

The 2001 Global Report

Background

This is UNHCR's fourth Global Report. It follows the 2001 Mid-Year Progress Report (which reviewed developments up to June 2001) and should be read against the 2001 Global Appeal (published in December 2000), which described the main operations, planned activities and financial requirements for the year.

The Global Report is intended to meet the reporting requirements of as many of UNHCR's donors as possible, with the aim of avoiding the need for tailor-made reports. In addition, the report also targets a growing range of external parties besides donors, for example, academics, non-governmental organisations, universities, libraries, private interest groups and others. For additional information on UNHCR, readers may wish to visit the website (<http://www.unhcr.org>).

Over the years, UNHCR has received many encouraging comments on the global reports. It is generally felt that they respond to the needs and interests of a growing number of partners and the wider public, and that the presentation and contents have improved with every edition. However, improving the quality of information, both factual and evaluative, is an ongoing exercise. UNHCR therefore warmly welcomes suggestions for further improvements.

The Structure

The structure of the 2001 Global Report is substantially the same as last year's report where the main body of the report describes UNHCR's operations. These are, in the first place, based on the programmes approved by the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom). They are included in the Annual Programme Budget (AB), which is one component of the unified budget structure. After the Annual Programme Budget was adopted by UNHCR's Executive Committee in

October 2000, seven Supplementary Programme Budgets (SB) were approved by the High Commissioner: Sierra Leonean Refugees and Returnees (this Special Programme was included in the 2001 Global Appeal); Eritrean Returnees and IDPs; Angolan IDP Programme; the fYROM Situation; the Afghanistan emergency; Global Consultations on International Protection; and the Human Security Commission. These SB's form the second component of the unified budget structure and are generally reported on in the relevant Regional Overview(s) and country chapter(s). Activities and expenditures under the SB for the Global Consultations on International Protection are reported on in the chapter "UNHCR's Protection Mandate".

The section entitled "UNHCR – An Overview" contains six introductory chapters. "The Year in Review" presents an overview of major population displacements and the Office's main achievements and impact on the lives of refugees during 2001. The chapter "Funding UNHCR's Programmes" reviews the funding situation during the year, funding from the private sector, the contribution of refugee-hosting countries as well as the Donor Profiles. The profiles give a detailed breakdown of the contributions (USD 100,000 and above) from 36 governmental donors, the European Commission, and 29 inter-governmental, non-governmental and private donors, by programme, region, sub-region, country, sector, activity and item (as applicable). These profiles also give an indication of the extent to which donors have responded to UNHCR's calls to limit earmarking. As the AB contains separate budgets for activities under Global Programmes and Headquarters, these are treated in separate chapters. The link with information on expenditures, which is a prime purpose of the Global Report, is thus maintained. These chapters also contain information on policy priorities and global themes.

"UNHCR's Protection Mandate" highlights the major protection challenges which the Office faced during the year.

The next section – “UNHCR’s Operations” – describes UNHCR’s activities in 17 sub-regions, each introduced in a Regional Overview, followed by country chapters for those countries with budgets in excess of USD 5 million.

The Regional Overviews summarise developments affecting refugees and other persons of concern to the Office, and highlight challenges as well as progress made in finding solutions to their plight. The overview contains a short account of operations by country, especially those not covered in separate chapters – with the main emphasis on activities under UNHCR’s Annual Programme Budget. The Regional Overviews end with a table showing all contributions received for and earmarked to the sub-region and the countries, as well as a table with the revised budgets and expenditure of all country programmes in the sub-region.

Country Operations cover all activities carried out in a country (both AB and SB), with the aim of giving a complete picture of operations in that country.

When a Supplementary Programme contained activities in more than one country for a particular population of concern to the Office (for instance: the Supplementary Programme for Sierra Leonean Refugees and Returnees covered needs in Sierra Leone as well as other countries in the sub-region, e.g. Guinea and Liberia), reporting on the SB, including the financial details, is found in the respective country chapters.

The country chapters end with a consolidated table of expenditure under AB (and SB where relevant).

Definitions and Terminology

All information presented in the Global Report is as of 31 December 2001, unless otherwise stated. This is the case for financial information, the number of staff, offices and partners, statistics on persons of concern as well as the information contained in maps. Most of the information on income and expenditure can be cross-referenced to UNHCR’s Annual Accounts for 2001, to be submitted to the 53rd meeting of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner’s Programme in October 2002. Relevant cross-references are indicated in the Financial Reports. Minor differences between the figures

in the Global Report and those found in various statements and schedules to the Accounts are due to the rounding of figures. Differences may also arise from the more detailed manner in which regions and countries have been organised in the Global Report. Further, in certain cases, regional projects and/or expenditures for the Liaison Units at Headquarters may be included, where this is not the case in UNHCR’s Annual Accounts. Finally, the Global Report lists donors’ earmarking, whereas the Annual Accounts only list donors’ total annual contribution.

Each country chapter begins with a one-page summary, which provides the reader with a comprehensive but concise overview of the main objectives, impact of UNHCR’s activities, persons of concern and key financial data. This is provided in a table entitled Income and Expenditure. The following terminology is used:

- **Revised Budget** – this is the budget adopted by the 52nd meeting of the Executive Committee in October 2001, adjusted with allocations from the Operational Reserve or transfers between appropriations.
- **Income from Contributions** – represents the value of contributions made to UNHCR during the financial year, recorded in accordance with UNHCR’s financial rules.
- **Other Funds Available** – includes the opening balance (carry-over from previous years), cancellations, refunds, adjustments and transfers. It also includes the amount allocated by UNHCR to the operation from unearmarked or broadly earmarked contributions.
- **Total Funds Available** – includes Income from Contributions plus Other Funds Available.
- **Total Expenditure** – corresponds to disbursements/deliveries plus unliquidated obligations as of 31 December 2001.

