statement on national TV.
- On 20 June, LO Ashgabat organized a celebration ceremony in the UN building. Leaders of Tajik and Afghan refugees' community leaders gave speeches on their experiences. The refugees played traditional music and sang national songs. The ceremony was followed by the sale of handicraft items produced by refugees.

Uganda

- Radio Uganda hosted UNHCR staff as guest speakers during a series of five programmes 'Guest of the Week'.
- The Representative and one other staff member gave interviews to two leading TV stations.
- An official ceremony to mark WRD was held at Nakivale refugee settlement.
- BO Kampala published a booklet of poems and drawings by refugee children, 'Refugee Children Tell Their Story'.
- Three national TV stations on 19 and 20 June telecast the video '50 Years of International Protection'.
- Uganda Post Limited issued a set of five commemorative stamps.
- The refugees in the settlements presented dances, songs and drama.

UK

- A media launch of WRD and *Refugee Week*, co-planned with the British Refugee Council and Save the Children UK, took place at a mock border crossing on the River Thames. It involved refugee children and prominent politicians.
- *Refugee Week* included 250 events across the country, including musical performances, refugee football tournaments, art exhibitions and political debates.

- The flagship event of the week was 'Celebrating Sanctuary', a one day arts festival on London's South Bank, with performances by refugees. Over 10,000 people attended. The musicians from 'Refugee Voices' also performed as part of a series of *Refugee Week* concerts.
- REFAID conducted a business seminar, 'Refugees and Conflict Zones, a Role for Companies'.
- A poster and listings booklet were produced with the slogan 'Celebrate Sanctuary' and the Alek Wek photo. Special information kits were prepared for schools.

Ukraine

- In Kharkiv, the second 'Festival of Foreign Students and Citizens' devoted to WRD was held on 9 June.
- A half-day public event, including a concert by military orchestra, a concert by refugees, a national food festival, a traditional clothes and crafts exhibition, a children's drawing competition and sports activities, took place in Odessa on 20 June. In Vinnitsa, a debate tournament on refugee rights and Ukraine's accession to the 1951 Convention was organized. This was followed by the broadcast of the HC's statement and a press conference.
- On 29 and 30 June, a festival of national minorities and refugees took place in Kyiv.
- On 1 July, a rock concert to promote 'Respect' for refugees and the Refugee Convention was held in Lviv.

USA

- On WRD, UNHCR, in collaboration with the US National Parks Service, hosted a commemoration ceremony at Ellis Island. Five newly arrived refugee families were welcomed during the ceremony. The Circle Line Ferry transported the participants and guests from Manhattan to the place where many (including refugees) have disembarked in the USA.
- On the same day, also at Ellis Island, UNHCR opened the 'Respect' exhibition, on show June to September.
- The winners of a national poster competition co-ordinated by RO Washington (theme: 'Giving Hope to Refugees') were announced on WRD and the winning entries displayed as part of the UNHCR exhibition.
- The City and Museum of Rotterdam decided to open its exhibition 'Rotterdam Moves' at the Ellis Island Museum. This displays the history of Rotterdam as a lifeline of immigrants and refugees.

Uzbekistan

- On 15 and 20 June a documentary film about UNHCR was broadcast on the first national TV channel.
- On 20 June, a charity concert of the Silk Road Chamber Choir was held. Prior to the concert, a press conference took place.
- Articles were published in many newspapers and magazines.
- Specially designed WRD visibility items were produced and distributed.

Zambia

- All refugee sites in Zambia held activities to mark WRD. The main national event took place at Maheba refugee settlement in Solwezi, Northwestern Province. Events featured cultural performances by refugees.
- During Refugee Awareness Week (14-20 June), the national broadcaster featured interviews with UNHCR and NGOs. Three live phone-in programmes on local popular station were aired. A writing competition ran during the week in the print media and included cash prizes.
- On 11 June, UNHCR's partner YMCA started an awareness outreach to selected secondary schools in Lusaka. Programmes included classroom activities involving guest speakers and meetings with refugee leaders.
- Churches were requested to dedicate sermons to refugee issues.