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Summary

In October 2025, at its seventy-sixth plenary session, the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme approved the original annual budget of \$8,504.5 million for 2026. As of 31 July 2026, the cut-off date for this report, the total budget for 2026 remains at \$8,504.5 million.

A total of \$2,256.2 million was recorded in voluntary contributions for the budget year 2026 as of 31 July 2026.

A draft decision on budgets and funding for 2026 is provided in annex VII.

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I. Introduction

1. The present document provides an update on the UNHCR requirements and funding for 2026 as of 31 July 2026. It should be noted that all income and expenditure amounts are expressed on a modified cash basis.¹

- The original and current budget and interim expenditure for 2026 are summarized in annex I.
- Annex II provides the lists of transfers from the 2026 operational reserve.
- Annex III shows overall contributions to UNHCR for 2026.
- Annex IV shows contributions via national partners for 2026.
- Annex V provides the list of flexible contributions to UNHCR for 2026.
- Annex VI provides the list of flexible contributions from private donors for 2026.
- Annex VII provides a draft decision on budgets and funding for 2026.

II. Update on budgets and funding for 2026

A. Total requirements

2. The original annual budget of \$8,504.5 million for 2026 was approved by the Executive Committee at its seventy-sixth plenary session in October 2025.²

B. Supplementary budgets

3. As of 31 July 2026, the cut-off date for the data presented in this report, the High Commissioner has not established any supplementary budgets. The total current budget for 2026 remains \$8,504.5 million.

4. Since the beginning of 2026, UNHCR has responded to five declared emergencies in 14 countries. These include two newly declared emergencies in 2026 – the South Sudan emergency due to displacement into Ethiopia and the Middle East emergency, as well as the on-going the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and Sudan emergencies. UNHCR has worked with authorities, refugees and communities, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide life-saving assistance, strengthen protection services and support national response systems. In several countries, new emergencies have added pressure to already stretched humanitarian operations, leaving refugees and host communities with limited basic services, rising food insecurity, inadequate shelter, and protection risks linked to insecurity and movement restrictions.

5. UNHCR responses have included the rapid deployment of emergency teams, protection monitoring, distribution of core relief items, cash assistance, provision of shelter and basic services. UNHCR has also supported access to documentation, prevention and response to gender-based violence, child protection case management, community-based protection, and coordination of responses for refugee and internally displaced persons.

¹ Figures are presented in millions of United States dollars. The totals in this document may not add up due to rounding.

² See [A/AC.96/76/5](#).

C. Transfers and other adjustments

6. The current annual budget for 2026 incorporates internal adjustments made by the High Commissioner, in accordance with financial rule 208.2.³ As of 31 July 2026, there have been no transfers from the operational reserve, as presented in annex II.

7. Table II.2 below shows the current distribution of requirements by country and regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters as of 31 July 2026, compared to the previous report to the Standing Committee in June 2026 which had a cut-off date of 30 April 2026. As shown, there were internal adjustments in the operational requirements during the period amounting to \$1.9 million from headquarters, primarily from the Division of People Management to Global Shared Services under Country Operational Technical Support. This adjustment reflects the ongoing implementation of Global Shared Services with the transfer of functions, including people management services, in support of this initiative.

³ See [A/AC.96/503/Rev.12](#).

Table II.2

Comparison of requirements for 2026 by country and regional programmes, global programmes and headquarters

(In millions of United States dollars)

