



*Your Will*  
**CAN BE THEIR REFUGE.**



# How *Your Gift* Can Help

When we think about making a Will, it's only natural to consider our families and loved ones first and foremost. For many people, there is often a place to reflect the charities and causes that have perhaps brought great meaning and inspiration throughout our lives too.

If you are able to extend your generosity to refugees through leaving a Legacy gift to UNHCR, you will be helping to ensure that people affected by conflict or natural disaster receive the support they most need in times of crisis. Your generosity will be extended beyond your lifetime; providing critical care to families in need, as well as the hope filled chance to help families rebuild their lives again.

**Thank you for considering leaving a gift to UNHCR in your Will.**



**Houssam Chahin**  
Chief of PSP MENA



# Where UNHCR works around the World

UNHCR's humanitarian assistance spans 138 countries\* throughout Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific. Here are just a few examples of UNHCR's life-changing work to protect refugees around the world.



## YEMEN

Cash assistance and Core relief items as part of our emergency response.



## SYRIA

Adequate shelter in humanitarian emergencies.



## SUDAN

Accessible Water, Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) facilities.



## JORDAN BANGLADESH

Cash assistance to support refugee, displaced and returning families to survive with safety and dignity.



Inclusive and quality education to make sure that young refugees look forward to a brighter future.



## IRAQ

Cash assistance and Core relief items as part of our emergency response.

# Our Work Across the Globe: Country Highlights

## Syria

We provide Protection and humanitarian aid for 6.6 million internally displaced people in Syria, and for other 5.6 million Syrian refugees in the near countries (Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Turkey)

## Iraq

We provide Protection and humanitarian aid for 1 million internally displaced people in Iraq, and for thousands of refugees who sought refuge to Iraq from Syria.

## Yemen

Today, Yemen continues to be a place for the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, where 24 million people depend on humanitarian assistance. After 5 years of war, UNHCR continues helping and protecting over 3.6 million internally displaced people. We also provide vital support to tens of thousands of refugees from the Horn of Africa who sought refuge in Yemen.

## Bangladesh

In August 2017, more than 742,000 Rohingya were forced to flee their homes to escape violence and persecution in Myanmar, seeking safety in Bangladesh. Since day one, UNHCR leads the relief efforts providing protection and lifesaving support such as shelter, food, healthcare and education to families living in refugee settlements.

## Somalia

In Somalia we are providing protection and life-saving to those who have been forced to flee their homes. We assist with improved access to education, health, livelihood initiatives and community-based projects which help refugees, people displaced inside the country, returnees and host communities integrate.

## Leading the Global Refugee Response

Our important work extends across the globe in response to conflicts, crises and natural disasters. We are dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people. **We work to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge, having fled violence, persecution, war or disaster at home. We lead the response to make sure no refugee is left behind.**





