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The person symbolizes persons of concern to UNHCR



Sheltering hands symbolizes UNHCR's commitment and efforts to protect refugees and persons of concern.

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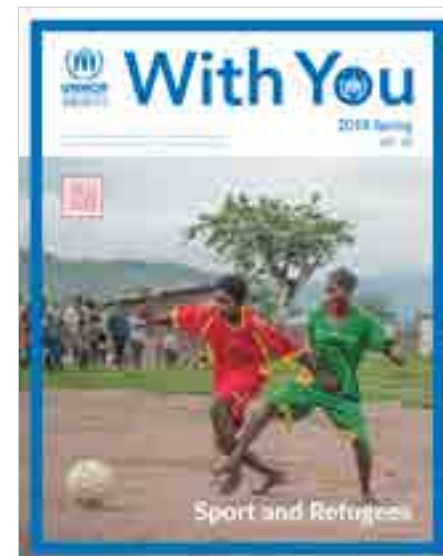
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Two years ago, 16-year-old Emerance fled Burundi to find safety in Lusenda refugee camp located in the Democratic republic of Congo. "It was night when I heard all the gunshots outside our house. My whole family started to run to escape death. Although I could later reunite with my dad, I lost contact with my older sister on that day. I still don't know what has happened to her." In Lusenda refugee camp, Emerance now captains an all-girl football team, the Morning Stars. Playing football helps Emerance to overcome traumatic memories. "It is not easy to live as a refugee. But now it has happened and we live with it. When I play, I forget about the hardships of living in the camp. It makes me think about the future."

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# Dream Diary, Young Football Fan Shoaib's Story

What are your wishes, dreams and new year's resolutions for the Year of Golden Dog, 2018? An Afghan refugee boy Shoaib shares his dreams and wishes for the future.

“When I wake up in the morning,  
I think about soccer.  
I go to bed at night and  
I still think about soccer.  
In my life, so many things have changed  
but playing soccer stayed the same.”

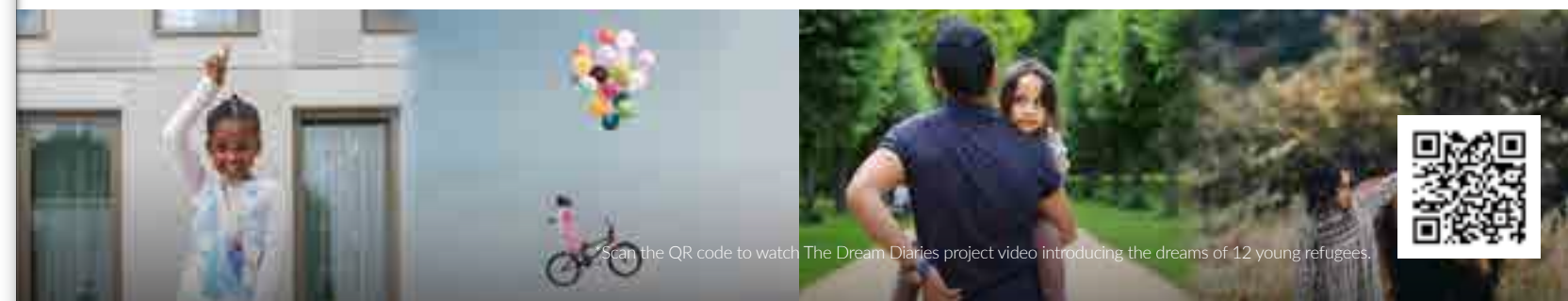
- Refugee Boy Shoaib -

11-year-old Shoaib is an Afghan refugee who has found safety in Germany. Afghanistan is one of the oldest region in the world to be struck by a refugee crisis where protracted conflict and persecution have resulted in nearly 4.7 million people being displaced as of the end of 2016. Half of all refugees around the world are – just like Shoaib – children under the age of 18, and their priceless childhood are spent amid insecurities in foreign countries. Even in the darkest and most disruptive times, playing football is the only joy that has kept Shoaib smiling.

“Soccer should be played together, not alone. When it's played together, then I love soccer. To me it doesn't matter who makes the score. If someone scores the goal, the whole team scores and wins.”

Shoaib aspires to be the best soccer player in the world, not just a regular player.

In 2018, UNHCR has embarked on a new project, The Dream Diaries, in collaboration with Humans of Amsterdam to protect the dreams of young refugees like Shoaib. Please join UNHCR to make the dreams of young refugees like Shoaib a reality.