	2026 budget				Variance	
	As at 31 July		As at 30 April		31 July vs 30 April	
	Amount	Percentage over total	Amount	Percentage over total	Amount	Percentage change
West and Central Africa	1,259.4	15%	1,259.4	15%	0.0	0%
Eastern and Southern Africa	1,981.8	23%	1,981.8	23%	0.0	0%
Middle East and North Africa	1,628.5	19%	1,628.5	19%	0.0	0%
Asia and the Pacific	865.2	10%	865.2	10%	0.0	0%
Europe	942.3	11%	942.3	11%	0.0	0%
Americas	715.2	8%	715.2	8%	0.0	0%
Country operational technical support	151.3	2%	149.4	2%	1.9	1%
Subtotal Country and regional programmes	7,543.8	89%	7,541.9	89%	1.9	0%
Global programmes	344.3	4%	344.3	4%	0.0	0%
Headquarters	200.0	2%	201.9	2%	(1.9)	-1%
Subtotal Programmed activities	8,088.1	95%	8,088.1	95%	1.9	0%
Operational reserve	404.4	5%	404.4	5%	0.0	0%
Subtotal Programmed activities and operational reserve	8,492.5	100%	8,492.5	100%	0.0	0%
Junior Professional Officer programme	12.0	0%	12.0	0%	0.0	0%
Total	8,504.5	100%	8,504.5	100%	0.0	0%

8. Table II.3 presents the 2026 requirements by impact area. Increases were in impact area 4 (solve) following budget reallocation within the Syrian Arab Republic as well as Burundi, Lebanon and the United Republic of Tanzania. These resulted in minor decreases in impact area 2 (respond), impact area 1 (protect) and impact area 3 (empower). UNHCR continues to deliver core protection and support solutions, through close engagement with governments and partners.

Table II.3

Comparison of requirements for 2026 by impact area

(In millions of US dollars)

<i>Impact area</i>	<i>2026 budget</i>				<i>Variance</i>	
	<i>As at 31 July</i>		<i>As at 30 April</i>		<i>31 July vs 30 April</i>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percentage over total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percentage over total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Percentage change</i>
1: Protect (Attaining favourable protection environments)	2,127.4	25%	2,142.1	25%	(14.7)	-1%
2: Respond (Realizing basic rights in safe environments)	3,175.0	37%	3,235.0	38%	(59.9)	-2%
3: Empower (Empowering communities and achieving gender equality)	1,291.1	15%	1,304.0	15%	(12.9)	-1%
4: Solve (Securing solutions)	1,494.5	18%	1,407.1	17%	87.5	6%
Subtotal Programmed activities	8,088.1	95%	8,088.1	95%	0.0	0%
Operational reserve	404.4	5%	404.4	5%	0.0	0%
Junior Professional Officer programme	12.0	0%	12.0	0%	0.0	0%
Total	8,504.5	100%	8,504.5	100%	0.0	0%

9. Table II.4 compares the 2026 current budget and estimated funds available, which result in the current projected funding gap of \$4,762.0 million, or 56 per cent, for 2026.

Table II.4

2026 budget, estimated funds available and projected funding gap at 31 July 2026

(In millions of United States dollars)

Original budget		8,504.5
Supplementary budgets		-
Current budget	(A)	8,504.5
Carry-over from 2025		101.4
Voluntary contributions		2,256.2
Voluntary contributions projected in 2026		867.7
Voluntary contributions recorded in prior years for activities with implementation in 2026		496.0
Voluntary contributions recorded in 2026 for activities with implementation in 2026 and beyond		(29.9)
United Nations regular budget		51.1
Estimated funds available	(B)	3,742.5
Projected funding gap	(C) = (B) - (A)	(4,762.0)

10. As of 31 July 2026, voluntary contributions of \$2,256.2 million were recorded for the budget year 2026, including \$359.4 million from non-governmental organizations, foundations and private donors. At this time last year, \$2,372.8 million had been received or pledged, including \$347.7 million from non-governmental organizations, foundations and private donors

11. In view of the demands placed on the Office, donors are encouraged to continue to respond generously to the High Commissioner's appeal for resources to meet the current annual budget requirements, including through unearmarked funds.

