



WORKING TOGETHER

To serve displaced and
stateless populations

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Investing in Partnerships

UNHCR has a long history of working with partners to provide better protection and solutions to displaced and stateless people, in line with its mandate.

UNHCR's 2018-2024 partnerships in numbers



USD 9.2 billion
spent



1,780 partner
organizations



12,270 partner
agreements

Today, as envisioned in the [Global Compact on Refugees](#), UNHCR is working with hundreds of partners around the world that provide valuable expertise and understanding of the local context. Together, we ensure that people forced to flee and those without a nationality have timely access to the services they need.

Five Principles of Partnership



Equality



Transparency



Results-
oriented
approach



Responsibility



Complementarity



Our partners include

- National and international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Organizations led by forcibly displaced or stateless people
- Governments
- UN organizations and programmes

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Values-based Collaboration

Organizations that wish to partner with UNHCR are expected to meet the following criteria:

- Uphold the core values of the United Nations and UNHCR and the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)
- Be committed to complying with UNHCR's standards on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse
- Practice good governance, including transparency, accountability and sound financial management
- Not have been charged with or been complicit in fraud or financial and non-financial corrupt activities
- Not be sanctioned by the UN Security Council Committee

UNHCR's Partnership Approach

The partnership and solid collaboration between UNHCR and its partners is what makes our joint work a success.

UNHCR strives to ensure

Effective collaboration

- Easy registration on the UN Partner Portal
- Fair and transparent partnership selection processes
- Timely establishment of partnership agreements

Guidance and support

- Provision of support during implementation
- Capacity strengthening opportunities (UN Partner Portal knowledge hubs, lessons learned etc.)
- Stakeholder coordination
- Joint monitoring and reviews

Sound stewardship

- Clear monitoring and audit procedures
- A harmonized tool for assessing the capacity of partners to manage the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse, developed in collaboration with other UN entities

Aiming to improve further the collaboration with its partners, UNHCR is currently developing the Project, Reporting, Oversight and Monitoring Solution (PROMS), which will facilitate the management of partner agreements, enable online collaboration and document management and reduce manual tasks.

UN Partner Portal (UNPP)

The [UN Partner Portal](#) facilitates the collaboration between organizations and UN entities, including UNHCR.

The UN Partner Portal provides prospective partners with a digital space to enhance their visibility, find open opportunities, and submit applications and concept notes for funding consideration.

Apart from UNHCR, other UN entities present on the portal are the World Food Program (WFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Women, the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Secretariat and all its offices and departments.

The UN Partner Portal at a glance

10 United Nations entities

Over 55,000 civil society organisations

Over 6,500 partnerships facilitated





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Please visit the UN Partner Portal for
the latest partnership opportunities:

<https://www.unpartnerportal.org>