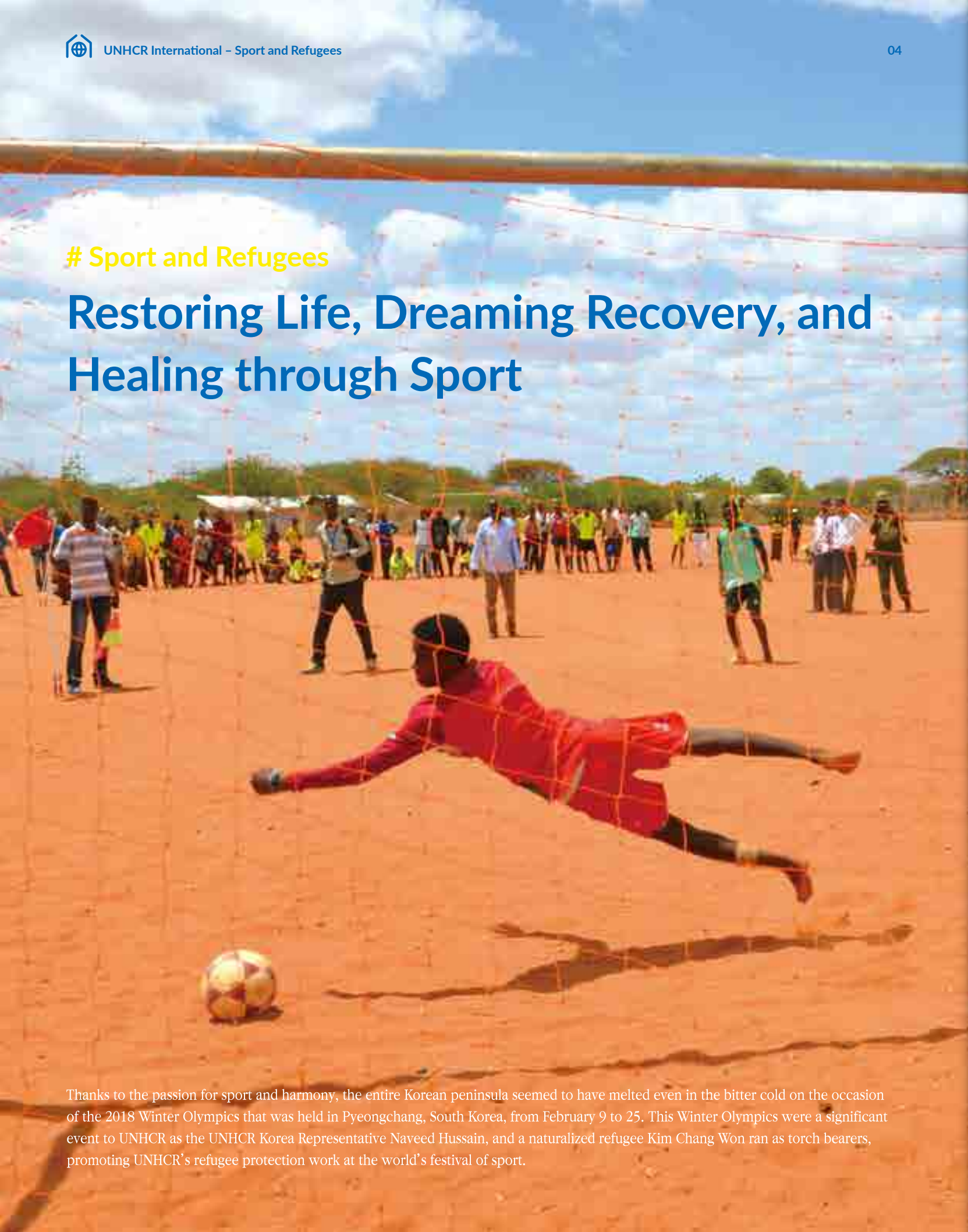
Scan the QR code to watch The Dream Diaries project video introducing the dreams of 12 young refugees.





## # Sport and Refugees

# Restoring Life, Dreaming Recovery, and Healing through Sport



Thanks to the passion for sport and harmony, the entire Korean peninsula seemed to have melted even in the bitter cold on the occasion of the 2018 Winter Olympics that was held in Pyeongchang, South Korea, from February 9 to 25. This Winter Olympics were a significant event to UNHCR as the UNHCR Korea Representative Naveed Hussain, and a naturalized refugee Kim Chang Won ran as torch bearers, promoting UNHCR’s refugee protection work at the world’s festival of sport.

## Why is Sport Important to Refugees?

Refugees who flee their homes overnight from conflict, violence and persecution do not have many things with them. They are exposed to precarious lives in foreign lands that they have reached by days of walking or crossing the sea.

In such circumstances, sport plays an ever-greater role in the lives of refugees. Sport activities especially help the physical, psychological and social development of refugee children and enable them to maintain a healthy life by healing the pain and scars they suffer from while finding a shelter. Furthermore, in refugee camps where educational and recreational activities are limited, sport may replace or complement the role of education, learning and game, as well as protect refugee children and adolescents from the risks of abuse, exploitation and violence.