Original and current budget and interim expenditure for 2026

(as of 31 July 2026, in thousands of United States dollars)

	Original budget					Current budget					Interim expenditure (on modified cash basis)
	Impact area 1: Protect	Impact area 2: Respond	Impact area 3: Empower	Impact area 4: Solve	Total	Impact area 1: Protect	Impact area 2: Respond	Impact area 3: Empower	Impact area 4: Solve	Total	
West and Central Africa	348,001	396,321	283,969	231,138	1,259,429	322,348	411,630	305,733	219,718	1,259,429	256,771
Eastern and Southern Africa	447,518	1,015,688	348,604	170,001	1,981,811	442,491	928,444	416,411	194,466	1,981,811	384,319
Middle East and North Africa	273,408	755,826	225,892	373,371	1,628,497	287,344	762,542	208,874	369,737	1,628,497	329,818
Asia and the Pacific	211,271	367,235	165,144	121,549	865,199	211,611	369,630	177,771	106,188	865,199	181,674
Europe	302,279	305,479	31,596	302,938	942,293	314,987	340,216	33,376	253,714	942,293	295,394
Americas	355,759	56,115	48,203	255,169	715,246	380,779	54,562	47,101	232,803	715,246	109,194
Country operational technical support	23,344	92,306	13,292	17,506	146,448	27,565	87,675	16,729	19,365	151,334	64,948
Subtotal											
Country and regional programmes	1,961,579	2,988,970	1,116,700	1,471,673	7,538,922	1,987,124	2,954,699	1,205,995	1,395,990	7,543,808	1,622,118
Global programmes	87,388	141,622	49,757	65,533	344,299	89,540	137,513	54,342	62,903	344,299	197,852
Headquarters	50,318	88,191	28,650	37,734	204,894	50,736	82,836	30,792	35,643	200,008	128,564
	2,099,285	3,218,783	1,195,107	1,574,940	8,088,115	2,127,401	3,175,048	1,291,129	1,494,537	8,088,115	1,948,534
Operational reserve	-	-	-	-	404,406	-	-	-	-	404,406	-
Subtotal											
Programmed activities and operational reserve	2,099,285	3,218,783	1,195,107	1,574,940	8,492,521	2,127,401	3,175,048	1,291,129	1,494,537	8,492,521	1,948,534
Junior Professional Officer programme	-	-	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	12,000	5,919
Total	2,099,285	3,218,783	1,195,107	1,574,940	8,504,521	2,127,401	3,175,048	1,291,129	1,494,537	8,504,521	1,954,453

Annex III

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Contributions to UNHCR – 2026

(as of 31 July 2026, in United States dollars)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Governments and the European Union</i>	<i>Private donors</i>	<i>UN pooled funding and intergovernmental donors</i>	<i>Total</i>
European Union	\$402,283,702			\$402,283,702
Country-based pooled funds			\$203,645,510	\$203,645,510
Sweden	\$142,353,468	\$24,863,318		\$167,216,785
Germany	\$137,338,582	\$21,110,608		\$158,449,190
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	\$122,989,157	\$16,648,226		\$139,637,383
Canada	\$66,607,046	\$69,316,924		\$135,923,970
Japan	\$106,483,935	\$25,761,758		\$132,245,693
Denmark	\$106,381,515	\$22,423,393		\$128,804,908
United States of America	\$89,000,000	\$20,631,690		\$109,631,690
Norway	\$97,499,781	\$1,783,620		\$99,283,400
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	\$84,716,632	\$6,736,774		\$91,453,405
Switzerland	\$58,176,252	\$7,222,371		\$65,398,623
Spain	\$16,782,027	\$44,251,001		\$61,033,028
United Nations Regular Budget			\$51,135,500	\$51,135,500
Australia	\$40,065,356	\$8,829,048		\$48,894,405
Republic of Korea	\$26,813,659	\$18,013,353		\$44,827,013
Italy	\$20,302,447	\$20,227,829		\$40,530,275
Ireland	\$33,221,385	\$49,889		\$33,271,274
Finland	\$27,435,447	\$125,714		\$27,561,162
Austria	\$20,939,468	\$11,697		\$20,951,165
Central Emergency Response Fund			\$18,850,659	\$18,850,659
Belgium	\$14,341,251			\$14,341,251
Luxembourg	\$13,843,901	\$343,750		\$14,187,651
China	\$1,837,999	\$10,801,488		\$12,639,486
Qatar	\$8,201,841	\$844,808		\$9,046,648
France	\$2,879,094	\$4,918,485		\$7,797,579
Online donations through Islamic philanthropy platforms		\$7,141,897		\$7,141,897
New Zealand	\$4,482,101	\$110,644		\$4,592,745
Iceland	\$4,277,404			\$4,277,404
United Arab Emirates		\$4,169,324		\$4,169,324
UN Joint Programmes			\$3,828,012	\$3,828,012
Greece		\$2,935,007		\$2,935,007
Thailand	\$20,000	\$2,891,566		\$2,911,566
Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan			\$2,905,234	\$2,905,234
United Nations Peacebuilding Fund			\$2,707,000	\$2,707,000

