Procurement in **UNHCR**



Supply Management Service, Procurement Section 2022



UNHCR's Mandate

- to safeguard the rights and well-being of people who have been forced to flee
- to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another country
- to secure lasting solutions



UNHCR's Workforce

- Approximately 18 000 employees
- 90% of staff works in the field
- Present in 136 countries
- Budget 2021: 9,2 billion USD*
- Headquarters in Geneva, Budapest and Copenhagen

*2021 current budget as approved by the High Commissioner as of December 2021; pending presentation to the ExCom's Standing Committee. All other years are considered final for budget and expenditure data.

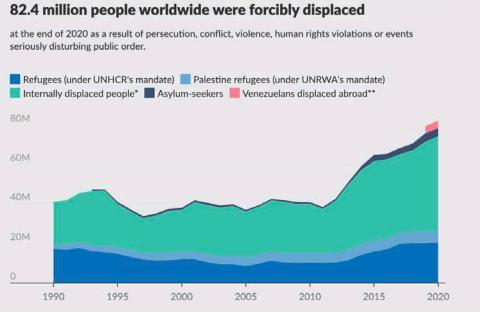
Persons of Concern

They include persons who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of conflict, persecution or events seriously disturbing public order, returnees, stateless people, the internally displaced and asylum-seekers.





Statistics on Forcibly Displaced Populations



20.7M	
Palestine refugees (under UNRWA's mandate)	
5.7M	
Internally displaced people*	
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Asylum-seekers	
4.1M	
Venezuelans displaced abroad	
3.9M	
*Source: IDMC	
Source: UNHCR Global Trends 2020	

This total represents an enormous number of people needing protection worldwide.



What would you do?

Violent conflict spreads in your area. You and your children prepare to flee home on foot. You have 3 minutes to decide what to bring. Do you...

Grab your passport, identity papers and money?

Gather clothes for the children, a blanket and an umbrella?

Pack a cooking pot and spoon, dried beans, matches and a shawl?





SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Our vision is to provide excellence in supply chain service delivery across UNHCR that supports efficient and sustainable protection for people forced to flee.

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Supply Structure



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.



Procurement in **UNHCR**

To protect some of the world's most vulnerable people in so many different places and types of environment, **UNHCR must purchase goods and services worldwide**.

This might range from buying fleets of heavy duty vehicles needed in the most inaccessible parts of the African continent to purchasing needles and thread for a self-help project in Pakistan.





Procurement **Principles**

In line with the UN Financial Regulations and Rules, UNHCR's procurement system is based on the following principles:

- Fairness, Integrity and Transparency (FIT);
- Effective International Competition;
- Best Value For Money;
- The Interest of the United Nations.



TENDERING PROCESS

There are three types of solicitation documents issued by the UNHCR to fulfill a procurement requirement. While each of the documents referred below contain the information necessary to submit a suitable offer, they vary in accordance with the nature of the requirement and the estimated monetary value.

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

An informal invitation to submit a quotation for requirements of relatively low monetary value. Prices and other commercial terms and conditions are requested, and an award is usually made to the lowest priced technically compliant offer.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

A formal request to submit a proposal against requirements that have higher dollar value but are not fully definable at the time of solicitation and where the innovation and specific expertise of the proposer is sought to better meet the procurement requirement. Price is only one of the several factors comprising the evaluation criteria, which are determined before the RFP is released. The offer from a supplier is submitted in two sets of documents: a Technical offer and a Financial offer.

Invitation to Bid (ITB)

A formal invitation to submit a bid usually associated with the requirements that are clearly or concisely defined and have a monetary value above the RFQ threshold. Award recommendations are based on the lowest cost technically compliant offer.



Request for Quotation (RFQ)	Invitation to Bid (ITB)	Request for Proposal (RFP)
Turnaround time depends on value	 Turnaround time depends on value, requested offer validity usually 120 days 	 Turnaround time depends on value, requested offer validity usually 120 days
Direct Invitation of potential suppliers	 Open competition (Publication by advertising), and/or direct invites 	 Open competition (Publication by advertising) and/or direct invites
 Value < USD 40,000 in field and HQ Contract awarded to the lowest price offered Informal procedure Deadline: any stage of the process Minimum of 3 vendors 	 Value > USD 40,000 in field and HQ Contract awarded to lowest cost eligible bid Formal procedure Pass / fail technical criteria to determine eligible bids Simpler requirements which can be assessed on a pass or fail basis and which can be clearly stated 	 Value > USD 40,000 in field and HQ Contract awarded to most responsive proposal Weighted scores to determine most responsive proposal taking account of both technical and commercial / financial aspects Formal procedure More complex requirements where ideas and input are sought from the proposer

> UNHCR carries out joint procurement activities (*One UN*)



Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct sets forth what is expected of all suppliers with whom UNHCR does business. Filling a Vendor Registration Form with supporting documents is mandatory.