Sport is equally important to adult refugees. It is an essential tool that ensures their physical and psychological well-being, gives them motivations and goals for a new life, and also helps recover a sense of dignity and independence. Sport activities especially help women interact with others and participate in social activities, particularly if they have less access to outdoor activities because of cultural traditions and beliefs. In addition, sport activities can also foster a safer and more peaceful environment in a community.

“Sport for displaced children is vital. It brings some semblance of normalcy in these young but already broken lives. Organized sport activities means a safe space in which they can heal, grow and develop.”

- Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees -



A refugee boy is playing football in Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya. © UNHCR/Will Swanson



## # Sport and Refugees

### UNHCR Refugee Sport Assistance

UNHCR strives to protect and support refugees through sport activities in refugee camps and shelters. Along with assistance for survival such as emergency relief, water and sanitation, food, shelter and medical aid, UNHCR also implements sport activities as an important factor of refugee 'protection' to help refugees cast away fears about war and death in order to heal physical and psychological pain from the past, restore their daily life and dream a healthy life.

For these purposes, UNHCR is working together with various partners such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and FC Barcelona. Particularly with the International Olympic Committee, it has maintained a 20-year long collaboration on sport-focused projects in refugee camps and shelters in more than 45 countries. The two organizations have carried out projects since early 2017 in six refugee camps in Rwanda, and a joint Sport for Protection Project that aims to ensure safety and security of refugee children and adolescent where they play and interact, avoid negative coping mechanisms, develop their resilience and help them acquiring valuable life skills for their present and future.

“Sport is an important protection mechanism against abuse, exploitation, neglect and violence.

Sport will have a positive impact on refugee adolescent and youth empowering relationships and social interaction with their peers, their families and their communities.”

- May Massoud, UNHCR Associate Child Protection Officer -

Furthermore, UNHCR is developing more activities through the Olympics Refugee Foundation that was launched by the International Olympic Committee in September 2017. Sport programmes designed by the Foundation will be based on refugees' needs and their capacity to sustain them, with the full participation of all communities involved. The Foundation will also seek to rally support from governments, international organizations, NGOs and other partners.

“UNHCR is fully supportive of the launch of Olympics Refugee Foundation which is an excellence initiative that will improve the life of thousands of displaced and disadvantaged children through sport.”

- Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees -



## # Sport and Refugees

### Story of Refugees: Restoring Life, Dreaming Recovery, and Healing through Sport

#### 1 Fly Taekwondo Girl, Story of Syrian Refugee Girls

A girl in Jordan's Azraq refugee camp is deeply in love with taekwondo. Her name is Solaf and she is turning eleven this year. She became interested in taekwondo after watching some children dressed in white taekwondo uniform walk at the camp. Solaf attends Taekwondo classes\* to learn how to defend herself. Originally from the town of Bosra in southern Syria, Solaf and her family fled to Jordan in 2013 after their home was destroyed in a missile strike.

“One day, A missile hit our roof and we had to go and sleep in the mosque. Then the mosque got bombed and after that we came to Jordan.”

- Solaf, Syrian refugee girl -

Despite the conflicts, violence and exhausting journey she experienced at a young age, Solaf and her family found safety in a refugee camp in Jordan where she trains her mind and body to overcome difficult memories through various sport activities such as football, volleyball and skipping.

Syrian refugee sisters Rayan and Zeinab are also sweating off in a taekwondo class in the same refugee camp. Learning taekwondo has taught them self-defence and boosted their self-confidence. Although they are facing an uncertain future, the two sisters are expanding their horizons and fueling their ambitions through a sport from a faraway country.

“I would like to be a world champion. I want people to wonder how a little girl was able to discover taekwondo and defend herself.”

- Rayan, Syrian refugee girl

\*Since 2013, UNHCR has run a taekwondo school in collaboration with the government of the Republic of Korea and partners in Jordan's Za'atari refugee camp, and more than 200 refugees have participated. In March 2016, UNHCR has signed an agreement with World Taekwondo and launched taekwondo program in two camps: Kilis in Turkey and Za'atari in Jordan. There are plans for an expansion to other regions such as Colombia, Greece, Ethiopia and Ghana.







## 2 Story of Congolese Refugee Safi, Single Mom and Captain of Female Football Team

Safi is a single mother originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who is raising a two-year-old child in Nyabiheke refugee camp located in Rwanda. Although Safi had to drop out of school because of her early pregnancy, she has been working as a community volunteer. She took on the responsibility for “Girls Take the Lead”, a project that aims at empowering refugee women and girls with skills to speak out on issues affecting their lives and seeking solutions for the same through sport and peer discussions.