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Governments and the European Union</i>	<i>Private donors</i>	<i>UN pooled funding and intergovernmental donors</i>	<i>Total</i>
Brazil		\$2,570,688		\$2,570,688
Malaysia		\$2,369,273		\$2,369,273
Mexico		\$2,090,659		\$2,090,659
Bahrain		\$2,002,200		\$2,002,200
United Nations Children's Fund			\$1,929,699	\$1,929,699
Portugal	\$175,644	\$1,496,949		\$1,672,593
Philippines	\$150,000	\$1,501,169		\$1,651,169
Poland	\$1,489,304	\$11,737		\$1,501,041
Monaco	\$1,435,431			\$1,435,431
African Development Fund			\$1,433,838	\$1,433,838
Kuwait	\$1,019,745	\$333,600		\$1,353,345
Online donations through www.unhcr.org*		\$878,759		\$878,759
Jersey	\$756,510			\$756,510
Ecuador	\$713,449			\$713,449
United Nations Development Programme			\$614,963	\$614,963
World Food Programme			\$598,563	\$598,563
Indonesia		\$597,050		\$597,050
Czechia	\$240,315	\$313,837		\$554,152
Argentina		\$552,128		\$552,128
South Africa	\$235,825	\$315,528		\$551,353
Saudi Arabia		\$549,460		\$549,460
Singapore	\$60,000	\$487,821		\$547,821
United Nations Office for Project Services			\$500,000	\$500,000
Oman		\$374,294		\$374,294
Leaving No One Behind – The Internal Displacement Solutions Fund			\$369,994	\$369,994
International Organization for Migration			\$362,056	\$362,056
UN Women			\$331,500	\$331,500
Türkiye	\$300,000			\$300,000
Kenya		\$295,842		\$295,842
World Health Organization			\$287,637	\$287,637
Islamic Development Bank			\$251,553	\$251,553
Uruguay	\$250,000			\$250,000
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS			\$250,000	\$250,000
Cyprus	\$232,911			\$232,911
Hungary	\$200,000			\$200,000
Algeria	\$200,000			\$200,000
Colombia		\$200,000		\$200,000
Lithuania	\$174,423			\$174,423

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Governments and the European Union</i>	<i>Private donors</i>	<i>UN pooled funding and intergovernmental donors</i>	<i>Total</i>
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights			\$170,434	\$170,434
Romania	\$64,154	\$96,634		\$160,788
Nigeria		\$153,634		\$153,634
Isle of Man	\$132,100			\$132,100
UN Population Fund			\$109,834	\$109,834
Chile		\$84,522		\$84,522
Slovakia	\$82,160			\$82,160
Estonia	\$81,967			\$81,967
Malta	\$58,824			\$58,824
Peru	\$56,263			\$56,263
Inter-American Development Bank			\$55,000	\$55,000
Kazakhstan	\$50,000			\$50,000
Montenegro	\$28,810			\$28,810
Serbia	\$23,776			\$23,776
Armenia	\$20,000			\$20,000
Costa Rica	\$11,577			\$11,577
Kyrgyzstan	\$4,175			\$4,175
Egypt		\$1,883		\$1,883
Total**	\$1,657,520,815	\$359,441,847	\$290,336,986	\$2,307,299,648

* The total for "Online donations through www.unhcr.org" includes online contributions from private donors worldwide routed through regional offices.

