

YOUR IMPACT

SUMMER 2023

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FROM DEVASTATION

And more...



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A MESSAGE FROM **THE HEAD OF DONOR RELATIONSHIPS**

As we look back on the summer months, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment towards making a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Your generosity continues to be a daily inspiration for us and a beacon of hope for the many families benefiting from your support.

The empathy of your generous donations, Zakat, and Sadaqah have touched the hearts of thousands of refugee families, showcasing how even the smallest of contributions, can truly make the biggest difference. Together, we've worked diligently to extend a helping hand to those affected by the massive earthquake that hit Syria and Türkiye earlier this year and our best efforts are still ongoing. It has been our mission to bring joy to refugees as they celebrated Eid al Adha with their families and thanks to your Sadaqah Jariyah



Marie-Josee Karam

Head of Donor Relations, UNHCR-MENA

donations, we continue to work towards supporting thousands of refugees suffering from the worst drought Ethiopia has witnessed.

Today, I am honored to share with you a glimpse of the ongoing impact of your donations. From Syria to Ethiopia, your compassion and generosity knows no boundaries, and the impact has been truly transformative.

Finally, following my recent relocation to Dubai, and resuming my role in the region, I eagerly look forward to opportunities to connect with you in person.

TÜRKIYE- SYRIA EARTHQUAKES: RECOVERING FROM DEVASTATION

February's deadly earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria claimed 56,900 lives, while tens of thousands were injured. A staggering 23.8 million people were affected by the disaster, including many who had already fled their homes to escape Syria's civil war.

Together, we continue to provide hope to survivors in many different ways.

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TÜRKIYE-SYRIA EARTHQUAKES **YOUR IMPACT**

1

Distribution of around **3 million emergency relief items** like blankets, tents, hygiene kits and sleeping bags.



2

Cash assistance, to help pay for items such as food, rent and heating, for **6,300 households**.



3

Over **311,000 people** were provided with **protection interventions** across Syria.



4

Resettlement for **8,207 refugees**, approximately half of whom are earthquake-affected refugees.



UNHCR continues to provide immediate protection and relief, along with lasting solutions for vulnerable refugees and displaced Syrians.

On behalf of all the people we protect, **we thank you for your solidarity and support. You are helping provide life-saving assistance to millions.**

ADHA 2023: SHARING THE BLESSINGS OF EID

Under harsh displacement conditions, and in extreme poverty miles away from their homes, thousands were unable to celebrate Eid with their loved ones. Together with you, we began the blessed days of Dhul Hijjah by aiming to help 4,545 families in Yemen, Somalia, and Bangladesh.

With your continued generosity and endless compassion, we were able to make their Adha, special. Through your generous donations, Zakat, and Sadaqah, **we were able to reach 5,543 of the most vulnerable families,** alleviating their hunger, bringing them hope and comfort, and sharing the blessings of Eid with them.

The Food Basket ↓



ADHA 2023

THE FOOD BASKET



Refugees and internally displaced people in Bangladesh, Yemen, and Somalia live in extreme poverty away from their homes leading to food insecurity and scarce access to clean water. **Throughout our Adha campaign you were there to provide food and water to the most vulnerable families.**



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WORLD REFUGEE DAY: HOPE AWAY FROM HOME

On June 20th, we marked World Refugee Day by celebrating the resilience and strength of refugees worldwide. It was a day to honor their courage in the face of adversity and to reaffirm our commitment to providing support and opportunities for those in search of a better life.

This year, we celebrated World Refugee Day with you, **discussing the concept of “hope” and what it means to each of us, and to refugees as well.** Thanks to your support, we were able to make the day truly meaningful for many refugee families, offering them hope and solidarity as they focus on rebuilding their lives.

Answers from the survey ↓



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

ANSWERS FROM THE SURVEY

1

What does hope mean to you?

“Hope provides motivation, resilience and optimism for a better future.”

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“Hope is the belief in humanity that when I am challenged I can seek help.”

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“Hope is the belief that tomorrow will be better than today.”

