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“UNHCR receives highest ever contribution from the Government of Japan”

UNHCR will this year receive approximately USD155.7 million (approximately JPY14.6 billion) in supplementary funding from the Government of Japan. Some USD 87.3 million will be allocated to assist Afghan IDPs, returnees and refugees in the region and the flood affected IDPs and Afghan refugees in Pakistan, while USD 68.4 million will be designated to Africa. Overall, more than 8 million refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in 18 countries will benefit directly and indirectly from Japan’s contribution.

Johan Cels, UNHCR’s Representative in Japan, expressed his deep gratitude to Japan’s show of support and leadership saying: “UNHCR just turned 60 years old and the year 2011 marks the 30th anniversary of Japan’s accession to the 1951 Refugee Convention. Japan’s exceptional contribution to UNHCR and refugees illustrates its commitment and leadership in seeking to address humanitarian crises and human insecurities toward peacebuilding.”

In relation to Afghanistan, USD 21.3 million will enable projects to aid the return and reintegration of refugees and IDPs, while USD 6 million will directly support Afghan refugees in Iran. Further, for the first time, operations in support of refugees in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan will each receive USD 500,000 in funding, while IDPs and Afghan refugees who have been affected by the flooding in Pakistan will receive USD 52.7 million and USD 6.2 million respectively.

Japan’s contribution will strengthen the regional approach to assist the Afghan refugees who are not only in Afghanistan but also in the neighbouring countries, while aiding the ongoing support of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons facilitated by the governments of Iran and Pakistan. Over the past 30 years, UNHCR has supported over 1.5 million Afghan refugees in the provinces of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan in Pakistan. Following the flooding, UNHCR provided emergency shelter to almost two million people as part of the joint humanitarian effort in addition to providing transitional or permanent shelters to 7,000 families. Still today, some 166,000 people remain displaced and are living in over 240 camps and spontaneous settlements. The scale of Japan’s funding for the flood affected people is such that it will offer a vital support to the UNHCR operation as a whole.

Japan’s assistance to Africa, which amounts for USD 68.4 million, is provided for UNHCR operations in 13 countries. While UNHCR is actively involved in the follow-up process of TICAD IV of 2008, the Office continues its effort in the African nations to find solutions to those who have been obliged to flee their countries, many whom are women and children. This continues to be an uphill challenge as population growth, urbanization, mixed migration, climate change, food, water and energy insecurities, all present in Africa, can complicate and exacerbate conflict, often prolonging the situation of forced displacement.

UNHCR received USD 143,490,000 (approximately JPY13.5 billion) from the Government of Japan in 2010, making Japan the world’s second biggest contributor to the UN refugee agency after the United States of America.



Aid to Afghanistan, Pakistan and others	USD 87,324,000
Assistance for return and reintegration of Afghan refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)	USD 21,300,000
Assistance for Afghan refugees in Iran	USD 6,000,000
Assistance for Afghan refugees in Kazakhstan	USD 500,000
Assistance for Afghan refugees in Tajikistan	USD 500,000
Assistance for the Afghan refugees affected by the flooding in Pakistan	USD 6,286,000
Assistance for IDPs in Pakistan who have been affected by the flooding	USD 52,737,000
Aid to Africa	USD 68,400,000
Assistance for refugees, returnees, IDPs, and host communities in Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe	USD 68,400,000

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