2023 GLOBAL RPORT

BREAKING RECORDS THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BROKEN



Funding gap

Humanitarian organizations face severe funding challenges as needs exceed available resources.

Efforts of hosting States

Recognizing the significant contributions made by refugee-hosting States in addressing humanitarian needs.

Support from donors

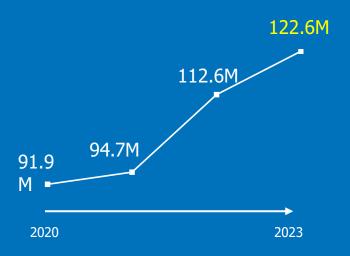
Acknowledging the vital support provided by donors to sustain humanitarian efforts.

Global momentum

Highlighting the global momentum driving efforts to protect, respond, empower, and solve.

A year that broke records...

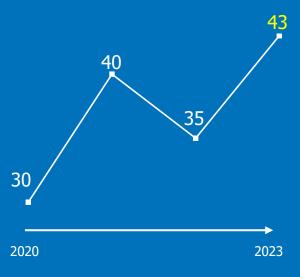
Forcibly displaced and stateless people



59 Protracted refugee situations



New emergency declarations



































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that UNHCR was able to carry out.

Operational Dashboards Spotlight Donors Publications Global Appeal Global Report Home / Global Report 2023 / Regional Overviews / Asia and The Pacific **GLOBAL REPORT 2023** Asia and the Pacific The two major displacement situations in the Asia-Pacific region became more challenging and attracted less funding in 2023. This page describes how UNHCR responded to forced displacement and statelessness in the region in 2023. It contains data about the displaced and stateless population, the funding available to UNHCR, and information on some of the activities





2023 Global Report

An overview of UNHCR's results and progress toward Strategic Directions

Division of Strategic Planning and Results, 1 July 2024



In 2023, we advanced **PROTECTION** for forcibly displaced and stateless people worldwide

GOOD PRACTICES

Chad domesticated international and regional conventions on refugee protection while welcoming more than 500,000 refugees from Sudan, almost doubling its refugee population.

The Republic of the Congo became State party to both statelessness conventions.

Expenditure

- \$1.530 billion, 29.6% of total expenditure
- An increase of \$313.6 million (25.8%), compared to \$1.216 billion in 2022

- In total, 19.3 million people, including 7 million children, received protection services across 163 countries in 2023.
- Twelve countries adapted their legal frameworks in line with the 1951 Refugee Convention, its 1967
 Protocol and the statelessness conventions.
- Asylum processing sped up slightly with an average of 432 days required to process each claim, compared to 489 days in 2022.
- In 62 out of 79 countries, more than 75% of refugees and asylum seekers now have legally recognized identity documents or credentials.

Largest budgets

Sudan, Ethiopia, Türkiye, Moldova



UNHCR sustained its focus on gender-based violence and child protection, in spite of reduced funding



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- Survivors were able to access gender-based violence services in nearly three quarters of 122 countries.
- UNHCR worked with over 200 GBV partners, including over 60 women-led organizations.



CHILD PROTECTION

 61 UNHCR operations and their partners provided child protection response services, including best interest procedures (BIP) and alternative care arrangements.

Expenditure

\$146 million spent, 650k more than 2022

Largest budgets

Ethiopia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Somalia

Expenditure

\$118 million against a \$248 million budget (no change)

Largest budgets

Lebanon, Ukraine, Ethiopia and Colombia



Our impact and achievements to **RESPOND** to urgent needs...

GOOD PRACTICE

UNHCR's largest cash and basic needs programme in 2023 was in **Ukraine**, 899,000 people in 22 regions received cash assistance. UNHCR won an award for its innovative use of blockchain technology in the disbursements of cash assistance in Ukraine, providing real-time traceability of funds.

Our work in cash, distribution of core relief items and shelter provides millions with the means to care for themselves and their families and to recover for the shock and stress of displacement. A few highlights:

- 7.3 million people in over 110 countries more than \$760 million in cash assistance.
- 8.1 million people in 72 countries got key items such as mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits.
- 2.9 million people in 67 countries received shelter and housing assistance.

