



## HIGHLIGHTS

**109,525**

people of concern in six countries

**\$43.7 million**

in regional government contributions

**90,000**

active private individual donors<sup>1</sup>

### Population of concern

A total of **109,525** people of concern.

Country	Total refugees and asylum-seekers <sup>2</sup>
Australia	96,512
New Zealand	1,877
Papua New Guinea <sup>3</sup>	10,022
Nauru	1,092
Fiji	19
Samoa	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,525</b>



### UNHCR presence

#### Staff:

- 8 national staff
- 4 international staff

#### Geographical coverage:

Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

### Fundraising in 2016

Government<sup>4</sup>: **USD43.7 million**

Private<sup>5</sup>: **USD24.3 million**

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works with governments, non-government organizations, community groups and civil society to provide protection and support to persons of concern.
- In the Pacific, UNHCR works closely with the International Organization for Migration, the Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference and the UN Country Teams.
- In the context of its fundraising strategy, UNHCR works closely with 'Australia for UNHCR', the national private sector fundraising association.

<sup>1</sup> Figure refers to donations from private individuals to Australia for UNHCR in 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Statistics sourced from the 2017 Global Trends Report. Nauru and Papua New Guinea statistics as of September 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Includes West Papuan refugees living in Papua New Guinea.

<sup>4</sup> Figure refers to Australian and New Zealand government funding for 2017.

<sup>5</sup> Figure refers to donations from private individuals to Australia for UNHCR in 2017.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

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### Protection

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- Ensuring protection for all persons of concern to UNHCR, including refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons within the sub-region, and resettled refugees in Australia and New Zealand.
- Affirming and developing the international refugee protection regime in the sub-region and promoting law, policy and practices that increase access to quality asylum procedures and durable solutions.
- Monitoring the implementation of the 1951 Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol.
- Monitoring and reporting the situation of refugees and asylum-seekers in ‘offshore processing’ sites and detention facilities.
- Increasing capacity in refugee status determination in Papua New Guinea and Pacific Island countries by providing practical support to introduce protection safeguards in immigration procedures.
- Providing technical assistance in Pacific Island countries to support the development of national refugee legislation and accession to the refugee and statelessness conventions through capacity building and training activities including the Pacific Protection Learning Programme.

### Advocacy

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- Engaging with States and civil society in advocating for long-term cooperation on the protection of refugees and asylum-seekers in the region, including a reduction in the number of refugees and asylum-seekers in detention, the duration of detention, and the attainment of durable solutions for those found to be in need of protection.
- Providing legal and policy submissions to ensure the protection of refugees and asylum-seekers in the region.
- Raising public awareness and promoting support for refugees and asylum-seekers in the region through sensitization campaigns, including ‘Human Lives, Human Rights’ in Australia.

### Durable solutions

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- Working closely with Australia and New Zealand to help determine the composition of their resettlement intakes and to encourage the development of resettlement policy and practice in line with international humanitarian principles.

### External relations

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- Promoting civil society coordination and best practice through consultations with non-government organizations in Australia and New Zealand.
- Promoting the positive involvement of key stakeholders in refugee issues and continued government contributions through public events, as well as briefings with parliamentary and governmental interlocutors.
- Providing information to refugees and asylum-seekers on available services and support.

UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors who have given unearmarked and broadly earmarked contributions to UNHCR this year, which have allowed the regional operations to be funded.