- Firm/Company/Factory registration certificate
- Registration with Tax/VAT
- Company's annual financial report
- Audit certificate/report
- Brochures on products/services
- Environmental policy
- Quality assurance certificate



Procurement conditions

Building on the philosophy and achievements of the UN Global Compact, UNHCR envisions a world in which the private sector plays a constructive role in finding durable solutions for people forced to flee their homes.

To achieve this, we proactively engage with corporations and foundations eager to help drive change and find innovative solutions to refugee issues. UNHCR also endeavours to undertake environmentally responsible sourcing of goods and services.





Procurement conditions

UNHCR does not purchase from companies engaged in the sale or manufacture, either directly or indirectly, of antipersonnel mines or any components produced primarily for the operation thereof.

UNHCR does not purchase from companies engaged in any practice inconsistent with the rights set forth in Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Any unethical practice, including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, is antithetical to the policies and principles of UNHCR.

Particular reference is made to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct (UNSCC) which is mandatory for all UNHCR vendors.





The Role of Frame Agreements*

- Frame Agreement holder is selected through open tender
- Both goods services are purchased by UNHCR using FA
- Examples: core relief items, freight forwarding, IT equipment, light vehicles, inspection services, medical supplies
- Core relief items (CRIs) are: tents, kitchen sets, plastic tarpaulins, blankets and solar lantern
- CRIs are procured centrally by UNHCR HQ

Advantages for UNHCR:

- Shorter lead time
- Flexibility (quantities)
- Better quality control / supply security
- Not exclusive to single supplier (however: procurement principles apply)
- Binds suppliers to ex-stock deliveries and agreed quantities
- Competitive prices

* Frame Agreement refers to Long Term Agreements as other organizations rather apply this expression



GOODS & SERVICES WE PROCURE



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Goods

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- Agricultural tools
- Blankets
- Buckets
- Clothing
- Computers
- Drugs and medical supplies
- Fuel
- Generators, pumps
- Hygiene parcel
- IT and Telecom equipment
- Jerry cans
- Kitchen sets, stoves
- Mattresses
- Mosquito nets
- Office equipment
- Plastic tarpaulins, rolls
- Prefabricated houses

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- Sanitary materials
- Sleeping mats
- Solar lamp
 - Tents
 - Vehicles, trucks

- Audit service
- Cash Based Intervention related financial services
- Cleaning
- Construction
- Corporate Consultancy
- Education / Training
- Engineering services
- Evaluation
- Health administration service
- Inspection
- Insurance

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- IT, Telecom
- Lease or rental of property/building
- Mailing services
- Medical services, Evacuation

- Meeting facilities
- Printing

Services

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- Road maintenance service
- Security
 - SAT Communication service
- Training/workshops
- Translation / Interpretation
- Transportation (Cargo / Passenger)



How to become a supplier to UNHCR



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS?

The UN Supplier Code of Conduct (UNSCC) sets forth what is expected of all suppliers with whom UNHCR does business. Furthermore, Vendors are expected to demonstrate a commitment to the Ten Principles set out in the UN Global Compact that underlies the UNSCC.

- **Register at <u>www.ungm.org</u>** to learn about all the opportunities to be a supplier to UNHCR. You can subscribe to the **Tender Alert Service** to make sure you are notified of all opportunities.
- If you are interested in being a supplier for UNHCR at Global level, you can send an email to <u>hqps@unhcr.org</u> to receive the invitation for eSupplier online registration.
- If you are interested in being a supplier for a **specific country or region**, you are recommended to contact the **local UNHCR operation** for registration, as they might use different channels to advertise their tenders.
- In all cases, submitting a duly filled in **Vendor Registration Form** with supporting documents is mandatory.



