

The Global Report 2006

UNHCR's Global Report is published annually to inform donors in the government and private sectors of the organization's activities and achievements in the previous year. As UNHCR depends almost exclusively on voluntary contributions to finance its programmes, the Report is an essential tool to inform donors how their money has been spent.

The Global Report is also intended for the use of Executive Committee (ExCom) members, Standing Committee observers, governments and their permanent missions in Geneva, the UN Secretariat, UN agencies, intergovernmental agencies, NGOs and regional organizations. A growing range of universities, academics and private interest groups also consider the Report an important reference.

The structure

To improve UNHCR's response to donors' information needs, several changes have been made to the Report. It is now organized around UNHCR's mandate areas of protection, durable solutions and statelessness, as well as priorities such as internal displacement and emergency response. The Report describes UNHCR's actions to achieve its global strategic objectives and improve the lives of more than 34.4 million people: refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, stateless people and others.

The Report also draws attention to UNHCR's partnerships with other UN agencies, the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, NGOs and intergovernmental bodies such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM), besides donors and host governments. UNHCR recognizes the important contributions these partners make towards the fulfilment of its mandate.

Furthermore, this Report provides detailed information on expenditure and funding. Donor profiles have been reviewed and modified; the profiles of all donors who have contributed USD 100,000 or more now include an overview of their performance over the past five years. The profiles also give a clear indication of how donors have responded to UNHCR's requests to reduce earmarking.

In order to make the publication easier to handle, we have printed only Part I, together with regional summaries that provide a global overview of UNHCR's achievements. Detailed reports on operations (at the



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Somali refugees and their temporary shelters after the floods that hit IFO 2 camp in Dadaab, Kenya.

subregional and country level) can be found on the attached CD-ROM or on UNHCR's website, www.unhcr.org.

On the CD-ROM, UNHCR's operations are presented in 19 subregional overviews, 38 country chapters and one situational chapter as well as headquarters and global programme chapters. Only those operations with a budget of USD 5 million or more are detailed in separate chapters. As in previous years, smaller operations are described in their respective subregional overviews.

Finally, the publication contains a list of current ExCom members, maps showing States party to the Refugee Convention and to the conventions on statelessness, a list of acronyms and a glossary.

UNHCR is constantly trying to improve its Global Report, and the present changes are the result of suggestions made by donors and others. Most notably, this Report provides a better picture of the results of UNHCR's activities and their impact on the people of concern to the organization. We warmly welcome feedback and suggestions for further improvements.

Detailed information on UNHCR's policies, operations, ExCom documents and decisions, news stories and publications can be found on UNHCR's website.