** Excludes a total of \$496,030,975 acknowledged in prior years for activities implemented in 2026 and includes \$29,874,247 acknowledged in 2026 for activities with implementation in 2027 and beyond.

Annex IV

Contributions to UNHCR via national partners - 2026*

(as of 31 July 2026, in United States dollars)

<i>National Partner</i>	<i>Total**</i>
España con ACNUR (Spain)	\$48,812,158
Sweden for UNHCR	\$24,863,318
Japan for UNHCR	\$21,338,711
UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe (Germany)	\$21,110,608
USA for UNHCR	\$19,914,554
Australia for UNHCR	\$8,829,048
Switzerland for UNHCR	\$7,159,291
UK for UNHCR	\$5,477,606
Portugal com ACNUR	\$1,496,949
Argentina for UNHCR	\$552,128
Aotearoa New Zealand for UNHCR	\$110,644
Total national partners	\$159,665,015

* Amounts reported have already been included in the table above on overall contributions to UNHCR in 2026.

** Totals may include public funds channeled through national partners.

Annex V

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Flexible contributions to UNHCR – 2026

(as of 31 July 2026, in United States dollars)

	<i>Public donor</i>	<i>Unearmarked contribution including donor ranking</i>		<i>Softly earmarked contribution including donor ranking*</i>		<i>Total flexible funding</i>
1	Sweden	1	\$90,303,623	3	\$20,010,817	\$110,314,440
2	Germany	5	\$27,809,965	1	\$68,512,995	\$96,322,961
3	Denmark	4	\$37,803,957	2	\$41,660,354	\$79,464,311
4	Norway	2	\$61,583,578	12	\$3,586,498	\$65,170,076
5	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	3	\$40,983,607			\$40,983,607
6	Switzerland	6	\$22,113,022	5	\$13,267,813	\$35,380,835
7	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7	\$18,691,589	11	\$4,010,695	\$22,702,284
8	Ireland	8	\$14,484,357	6	\$8,111,240	\$22,595,597
9	Australia	15	\$3,581,662	4	\$14,326,648	\$17,908,309
10	Canada	10	\$8,917,197	8	\$6,925,568	\$15,842,766
11	Finland	12	\$7,494,647	7	\$8,111,240	\$15,605,887
12	Belgium	9	\$10,695,187	14	\$3,476,246	\$14,171,433
13	Republic of Korea	11	\$8,765,242			\$8,765,242
14	Japan	13	\$7,015,273			\$7,015,273
15	Spain			9	\$5,735,805	\$5,735,805
16	Luxembourg	17	\$3,476,246	15	\$1,448,436	\$4,924,681
17	Italy			10	\$4,571,429	\$4,571,429
18	New Zealand	16	\$3,548,196	16	\$876,168	\$4,424,365
19	Qatar	14	\$4,000,000			\$4,000,000
20	Austria			13	\$3,508,772	\$3,508,772
21	Iceland	18	\$1,618,606	17	\$802,579	\$2,421,185
22	Kuwait	19	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000
23	Jersey			18	\$267,380	\$267,380
24	South Africa	20	\$235,825			\$235,825
25	Isle of Man			19	\$132,100	\$132,100
26	Lithuania	21	\$115,875			\$115,875
27	Algeria	22	\$100,000			\$100,000
28	Estonia	23	\$81,967			\$81,967
29	Monaco	24	\$69,525			\$69,525
30	Singapore	25	\$60,000			\$60,000
31	Malta	26	\$58,824			\$58,824
32	Peru	27	\$56,263			\$56,263
33	Kazakhstan	28	\$50,000			\$50,000
34	Montenegro	29	\$28,810			\$28,810
35	Armenia	30	\$20,000			\$20,000
36	Thailand	31	\$20,000			\$20,000
37	Costa Rica	32	\$11,577			\$11,577
38	Serbia	33	\$5,000			\$5,000
Total public donors			\$374,799,619		\$209,342,782	\$584,142,401

* Includes contributions earmarked at the regional, subregional, situation or thematic level.