Safi is also the captain and co-founder of Nyabiheke's first female football team, a team that was set up in 2015 with the purpose of helping refugee girls to overcome childhood traumas, to promote social inclusion through play, and to break the stigma of girls and sport.

**“We now have a complete football team composed of 11 girls. Our families are now more accepting of us playing sport, so we meet in between our household chores and livelihood activities. Now we have something to think about apart from the shocking memories of fleeing for our lives and our current stressful situation of being refugees.”**

- Safi, Congolese refugee -

## 3 Story of Burundian Refugee Jaqueline, Sport Coach

23-year-old Jacqueline fled her home in Burundi in 2015 and found safety in Rwanda's Mahama refugee camp. Her parents died when she was still a child, so she lived with her brother. One day, Jacqueline came back home to find her brother dead, killed by rebels. Traumatized by her brother's dead body, Jacqueline fainted. When she barely regained consciousness, she was able to reach the border with the help of a neighbor. She arrived all alone at Mahama refugee camp after a long and frightening journey and found safety.

Jacqueline has received sport coaching training at a youth center in the camp. She is now coaching several basketball and football teams and plays regularly. The training she receives at the center is important to Jacqueline, because it helps her overcome the pain from the past, makes more friends, obtain skills, and dream for the future.



## 4 Story of Syrian Refugee Boy Mohammad

**“It was the worst night of our lives.”**

For the first two years of the conflict in Syria, Mohammed's life was not too different from before. He went to school, played football with his brothers and cousins in the neighborhood, and went swimming on warm weekends in the lake near his home. One night in February 2013, the bombs began to fall, and Mohammed and his family huddled in a corner for safety. Although their house was destroyed, they were fortunate to emerge unhurt from the wreckage in the morning. Having lost their home overnight, his family arrived in Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan few days later. When he was forced to live in a tent, cut off from everything he once knew, Mohammed felt a deep despair:

**“I felt like there was nothing here for me. At first there were no schools for children my age, so I spent the first six months just sitting in the tent and doing nothing. It was very dusty and we were always getting ill.”**

- Mohammed, Syrian refugee boy -

One person in the camp had a plan to channel this energy into something more positive. Mohammed Al-Akrad is a 34-year-old Syrian

refugee and a former Middle Eastern wrestling champion. When UNHCR and its partners opened a fitness center in the camp, he suggested organizing wrestling classes for boys. When the classes began, Mohammed approached his young namesake and urged him to join. “I'd seen Mohammed fighting in the street a few times. So one day I told him to come to the wrestling class.”

The boy knew nothing about wrestling, but after several of his friends joined up he decided to try it out. He learned not only the wrestling techniques but also important sport values such as rules and discipline, respect for the opponent and aggression control. Once he started wrestling in earnest, Mohammed fell in love with the sport and discovered that he had a natural talent for it. Of the four camp championships held so far, Mohammed has won every one in his weight class.

**“Wrestling has planted a seed of ambition in him. If you have a dream then you also have hope, and it gives a sense of meaning to the life here in the camp.”**

- Mohammed, Syrian refugees' wrestling coach -



There are an estimated 65.6 million refugees and displaced persons around the world fleeing home from conflict, violence and persecution. More than half of them are children under the age of 18 and most of them have experienced some form of violence and trauma. Regular and structured sport activities in a safe environment are essential in providing protection and assistance to these children. Together with UNHCR, please support refugees around the world who are overcoming pain, restoring their everyday, and dreaming of a healthy life through sport.



## From Donatien, Burundian Youth to Kim Chang Won Korean Father

A father-of-two, a husband, a worker, a professional marathon runner, and a naturalized Korean citizen originally from Burundi. He has many titles. But the name that best describes his life now is ‘Kim Chang Won’. WithYou shares the marathon-like life journey of a 26-year-old Burundian youth, Buzingo Donatien, who after fifteen summers, has become a 41-year-old Korean, Kim Chang Won.

### Q. Please tell us about the process of leaving Burundi to arrive in Korea.

In 2003, I participated in the Summer Universiade games in the 10,000m and Half Marathon events held in Daegu, Korea as an international student representative. After losing my parents to civil war at the age of fifteen, I was always afraid of death. ‘Tomorrow’ was marked with anxiety because I didn’t know what would happen to me. But when I first arrived in Korea, nights were safe and people were also very friendly. I couldn’t stop thinking, “I want to live here.” So when I heard that there was a refugee application process in Korea, I applied immediately after the games.