SELECTION PROCESS





Procurement in Figures 2021

Agency

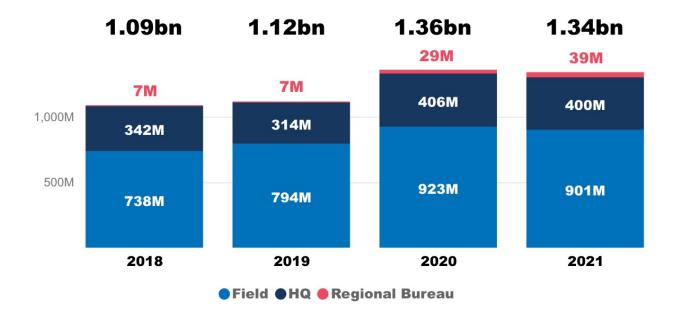




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UNHCR Procurement 2018-2021 (USD)

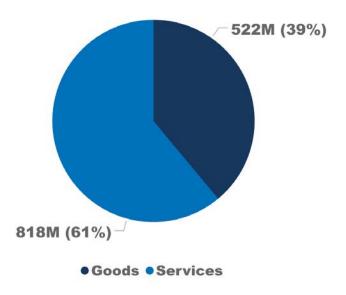


N.B.: Data provided as per current reporting methodology, i.e., excludes Cash Based Interventions, individual consultants and contractors.



UNHCR Procurement 2021 (USD)

Procurement Value by Goods and Services (%)



2021 Procurement value:

1,34 billion USD



Top 5 Goods and Services purchased in 2021 based on their value in USD

TOP 5 Goods

TENT / CAMP / OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT / ACCESSORIES 39M

DIESEL 34M

MISC	MEDICAL	SUPPLIES
33M		

LAMP / LAMP COMPONENTS 31M

COMPUTERS 29M

TOP 5 Services

FINANCIAL SERVICES 139M

BUSINESS / ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES 133M

MAINTENANCE / CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 88M

COMPUTER SERVICES 80M

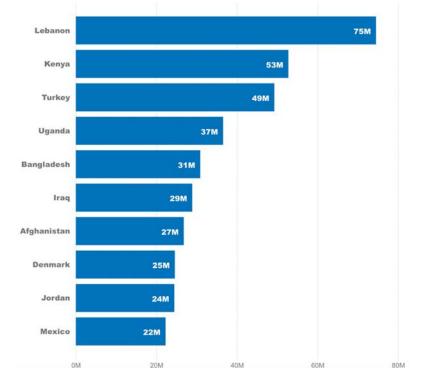
ADVERTISING / INFORMATION SERVICES 54M



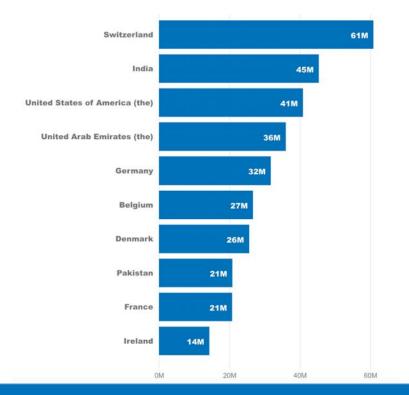
Top 10 Vendor Countries 2021 (USD)

Field & Regional Bureau

UNOPS POs excluded

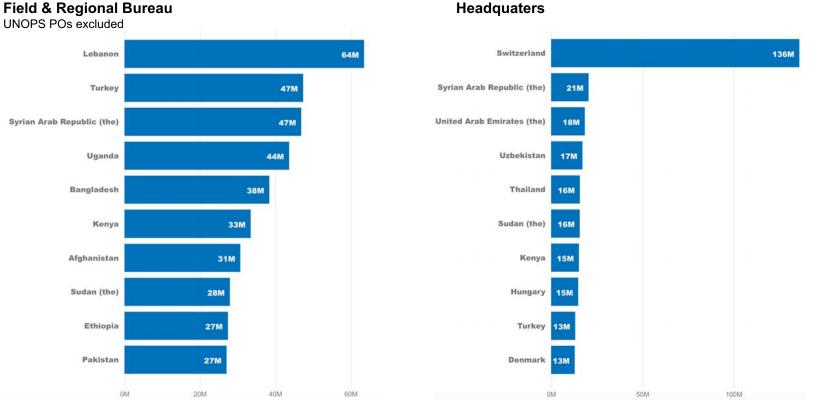


Headquaters





Top 10 Ship to Countries 2021 (USD)







Core relief item Support in 2021

(Procurement & GSM)





During 2021, the value of inventory items distributed totalled **\$354.1 million**.



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