Annex VI

Flexible contributions to UNHCR - private donors - 2026

as of 31 July 2026, in United States dollars

Private donor		Unearmarked contribution including donor ranking		Softly earmarked contribution including donor ranking*		Total flexible funding
1	Spain	1	\$36,228,487	13	\$759,907	\$36,988,395
2	Sweden	5	\$11,044,950	2	\$10,930,322	\$21,975,272
3	Japan	2	\$21,045,355	17	\$296,312	\$21,341,667
4	Republic of Korea	3	\$15,020,226	6	\$2,734,459	\$17,754,685
5	Italy	4	\$13,677,404	10	\$1,602,982	\$15,280,386
6	Germany	26	\$63,647	1	\$14,864,416	\$14,928,063
7	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	6	\$10,254,153	9	\$1,740,316	\$11,994,469
8	United States of America	7	\$7,865,936	7	\$1,960,654	\$9,826,590
9	China	9	\$4,435,008	4	\$4,420,676	\$8,855,684
10	Australia			3	\$8,265,083	\$8,265,083
11	Canada	8	\$4,659,674	11	\$895,888	\$5,555,562
12	Denmark	14	\$1,561,263	5	\$3,229,593	\$4,790,856
13	Switzerland	12	\$2,408,984	12	\$891,677	\$3,300,661
14	France	11	\$2,500,583	15	\$414,407	\$2,914,990
15	Greece	10	\$2,778,843	24	\$70,706	\$2,849,549
16	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23	\$128,125	8	\$1,799,756	\$1,927,881
17	Online donations through Islamic philanthropy platforms	13	\$1,595,987	19	\$196,646	\$1,792,634
18	Portugal	16	\$1,185,171	16	\$298,513	\$1,483,684
19	Brazil	19	\$701,064	14	\$747,219	\$1,448,283
20	United Arab Emirates	15	\$1,208,954			\$1,208,954
21	Online donations through www.unhcr.org	18	\$711,715	20	\$136,327	\$848,042
22	Philippines	17	\$733,782	26	\$38,548	\$772,329
23	Thailand	22	\$468,655	18	\$290,842	\$759,497
24	Mexico	20	\$678,686	29	\$15,079	\$693,765
25	Malaysia	21	\$577,119			\$577,119
26	Indonesia	25	\$107,689	23	\$76,305	\$183,994
27	Singapore	24	\$112,147	27	\$30,803	\$142,950
28	Luxembourg			21	\$114,583	\$114,583
29	New Zealand			22	\$110,644	\$110,644
30	Kuwait	27	\$37,232	25	\$48,701	\$85,933
31	Argentina			28	\$17,446	\$17,446
32	Austria	28	\$11,697			\$11,697
33	Kenya	29	\$4,690	30	\$5,019	\$9,710
34	Egypt			31	\$1,883	\$1,883
Total private donors		\$141,807,226		\$57,005,712		\$198,812,938

* Includes contributions earmarked at the regional, subregional, situation or thematic level.

Annex VII

Draft decision on budgets and funding for 2026

The Standing Committee,

Recalling the Executive Committee's decision, at its seventy-sixth session on administrative, financial and programme matters ([A/80/12/Add.1](#) para. 12 (b)), as well as discussions by the Standing Committee on the programme budgets and funding item at its ninety-sixth meeting in June 2026,

Reaffirming the importance of responsibility-sharing in solidarity with countries hosting refugees,

Takes note of the UNHCR annual budget for 2026 at a current total of \$8,504.5 million as of 31 July 2026, with no supplementary budget;

Recognizes that emergencies and unforeseen activities unfolding in 2026 may result in the need for additional or expanded supplementary budgets and that additional resources, over and above those for existing budgets, would be needed to meet such needs; and

Urges Member States to continue to respond generously with flexible and unearmarked contributions, in the spirit of solidarity and in a timely manner, to the High Commissioner's appeal for resources to meet in full the annual budget for 2026.