### Q. Even after seeking asylum, you won several marathon events. You seem to have a special attachment to ‘running’.

I made it to Korea thanks to the marathon. I first arrived in Korea as a marathoner. Whenever I was lonely and exhausted while living in this country, marathon was a great comfort to me. I could get a job in Changwon, Gyeongsangnam-do, thanks to people I met in the marathon club. I’ve chosen the name ‘Kim Chang Won’ because I am grateful to the city of Changwon and also because I like this place. If there were no marathon in my life, there wouldn’t be Kim Chang Won as well. Every time I faced a tough situation, I told myself: ‘Just like when you run the marathon, don’t think too far but only focus on each and every step you take’. That’s the mindset that brought me all the way here. That’s what I am most grateful about.

### Q. Early this year, you carried a torch for the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

I felt extremely honored. I was happy to have gained the chance to participate in a national event. Above all, I was very excited to be marching as the ‘Korean Kim Chang Won’ representing Korean people. It felt as though I was being complimented to have lived and settled well in Korea until now. As I ran with the torch, I shouted “Go, Pyeongchang!” without knowing it, and I realized myself that I have really become Korean.

### Q. The process of becoming the “Korean Kim Chang Won” must have been hard.

I got a lot of help from UNHCR. I have received assistance until my refugee application was approved. The agency connected me to a safe residence and hospitals, and consistently helped me get basic necessities. I also received counseling, and so I relied a lot on your help. The most difficult time in Korea was when I first arrived. I felt frustrated and lonely, because I could not communicate with anyone. I started working because I wanted to earn money, but since my Korean was not strong, I merely did what I was asked to do without knowing exactly what I was doing. That’s when I realized the importance of communication. If you are not able to communicate properly, you risk of being misunderstood. I always wanted ask for discounts whenever I went to the market, but I couldn’t do it so that was very frustrating. (Laugh) Since then, I started taking Korean language courses

and as there were no smartphones back then, I carried a Korean dictionary with me and studied by searching each word in Korean.

### Q. You did not stop at learning Korean, but you also got a bachelor degree, master’s degree and a Ph.D. in business. You have also been recognized at your company for your hard work. How did you manage to do all this?

I had regretted for not finishing my studies—I came to Korea when I was in my third year at Burundi National University. Korea had become my second homeland when I decided to settle down in this country, and I just thought about working hard to live there. If I was forced to do what I did, I would have hated it. But since I did it on my own will, it wasn’t exhausting at all.

### Q. You have now successfully settled in Korea. Are you satisfied with your life?

Everyone naturally wishes to improve their life or move up to the next level. In that sense, I still feel like I have a long way to go. However, I am emotionally very satisfied. I have been able settle well in Korea thanks to the people who helped me even when I didn’t ask for it. I am happy now because I do not worry about tomorrow but dream about it.

### Q. What would you like to tell other refugees dreaming about naturalization?

I know how hard it is to live as a refugee, because I have been there myself. One lesson I’ve learned through marathon is that when you run, you have to clear your mind and focus on the next goal in order to complete the marathon. No matter how tough things might be, I believe we always have to hold on to hope, and carry on with our lives until we achieve what we want to achieve. There will be a better and brighter day if we do our best every single day with the thought that ‘I create the track that I run’.

#### \*Are there refugees in Korea too?

According to the Korea Immigration Service Statistics Report published by the Ministry of Justice on January 24, 2018, there are a total of 32,733 people who have sought asylum in Korea since the country began to accept refugee applications in January 1994 until December 2017. Among them, 9,942 people applied for refugee status in 2017. Compared to 2016, when 7,541 people applied, the number of applications increased by 31.8% and reached the highest number so far. In 2017, 439 people were granted refugee status or permitted to stay on humanitarian grounds, and 10,086 people were naturalized as Korean citizens.

## UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Series ⑤: Yusra Mardini

### Who are the UNHCR Goodwill Ambassadors?

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassadors (GWA) have the responsibility of formally representing UNHCR as ambassadors along with the High Commissioner. They help to raise awareness of our organization and issues relating to refugees worldwide through their influence, dedication and hard work. Including Special Envoy Angelina Jolie, there are a total of 20 Goodwill Ambassadors worldwide. In the spring edition of With You, we share with you the fifth story in the Goodwill Ambassador series, that of Yusra Mardini, who is a refugee swimmer and the youngest person to be appointed as a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador in 2017.

“Being a refugee is not a choice. War gave me a new name: refugee. This is my call for us to take a stand now, together, under that name we share.”

### Two brave sisters save the refugee boat

Yusra fled her hometown Damascus with her sister due to war in their native Syria, travelling through Lebanon and Turkey before trying to reach Greece by a small rubber boat. However,

the engine of the boat departing from Turkey suddenly broke down in the middle of the open sea and all the passengers were left stuck in the vast dark sea. When water permeated the boat, most of the passengers who did not know how to swim trembled in fear. However, Yusra and her sister Sarah who were trained swimmers jumped bravely into the sea. Taking strength from the determination to not let anyone die, the two sisters swam for life, pushing the flimsy boat for more than three hours in the cold sea. As a result, they have saved the lives of 20 fellow refugees. The boat reached safely the Greek island of Lesbos and the two sisters settled in Berlin, Germany, where they are now living.

