Thank you for helping shelter refugees

2019 Shelter Impact Report

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NOBODY LEFT OUTSIDE
Meet one of the families that’s been helped by donors like you

By supporting UNHCR, you’ve done something amazing. Since the launch of the Nobody Left Outside Campaign (Shelter Campaign) in 2016, generous donors like you have helped give shelters to hundreds of thousands of people forced to flee conflict, desperate for a roof over their heads.

This report highlights how UNHCR helps to build a brighter future by providing proper shelters at every stage of their displacement, bringing families back together and making them feel “normal” again.

“I feel safer and secure because this shelter is more durable and has locks. I know that when it rains, I will be protected.”
Glorious, Burundian refugee in Tanzania
Gloriouse and his family fled the ongoing turmoil and political violence in Burundi in 2016, after two of his children were killed by armed groups. A sufferer of Parkinson’s disease, Gloriouse struggled as he walked four days with his remaining family to reach the border with Tanzania, where he was welcomed by UNHCR.

Gloriouse lived in an emergency shelter for almost three years, before receiving a Refugee Housing Unit (RHU) in 2019. With support from generous donors like you, Gloriouse, now 70 years old, can finally rest easy in a more solid and secured home from which to rebuild life with his family. “I am happy that the shelter is under a tree — it gives me enough warmth during the day and night,” says Gloriouse.
The impact of the Shelter Campaign we achieved with you!

By supporting UNHCR’s Shelter Campaign, you’ve helped provide various types of shelter solutions for people forced to flee, from Latin America, Europe and Africa, to the Middle East and Asia. Here’s how you’ve helped refugees from countries such as Greece, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ukraine, Niger, Jordan and Mexico:
Greece
The point of entry for many refugees fleeing conflicts in the Middle East and Africa, Greece has welcomed hundreds of thousands of refugees. With your support, UNHCR:
• Gave safety to over 80,000 refugees in Greece by providing them with apartments, a place to stay in hotels or a spot with a host family so they can start rebuilding their lives.

Rwanda and Tanzania
While conflicts have forced out hundreds of thousands of Burundians, your support has helped UNHCR:
• Provide 20,110 longer-term shelters for people from Burundi forced to flee to Rwanda and Tanzania. This means over 100,000 refugees are moving from temporary emergency shelters to more secure, robust shelters.

Ukraine
More than 1.5 million people - mostly elderly and other vulnerable people - were displaced due to conflicts. Thanks to caring donors like you, UNHCR:
• Built or repaired nearly 1,400 homes for returnees and displaced families.
• Carried out over 37,000 smaller home repairs.
Niger
Nearly 120,000 Nigerian refugees have sought shelter in neighbouring Niger, after fleeing violence in north-eastern Nigeria. Thanks to donors like you, UNHCR:

• Provided over 5,000 Nigerian refugee families with the opportunity to start a new life with the construction of sustainable long-term housing.
• Fostered acceptance and social cohesion throughout the broader local community.

Jordan
Nine years after conflict broke out in their country, Syrian refugees in Jordan have exhausted their savings. By supporting the Shelter Campaign, you have helped UNHCR provide a lifeline to refugee and:

• Deliver cash assistance to 32,500 families in Jordan from Syria and elsewhere, empowering refugee families to buy exactly what they need, like paying their rent and buying the essentials.

Mexico
With asylum applications reaching 48,000 in 2019, Mexico continues to accommodate refugees fleeing conflicts and persecution from countries like El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. Thanks to your generosity, UNHCR:

• Secured transit shelters for more than 60,000 people in Mexico, helping them get back on their feet and receive the tools needed to be self-reliant.