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# In challenging times, **YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

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The last few months have been the most challenging in recent memory. As the world slowly recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and all its ramifications, several crises erupted - wars, natural disasters, food shortages, increase in prices, faltering currencies and so on.

From the catastrophic drought in the Horn of Africa, regarded as the worst in the past 40 years, and the devastating floods in Pakistan which impacted the lives of close to 8 million people, to the 5.9 magnitude earthquake which struck vulnerable districts in Afghanistan leaving thousands of people dead, injured, or homeless.

In the face of all adversities, we responded to these emergencies by deploying on-ground teams and providing necessary lifesaving assistance to those affected.

***But we couldn't have done it without you.***

Thank you from all of us at UNHCR, but more importantly from the millions of refugees and displaced families affected by the multiple challenges presented by these conditions. You rose to the occasion with your generosity, showing that despite all the difficulties in the world, there are still people willing to help those in need.



Afghanistan. UNHCR's first planeload of aid landed in the Afghan capital Kabul on 2nd October, carrying 33 tons of humanitarian assistance for displaced Afghans. Some 80 percent of newly displaced people in Afghanistan are women and children. © UNHCR/Babar Baloch



Lebanon. Young boys and girls at the informal refugee settlement gathered outside their tents, enjoying their time and smiling at the camera. © UNHCR/Nour Tarabay

# Adha Campaign

With all the ongoing problems in our region, the increasing poverty and food insecurity remain a top priority with regards to the most vulnerable refugee and displaced families. They struggle to put food on the table on a daily basis, let alone during Adha, when it should be a time of celebration and joy.

*“Sometimes we don’t eat so our children can eat,”* says Ma’niya, an internally displaced Yemeni. The country is enduring one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises and years of conflict and economic collapse have pushed an estimated **80% of the total population below the poverty line**. The country is at risk of severe famine, with internally displaced people facing a greater risk of food insecurity.

*“The bread package has become smaller and its price has increased”*, says Nawal, a Syrian refugee in Lebanon. Even buying bread has become a challenge in Lebanon due to the economic crisis - the worst in a generation – which has sent the price of food, fuel and other basics skyrocketing, pushing **90% of Syrian refugees in the country into extreme poverty**.

*“Eid Al Adha is about going out and buying new clothes. This has been taken away from us,”* says Um Omar, an internally displaced Iraqi. This Adha was like no other for some refugees, with **1.2 million internally displaced people in Iraq continuing to live in dire circumstances**.

Thank you for coming through for them.

Through your generosity and compassion in the month of Dhul Hijjah, and especially the blessed first ten days, these families and thousands more were able to celebrate Eid in better circumstances.

With your contributions, we provided **3,482 displaced families in need in the MENA region** with much-needed cash relief so they could afford some of their most basic and urgent needs.



Somalia. Internally displaced Somalis queuing to fill their jerry cans with water. © UNHCR/Nabil Narch

## The *Worst Drought* in forty years

A catastrophic drought, the worst in 40 years, is currently affecting over 18 million people in the Horn of Africa.

Through your kindness, we were able to offer a helping hand to the most vulnerable families affected by the drought – allowing them to have the basic needs of shelter and protection.

So far in Somalia, **we have distributed shelter materials, hygiene items, and other necessities to more than 185,000 drought-affected people** and it's all thanks to you.



As part of the humanitarian scale up, we are increasing this support through both, in-kind and cash-based assistance and are seeking to help more people in hard-to-reach areas, largely through local partners.

In Somalia, **UNHCR leads the coordination of the protection response and the monitoring network** that is tracking drought induced internal displacement.

Separated and unaccompanied children are being provided with medical assistance, psychosocial support and counselling, as well as safe spaces to protect them against forced child recruitment. Families at risk of being evicted from their homes due to loss of income are also receiving legal assistance.