### Refugee Olympic Team swimming teenager, cleaving through the water of hope

Few months later, Yusra became part of the Refugee Olympic Athletes team with nine other refugees and competed in the Olympics in 2016. The team received spotlight for its first Olympics and spread the message of peace and harmony. Since competing at Rio 2016, Yusra has especially inspired people through her personal story and has been working together with UNHCR for the protection of refugees. She continues to be a powerful voice for forcibly displaced people across the world and has become the symbolic figure demonstrating resilience and determination to rebuild her life and contribute positively to her host community.

### Being appointed as the youngest UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador

Through these courses of experience, Yusra has been appointed as the youngest UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador in April 2017. She has gone on to meet world leaders and the Pope to convey the refugee crisis and is determined to continue to use her skills and influence as an advocate for the refugee cause. Yusra also attended the 2017 World Economic Forum, held in Davos, as the youngest participant and shared her experience. Currently, Yusra has two important goals.

“I’ve been thinking a lot about what I can do to help refugees across the world. The most important thing in my life is swimming. Then speaking and doing things to help refugees.”

### Protecting refugees by working together

From the girl risking her life to push the refugee boat in the middle of the sea, to the swimmer representing the Refugee Olympic Team, and now the UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, we hope that Yusra’s devotion to protecting refugees becomes a starting point for many to better understand the pain and difficulties of refugees around the world and join in to protect and support refugees.

# UNHCR News

## PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Talk Concert

Seven UN offices in Korea including the UNHCR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea as well as the PyeongChang Olympics Organizing Committee co-hosted the 'PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics & SDGs Talk Concert' on 6 February 2018 at the KT Olleh Square Dream Hall in Seoul. Speakers included Mr. Edward Kwon, Chef, Ms. Sun-yu Jin, Ice Skating Coach at Dankook University, Ms. Sun-joo Lee, Senior Vice President of KT, Mr. Duck-hee Lee, World-Ranked Tennis Player, Mr. Eak Pur Biel, runner on the Olympic Refugee Team. Each of them chose one goal out of the 17 SDGs to share their experience in connection with each topic. There was a special performance by Viva Chamber Ensemble made up of youth with disabilities (sponsored by Samsung Fire).

Eak Pur Biel, an Olympic runner and UNHCR High Profile Supporter, talked about how sport empowers refugees,

and shared his story as a South Sudanese refugee living in Kenya for more than 10 years. He also discussed the changes he experienced after being selected to compete for the Refugee Olympic Team. Biel emphasized that peace is the beginning of any talk pertaining to SDGs. On February 5, he also attended the Truce Mural ceremony and supported the spirit by signing for the Olympic Truce.



\*Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are goals that all UN member countries have to adopt between 2016 and 2030 as per the agenda adopted in 2015 by the UN to improve the environment and address challenges faced by humanity. The goals include 17 sustainable development goals, 169 targets, 230 global indicators and deals with challenges such as poverty, disease, education, women, children and refugees, global environmental challenges such as climate change, energy and pollution, as well as economic and social challenges such as skills, living, labor-management and employment.

## UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres visits Korea

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres who served as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees from 2005 to 2015 visited Korea from February 7 to 10 to attend the PyeongChang Olympics Opening Ceremony. The Secretary-General participated in the Global Engagement & Empowerment Forum on Sustainable Development (GEEF-SD) and delivered a keynote address on February 6. He also held a meeting with UN staff in Korea. At the PyeongChang Olympics Opening Ceremony on February 7, he spoke with President Moon Jae-in.

90 people attended the meeting Antonio Guterres held with UN staff in Korea, from 18 different UN and international organizations such as the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), UN Development Programme (UNDP) Seoul Policy Center and UN Project Office on Governance (UNPOG). In his greeting message, the Secretary-General urged for mutual cooperation in accordance with each organization's distinct mission for the achievement of the 2030 SDGs.



## UNHCR Korea representative, Naveed Hussain participates in the PyeongChang Olympics Torch Relay

As one of the 600 PyeongChang Olympics torch bearers, Naveed Hussain participated in the torch relay event held in Paju's Heyri Valley on January 19 and wished a successful opening of the Olympics. He also hoped that the Olympic Games will contribute to global peace and international solidarity.



# Donor News

## Moojuk foreign language institute's donation

Moojuk Foreign Language Institute organized an event to help and raise funds for Syrian Refugees. The three-day event included lectures in English on topics like Syrian refugees and global citizenship and a bazaar where students cooked, sold food and used their talent to draw caricature, as well as put on dance, singing and guitar performances. As part of the lecture, there was a Q&A session via Skype with Melissa Fleming, UNHCR's Chief Spokesperson. Students found the event to be a meaningful opportunity to hear vivid stories of refugees.