Expenditure

- \$2.529 billion, 49% of total expenditure
- A decrease of \$555.5 million, or 18%, compared to \$3.084 billion in 2022

Largest budgets

Ukraine, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Jordan



UNHCR's investments in health and nutrition saved lives and improved well-being

of severe acute malnutrition (SAM)



‡ Health	2022	2023
People that received essential healthcare services	12 M	14.6 M
People that received mental health and psychosocial support services	1.09 M	1.3 M
Women and girls that received sexual and reproductive health services.	994,000	1.5 M
Nutrition		
Treatments of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM)	140,000	191,000
Children 6-59 months admitted for treatment	72.000	05.000

Expenditure

 \$299 million against a \$578 million budget, a \$35 million reduction compared with 2022

Largest budgets

Lebanon, Bangladesh, Jordan

72,000



95,000

In 2023, our efforts to **EMPOWER** communities and achieve **GENDER EQUALITY** paid off...

GOOD PRACTICE

In **Uganda**, In partnership with the Office of the Prime Minister and district local governments, where 39,000 acres of arable land has been made available to about 38,500 refugee households.

- 72% of refugee children were enrolled in primary education up from 70% in 2022.
- 44% of refugees and asylum-seekers had an account at a bank, financial institution, or mobile service provider, compared to 30% in 2022.

HOWEVER...

- In 41 countries, less than 25% of refugees and asylumseekers reported a positive income change.
- In 11 countries, less than a quarter of IDPs reported a positive change in their income.

Expenditure

- \$588.5 million, 11.4% of total expenditure
- A decrease of \$210.3 million or 26.3%, compared to \$798.8 million in 2022

Largest budgets

Pakistan, South Sudan, Türkiye, the Syrian Arab Republic



We listened and made sure their voices were heard



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Accountability to affected people	2022	2023
% of targeted countries with a multi-channel feedback and response system. *Designed based on consultations with displaced and stateless people	69 %	67 %

Expenditure

• \$316 million was spent on community engagement activities, higher than 2022

Largest budgets

Ukraine, Türkiye, South Sudan



We made great strides in 2023 toward **SOLUTIONS**...

GOOD PRACTICE

Over 26,600 Burundian refugees were assisted to return in 2023. UNHCR in collaboration with the Governments of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania, agreed to promote voluntary repatriation in 2024.

- Facilitated by UNHCR more than 96,000 people were resettled, compared to 56,000 in 2022.
- More than 155,000 refugees from 96 countries were submitted by UNHCR for resettlement.
- 1.1 million refugees and 5.1 IDPs returned home.
- 6.4 million refugees were granted residency or confirmed their residency status.

Expenditure

• \$511.7 million, 9.9% of total expenditure, higher than 2022

Largest budgets

Afghanistan, Iraq, Mexico, Somalia



Our advocacy to **INCLUDE** forcibly displaced and stateless persons in national plans yielded positive results...

GOOD PRACTICE

The Ministry of Labour of **Jordan** reported that 90,153 work permits were issued to refugees in 2023, enabling them to access social security and related benefits.

- In 81 countries, some 5.8 million refugees and asylum-seekers benefited from government social protection programmes in 2023.
- In more than 130 countries, UNHCR contributed to the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework to pursue the inclusion of forcibly displaced and stateless people in development programming.
- 67% of refugees had a legal right to formal employment, only 45% of refugees had unrestricted access in practice. This proportion has grown significantly in recent years.



2023 regional programmatic highlights

West & Central Africa



2.9 million received protection services



1.3 million received health care



448,000 people provided with shelter and housing assistance

EHAGL



4.6 million received protection services



6.8 million people received health assistance

Southern Africa



2.1 million people received protection services



401,000 people received non-food items

Asia & the Pacific



2.5 million people received protection services



Some 1.2 million people received non-food items



1.8 million people received cash assistance

2023 regional programmatic highlights

Americas



1.8 million people received protection



243,000 people received shelter and housing assistance



Health care was provided to 127,000 people

Middle East & Northern Africa



3.1 million people received protection services



1.8 million people received nonfood items



2.8 million people received cash assistance

Europe



2.3 million people received protection



Some 1.1 million people received cash-assistance



283,000 people received shelter and housing assistance



Thank you!