Financial Data

Voluntary Contributions

All voluntary contribution tables show the difference (if any) between amounts reported as contributions and amounts reported as income. The following definitions apply:

- **Contribution** represents the value of pledges received.

- **Income** represents the value of pledges as recorded in UNHCR's accounts, in accordance with the Office's financial rules. Unconditional pledges from governments are fully recognised as income at the time of receipt of the pledge. In the interest of prudent financial management, up to half of the value of firm pledges by organisations of established repute is recognised as income, at the time the pledge is received.

The following tables of voluntary contributions can be found in this Report (relevant chapter between brackets):

- All contributions by donor and Programme (Funding)
- Contributions to the Operational Reserve (Funding)
- Contributions to the Junior Professional Officer Scheme (Funding)
- Contributions to Global Programmes (Global Programmes)
- Contributions to Headquarters (Headquarters)
- Contributions at the regional level (Introduction to the Region)
- Contributions at the sub-regional level (respective Regional Overview)
- Contributions at the country level and below, such as sector or item level (respective Regional Overview and Donor Profiles).

Contribution tables at the sub-regional level provide the following information (by donor): funds earmarked to the Annual Programme Budget (and Trust Funds); to the Supplementary Programme Budget (and Trust Funds); to the sub-region; and to country operations in the region. The difference between total expenditure in a sub-region and the total of earmarked voluntary contributions consists of (as applicable): unearmarked contributions; contributions earmarked to a level higher than the sub-region; carry-over and adjustments (cancellations, refunds and transfers).

Financial Reports

The following financial reports have been included:

- Budget and Expenditure: All Programmes (Funding)

- Budget and Expenditure under Global Programmes (Global Programmes)
- Budget and Expenditure under Headquarters (Headquarters)
- Budget and Expenditure by Sub-region (respective Regional Overview)
- Budget and Expenditure by country (respective Regional Overview and/or Country Chapter)
- Allocations from the Operational Reserve (Funding)

A slight difference may be noted when comparing total expenditure reported in the Country Chapter with the figure reported for that country in the respective Regional Overview. This is due to the fact that some country operations implement projects that "belong" in more than one region. The financial report in the Country Chapter contains all projects.

The following terminology is used:

- **Current Year's Projects** – contains details of disbursements made against obligations incurred during 2001 under AB and SB.
- **Prior Years' Projects** – this column contains details of disbursements made against obligations raised during previous financial years (1999-2000); negative amounts are offset by positive entries under one or more line items in this column. These include the sum of General Programme and Special Programme activities that took place prior to the introduction, in 2000, of the unified budget structure.
- **Expenditure** – represents the amount of funds obligated, i.e. the allocation of available funds constituting the ceiling for disbursements. Obligations are liquidated by payment, by delivery in-kind or by cancellation.
- **Unliquidated Obligations** – represents amounts yet to be disbursed.
- **Transit Account** – is a temporary account from which entries are cleared to their final destination. This account will be brought to zero before the project(s) concerned is (are) closed.
- **Instalments with Implementing Partners** – represents payments made to partners (allocated to a general sector) for which reports on the use of such funds had not been received as of the end of the financial year. These amounts will be cleared upon receipt of financial reports from the partners, which indicate to which specific sector the amounts should be allocated.

- **Protection, Monitoring and Co-ordination** – represents the cost of UNHCR's presence at operating locations (i.e. the direct cost of protecting refugee populations). This differs from the sector Legal Assistance, which refers to the cost of specific projects and/or materials.
- **Combined Projects** – some projects may be financed from several sources of funds. Funding for a particular project may be increased in a subsequent financial year from either the same or a different funding source. In either of these scenarios, a "combination" of two or more projects is created. Disbursements are recorded under the original project (under which the budget is also held).
- **Programme Support** – refers to administrative and personnel costs of operational units whose primary function is the development, formulation, delivery and evaluation of an organisation's programmes. This will typically include units that provide backstopping of programmes either on a technical, thematic, geographic, logistical or administrative basis.



Gambia: Voluntary repatriation is one of the durable solutions for refugees. Here, refugees are preparing to go home.
UNHCR/W. Spindler

Statistics

The statistical tables and graphs in this Global Report are provisional and subject to change. They can, to a large extent, be cross-referenced with UNHCR's 2001 Population Statistics. However, for a better understanding of the context in which UNHCR operates in a country or region, more detailed statistics are sometimes included in footnotes. For the purpose of this Report, the term "of whom UNHCR assisted" is used for persons

having benefited directly from UNHCR's protection and assistance, unless stated otherwise. While UNHCR receives a wealth of statistical data from its offices in the field, it has been decided that in this and future Global Reports and Appeals, exclusive use will be made of the statistical data officially communicated to Headquarters by field offices during the annual exercise leading to the publication of UNHCR's statistical report. The purpose of this decision is to ensure consistent use of one set of data centrally maintained by UNHCR's Population Data Unit.

The following definitions are used:

Refugees: persons recognised as refugees under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and/or the 1969 Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Convention, in accordance with the UNHCR Statute, as well as a person granted a humanitarian status or those granted temporary protection.

Asylum-seekers: persons whose application for refugee status is being processed according to the asylum procedure or who are otherwise registered as asylum-seekers.

Returnees: refugees who have returned to their place of origin and who remain of concern to UNHCR (up to a maximum period of two years from their date of return).

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): persons who are displaced within their country and to whom UNHCR may extend protection and/or assistance pursuant to a special request by a competent organ of the UN.

Others of Concern: certain specific groups of persons not falling within the ordinary mandate of UNHCR, including IDPs, or IDPs who have returned to their place of origin.

A dash (-) in tables means that the figure is either zero or not available.