Students said, "we hope refugees around the world do not lose hope and overcome their hardship," and "we hope our support could help refugees live in a healthier environment."



## Helper's High Choir donates the proceeds from their concerts

We thank the Helper's High Choir who held a charity concert from 2013 to 2017 and donated the proceeds to UNHCR Korea. Helper's High Choir's donation was used to help Rohingya refugees through the Global Emergency Relief Fund.

All of UNHCR's work are made possible by your participation and support. Thank you all for helping refugee families!

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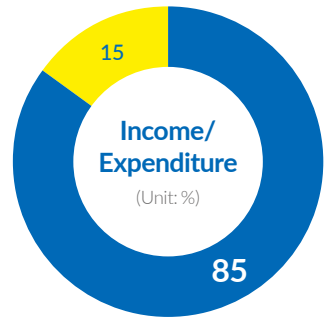


For more donor Q&A

# UNHCR Korea 2017 Fundraising Results

## Republic of Korea Government Contributions

In 2017, the Government of the Republic of Korea donated a total of US \$21,845,151 to UNHCR and it was used as follows:



### Earmarked Contribution

UNHCR's response to humanitarian crisis in areas such as Syria

(Unit: US \$)  
18,431,702

### Non-Earmarked Contribution

Supported the needs according to UNHCR's annual business plan

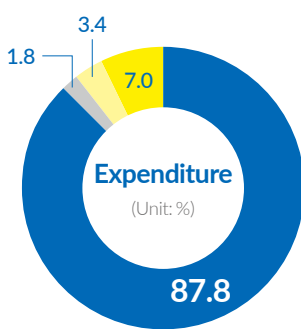
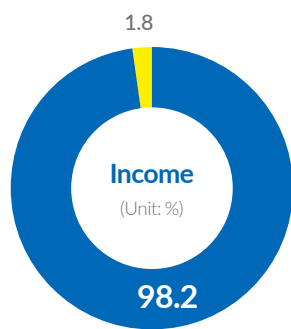
3,413,449

### Total

21,845,151

## Private Donation

In 2017, 40,799,844,385 won were raised in the private sector which includes donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations.



Division	Amount (Unit: KRW)
Individual	40,045,080,898
Corporations and Foundations	754,763,486
Total	40,799,844,385

Division	Fund	Amount (Unit: KRW)
Where most needed		35,823,022,262
Emergency relief	Syrian emergency relief (5.0%)	2,042,237,402
	Global emergency relief (1.6%)	664,491,677
	Rohingya emergency relief _ Bangladesh (0.2%)	70,000,000
	Yemen emergency relief (0.1%)	50,000,000
	East Africa emergency relief (0.0%)	17,782,000
Global shelter campaign	Global shelter campaign (3.3%)	1,343,271,044
	Global shelter campaign _ Bangladesh (0.1%)	50,000,000
	Global shelter campaign _ Uganda (0.0%)	16,785,000
Other Funds	SBS Hope TV Fund _ Kenya (0.7%)	295,039,000
	Global DAFI Fund (0.5%)	200,000,000
	SBS Hope TV Fund _ DR Congo (0.3%)	131,670,000
	Educating Refugee Children (EAC) (0.1%)	50,000,000
	WASH Fund _ Bangladesh (0.1%)	30,000,000
	Nine Million Campaign Fund (0.0%)	8,876,000
	MBC W Fund (0.0%)	6,670,000
Total		40,799,844,385

\*Out of the total funds raised in Korea in 2017, 250 million won are to be used subsequently in accordance with the expenditure plan.  
\*\*More information on contributions to UNHCR in 2017 can be found in UNHCR Global Report which will be published in June 2018.

UNHCR is committed to ensuring that your valuable contributions are used to protect refugees around the world, under the principle of professionalism, accountability and transparency.

### Professionalism – a specialized UN agency seeking solutions to permanent refugee problems

The UN Refugee Agency, which is tasked with by the United Nations General Assembly, is a specialized UN organization seeking a permanent solution to refugee and refugee issues. We have the ability to support up to 600,000 people within 72 hours of emergencies, anywhere in the world.

### Responsibility – responsible refugee protection activities

UNHCR is always by the side of refugees and others who need protection and support. We are the first to arrive where they need help, provide the goods and services they need, and carry out our responsibilities until the situation is concluded safely.

### Transparency – transparent donation

Your contributions are spent entirely on UNHCR's refugee protection projects. All contributions from the private sector are sent to the UNHCR Headquarters the following month, and used for UNHCR's annual refugee protection projects, part of the annual plan and emergency response needs.