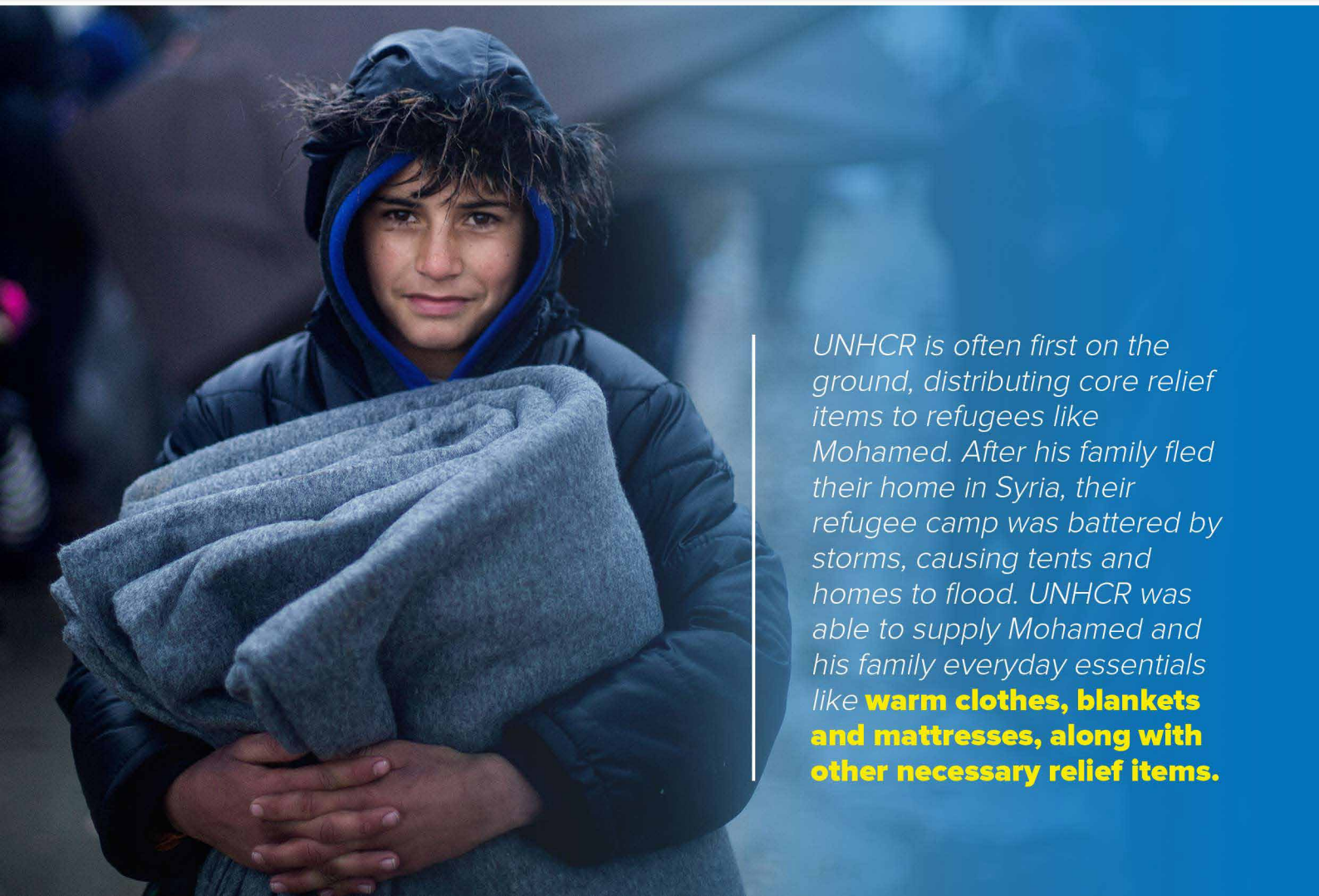
## Providing refuge

# for Today

### Responding With Life-saving Support

During times of crisis and displacement, your generosity funds the rapid deployment of emergency aid. UNHCR emergency teams are ready to deploy within 72 hours of an emergency declaration, leading the humanitarian response to global displacement.

UNHCR collaborates with all parties involved to provide support in the early stages of unrest. By giving shelter, we're not just allowing them a place to sleep, we're offering security and protection that provides refugees with a sense of home. UNHCR works to identify the most vulnerable refugees in need. Close attention is taken for unaccompanied children, pregnant women and the elderly.



UNHCR is often first on the ground, distributing core relief items to refugees like Mohamed. After his family fled their home in Syria, their refugee camp was battered by storms, causing tents and homes to flood. UNHCR was able to supply Mohamed and his family everyday essentials like **warm clothes, blankets and mattresses, along with other necessary relief items.**

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# for Tomorrow

### Safeguarding Fundamental Human Rights

UNHCR seeks to uphold the human rights of displaced people, ensuring that refugees are provided with legal assistance, protected from sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and are not returned involuntarily to a country where they could face persecution.

In both emergency and protracted settings, UNHCR supports the construction of healthcare centres and hospitals, which provides necessary physical and psychological care for individuals and families.

UNHCR continues to work on malnutrition through enhanced prevention, detection and treatment, as well as providing vital water infrastructure that is crucial in disease prevention.

A photograph of an elderly man with glasses, wearing a dark jacket with blue and white stripes on the sleeves, sitting on a patterned sofa. He is looking down at an open book he is holding in his hands. The background is a plain wall with a light switch.

**Mohamad, a 73-year-old and his wife from Syria left their home and daughter behind to save their lives.**

"I wish that I could give my wife what she asks for. It breaks my heart when I am unable to provide for her", Mohamad told us about his wife, who struggles with health issues.

After they fled their home, Mohamad learnt to sew so that he could help his wife and together they could make a living.

UNHCR works on ensuring that refugees and internally displaced have access to basic needs and adequate healthcare.