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2

What actions do you think people [like you] can take to give hope to refugees?

“Give them all the support they need to live a dignified life wherever they may be.”

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“First and foremost is prayer that they are given the strength to bear their situation with peace love and joy.”

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“Helping out in which ever we can so that they know they wont be left behind and that we care.”

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SUDAN: BUILDING A FUTURE BEYOND BORDERS



With more than 5.4 million people forcibly displaced by the conflict, the situation in Sudan has become one of the world's worst displacement crises. 4.2 million have been displaced internally; and refugees, asylum seekers and returnees continue to cross into Chad, Egypt, South Sudan, Ethiopia and CAR.

UNHCR Relief Efforts:

- **In Chad, 175,298 individuals (44% of whom are new arrivals) have been relocated to safer locations.**
- **As of 2nd September, 28,790 family shelters were built in the Ouaddaï, Sila and Wadi Fira provinces.**
- **In South Sudan, over 8,060 new arrivals have received food assistance.**

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LIBYA FLOODS: CATASTROPHIC DEVASTATION CALLED FOR EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT



From September 9th to the 11th, Storm Daniel and flood waters ravaged eastern Libya and an estimated 40,000+ people were newly displaced. UNHCR was on the ground from day one, working closely with national and international partners to provide urgent relief to those affected.

On September 19th, **an airlift carrying 53 metric tons of humanitarian supplies from one of UNHCR's biggest stockpiles in the world located in Dubai,** landed in Benina airport near Benghazi. The shipment contained tarpaulin sheets, kitchen sets, solar lamps, blankets, and other emergency relief items that thousands of affected people desperately needed.




Our community-based Protection Teams are continuing to call registered refugees and asylum-seekers living in affected areas to assess their situation.

YOUR SUPPORT WAS THE CORNERSTONE THAT ENABLED US TO RESPOND SWIFTLY TO THIS EMERGENCY AND SUSTAIN THIS CRITICAL OPERATION.



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SADAQAH JARIYAH: SHARING THE BLESSING OF WATER



In Ethiopia, more than 1.5 million forcibly displaced persons have been severely affected by drought and face food insecurity, malnutrition, poor hygiene and much more.

Through the July launch of the UNHCR Sadaqah Jariyah campaign, **our goal is to provide access to sustainable, clean water, to more than 329,590 beneficiaries (refugee and host community members)** through the operation and maintenance of water wells and boreholes.

Your contributions have poured in, whether through one-off donations, monthly donations, or even tribute donations made to honor the lives and memories of loved ones.



Photo: One of the boreholes that pumps water to Helaweyn refugee camp.

Thanks to this, **we are already in a position to help provide life-saving support to thousands in need.**

While we have a long way to go, your kindness is as always, inspirational and we know that together, we will continue to provide relief to those in need.

During the latest period, Helaweyn and Buramino camps have witnessed substantial improvements in

terms of maintenance and rehabilitation efforts.

A total of 116,859 individuals have benefitted from the boreholes. This population includes 97,859 refugees and 19,000 members of the host community.

This access to clean, safe and sustainable drinking water has been a game-changer for the community.


THE IMPACT OF **YOUR SADAQAH JARIYAH**

“WHEN MY CHILDREN DRANK WATER FROM THE RIVER THEY USED TO FALL ILL. THE DISEASES STOPPED WHEN THEY STARTED DRINKING WATER FROM THE TAP.”

Daqa Osman,
45 year old
refugee, Helaweyn,
Ethiopia.



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A group of diverse children, including a girl in a yellow headscarf and a boy in a blue and white checkered shirt, smiling warmly at the camera. The background shows other children and a blurred outdoor setting.

Together, we are building a world where **kindness knows no bounds** and the most vulnerable amongst us, can find solace and opportunity.



**“I’M HAPPY TO BE A PART OF UNHCR’S
FAMILY, AND TO BE ABLE TO
CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A NOBLE CAUSE.”**

A heart-warming message
from Arij, UNHCR donor and supporter.



From your Donor Relations team, **thank you!**