# The Syria Crisis: Seven Years On

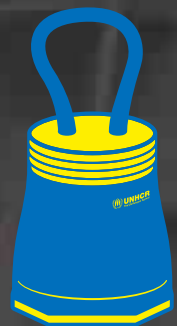
Seven years on since the emergency that began in March 2011, the Syrian conflict has driven over 5.5 million people into exile across the region and displaced another six million inside the country. Nearly a half of 22 million Syrian people are estimated to be affected by the conflict and in need of immediate humanitarian aid.

Accounting for the world's largest number of forcibly displaced people, the Syrian conflict is the greatest tragedy of the 21st century and the biggest humanitarian crisis of our time. However, with the help of donors like you for the past 7 years, UNHCR has been able to protect the displaced in Syria as well as neighboring countries and provided them with shelter, medical care, legal protection, relief items, education and livelihood assistance.



Watch Syria  
Emergency Video

## How you helped Internally Displaced Persons in Syria in 2017



**6,000,000**

6 million basic aid items kit (contains 2 blankets, 3 mattresses, 3 sleeping mats, 1 kitchen set, 1 tarpaulin sheet and 1 solar lamp, and in winter, we add 1 extra plastic sheet and winter clothing) distributed to those most in need, in hard-to-reach areas

**2,600,000**

2.6 million people benefited from protection and community service activities



**500,000**

500,000 people provided with access health care



**177,000**

177,000 children supported with education interventions such as remedial classes. 50 schools inside Syria rehabilitated

**800,000**

800,000 people assisted with winter aid including warm blankets and clothes

**350,000**

350,000 people received shelter



## People facing death and poverty amidst humanitarian crisis

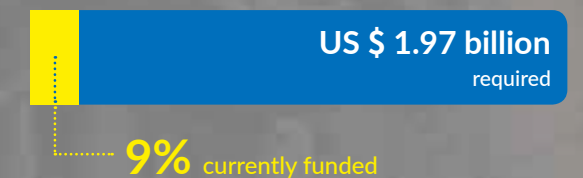
However, there are still many Syrians who need our help right now. Refugees living in neighboring countries may have escaped death, but they are living on \$3 a day in extreme poverty, in an environment lacking safety, human rights, and standard of living. Those who are trapped in brutal conflicts in Syria live everyday in fear of death.

Last March, with the capacity to protect and provide for up to 600,000 people within 72 hours, UNHCR have delivered basic necessities to civilians trapped in regions like East Ghouta that are under attack. UNHCR is on the front line, protecting and helping refugees in dangerous situations, often at the risk of our own lives. We need your help to continue our work. A total of US\$1.97 billion is required in 2018, and as of March 7, 2018, only 9% has been raised.

**“I visited Eastern Ghouta to deliver relief items, and it was on the verge of a major disaster. It was amazing to see that it was mostly women and children living there in that neighborhood that I walked around.”**

- UNHCR's Representative to Syria, Sajjad Malik -

## 2018 Syria Emergency Funding



## Story of 7-year-old Refugee Fatmeh

Fatmeh was born in 2011, the year when the Syrian conflict broke out. She is now 7 years old. Fatmeh has only known life in violence, conflict and a refugee camp. Fatmeh lives in a refugee camp in Jordan where there has been yet another brutal winter. Fatmeh's family who has been away from home for so long, are running out of savings, being more and more dependent on outside help. Father-of-three, Fatmeh's dad is saddened by the reality of not being able to provide warm and safe living space for his children. "I put four blankets on my eldest daughter and she still wasn't feeling warm."

Both inside and outside Syria, the refugees have experienced a tragedy for the last 7 years. Please help Fatmeh so that the 7-year-old girl can dream a future different from what she has experienced so far in her life. Although we may not be able to stop the conflict, we can change the future of refugee children like Fatmeh.

\*You can help providing emergency relief to Syrian refugees by filling out the Donation Agreement Form included in the newsletter.





# Spot the Difference

Refugee children playing sport look healthy and energetic! Compare the two photos and find 5 spots that are different.

Take a picture of the answer to the puzzle and send it to us via text message to 1666-5147 by April 20, 2018 with the following information: 2018 Spring Edition/Your Name/Your Address (e.g. 2018 Spring Edition/Hong Gil-dong/6, Mugyo-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, Korea). UNHCR Korea will send a small gift of gratitude to selected participants.



\*Thank you to everyone who participated in the last edition's quiz and survey.

## With You Newsletter Survey Event!

Your feedback is important to us! Please take a moment to answer our survey, and let us know how we can improve our newsletter. We will send a small gift to everyone who participate in our survey.

- Survey period: until April 20, 2018
- How to participate: Scan the QR code on the right. After completing the survey, click the "submit" button.