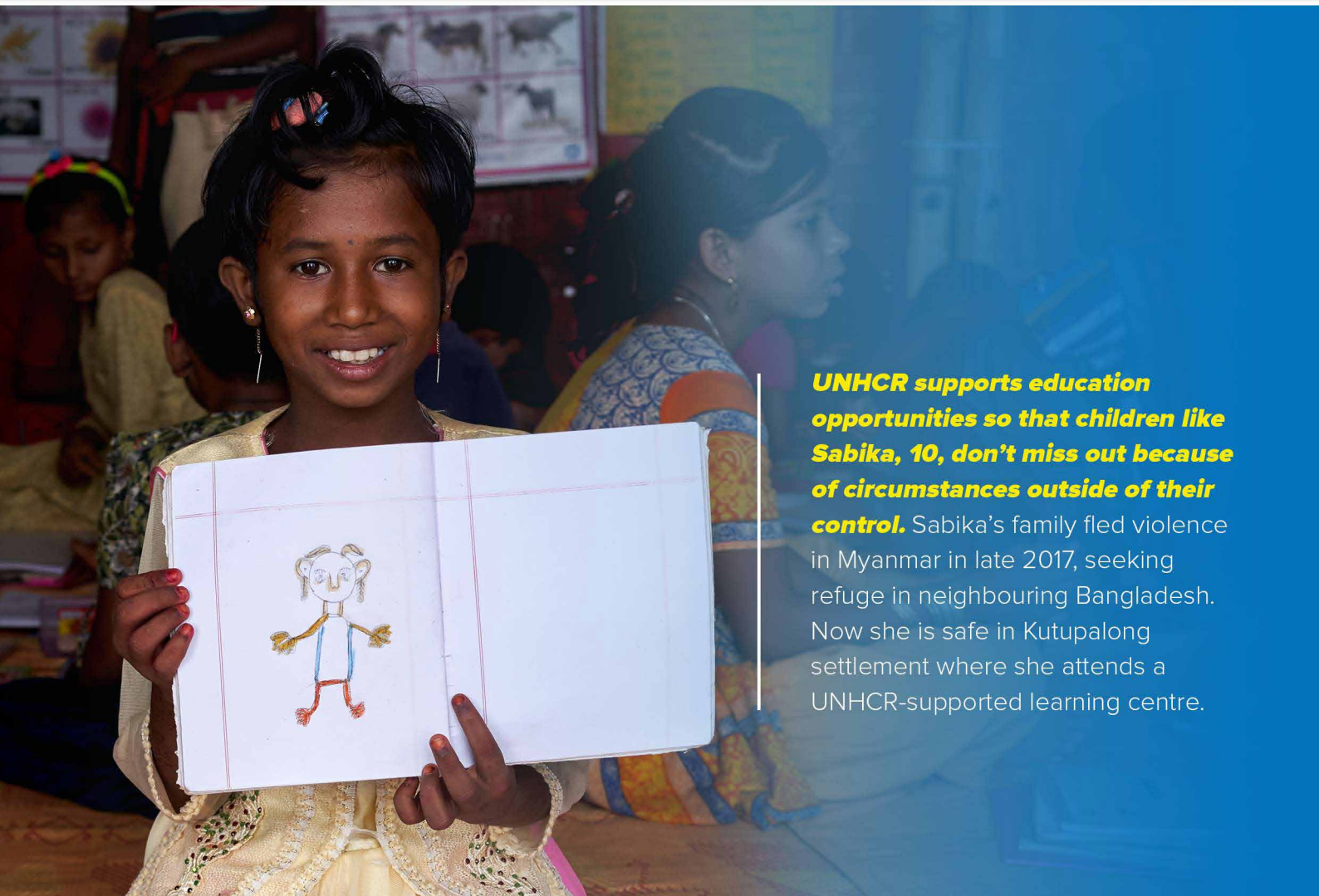


# Providing refuge for the Future

## Building Better Future

UNHCR is committed to improving the lives of all refugees and displaced people in protracted settings through education and livelihoods programs. When you support Australia for UNHCR, you're giving a gift that will help them develop the skills they need to achieve self-reliance, as well as supporting their opportunity to work and earn a living.

Education is vital in any child's life, creating stability and safety during times of displacement. With your help, refugee children and youth have access to quality education, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to live productive and fulfilling lives.



**UNHCR supports education opportunities so that children like Sabika, 10, don't miss out because of circumstances outside of their control.** Sabika's family fled violence in Myanmar in late 2017, seeking refuge in neighbouring Bangladesh. Now she is safe in Kutupalong settlement where she attends a UNHCR-supported learning centre.





## Steps to leaving a *Bequest*

### **STEP ONE**

Decide on the family, friends and organisations that you would like to recognise in your Will.

### **STEP TWO**

Talk about your decision with your loved ones and share your wishes with them.

### **STEP THREE**

Choose the type of legacy you would like to leave:

- A residuary gift: the remainder of your Estate once everything else is taken care of
- A percentage of your Estate: a specific proportion of your Estate's value
- A pecuniary gift: a specific sum of money

### **STEP FOUR**

Visit a solicitor to have your Will written or updated with a codicil. If you would like to support refugees in your will, UNHCR can hire a solicitor for you.

### **STEP FIVE**

Please consider contacting us if you have made the decision to leave a gift to UNHCR in your Will.