Pakistan. UNHCR provides emergency support in flood-stricken Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. © UNHCR/Usman Ghani

# Pakistan Floods

According to the latest estimates, some 7.6 million people have been displaced by the floods, with nearly 600,000 living at relief sites. Many parts of the country, especially in the southern Sindh province, remain under water.

As fears rise over threats of waterborne diseases and the safety of millions of people including women and children, officials warn that it could take up to six months for flood waters to recede in the hardest-hit areas. In all, **33 million people have been affected by the floods.**



With your donations and alongside our partners and the authorities, we were able to meet the needs of those affected by flooding and landslides. UNHCR is continuing to support the government-led relief efforts in flood-hit parts of Pakistan, where the situation remains dire. Authorities and humanitarian agencies are racing against time to reach the affected population – with close to 8 million people now displaced.

**So far, well over 1 million core relief items, including tents, have been delivered to authorities out of the planned 1.2 million for distribution to flood-affected areas.** All 22 airlifts transporting core relief items from Dubai have arrived in Karachi and have been transported to the Humanitarian Response Facility in Sukkur, managed by the authorities. UNHCR is coordinating the transfer of additional supplies including buckets, sleeping mats and tarpaulins by sea, while more trucks are en route from UNHCR's regional hub in Termez, Uzbekistan.



UAE. UNHCR airlifts emergency supplies to flood-stricken Pakistan. © UNHCR/Ola Anan

While it may sound simple, the smallest changes make a tremendous difference to those in need.



Afghanistan. Earthquake relief reaches remote areas in Khost Province.  
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# Afghanistan Earthquake

On 22 June 2022 a 5.9 magnitude earthquake struck vulnerable districts in the Paktika and Khost provinces of south-eastern Afghanistan. Over 1,000 people are estimated to have been killed, including 250 children, while an additional 3,000 people were injured, of which 600, were children. At least 1,500 homes are reported to have been damaged in Gayan district of the Paktika province alone.



Thanks to generous donor contributions, UNHCR's immediate response involved the distribution of **1,600 shelter and non-food item (NFI) kits (including tents)** and **1,500 dignity kits** for vulnerable women and girls. The UNHCR response has already benefited a total of **12,700 affected individuals** in Khost and Pakitka provinces.

Emergency Assistance  
provided in 2022



535,800<sup>3</sup>  
total persons supported



29 out of 34  
provinces reached



296,300  
persons assisted  
with cash  
assistance



239,500  
persons benefited  
from in-kind  
assistance



123,000  
persons  
assessed



2,523,800  
persons potentially  
benefiting from  
activities in 55 PARRs



Syria. Essential items distributed for winter.  
© UNHCR/Hazem Al Jaber Abo Fakher

# Gearing up for *Winter*

Summer may still seem at its peak with high temperatures, but our work to support refugees in the coming winter has to start now before the cold storms hit the region. Last year, your generous donations helped assist more than 3 million refugees. This will be the 12th consecutive winter in displacement for some, and many continue to face increased hardships, particularly food insecurity, increased cost of living and loss of employment opportunities due to the economic situation and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Jordan for instance, over 36% of Syrian urban refugees have accumulated debt in 2021 compared to just 11% in 2018. In Egypt, a 7.4% year-on-year increase in housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuel costs was recorded in May.

UNHCR estimates that **3.4 million people need critical assistance** in order to help them prepare for the forthcoming winter.



## UNHCR's winterization strategy focuses on three broad areas of intervention:



Provision of seasonal cash assistance for vulnerable families to meet additional needs arising during the winter months.



Provision of core relief items specific to winter such as high thermal blankets, plastic sheets, sleeping bags and winter clothes.



Shelter weather-proofing and repairs, improvements to drainage systems and other infrastructure in camps and informal settlements in preparation for winter.

The winterization programme is implemented through UNHCR's own staff, government agencies, partners, and community outreach volunteers in coordination with broader inter-agency response platforms.

Once again, with your help we hope to make sure every refugee family has safety, shelter, and warmth this winter.



*Thank you*

