

UNHCR urgently needs funds to assist displaced Malians

UNHCR has renewed its appeal to help meet the needs of more than 175,000 Malian refugees and 282,000 internally displaced people.

"UNHCR needs US\$144 million to cover the basic protection and assistance needs," stressed spokesman Adrian Edwards. "So far we have only received 32 per cent of this amount."

The funding will go towards the expansion and construction of transit centres, provision of supplementary and therapeutic food, shelters and other core relief items, and the delivery of basic services such as health care, water and sanitation and education.


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"Beauty" brings confidence and hope to Congolese refugee woman



UNHCR and Partners Tackle Malnutrition in Mauritania Camp

Malnutrition is one of UNHCR's main concerns in the Mbera refugee camp in Mauritania, which hosts more than 70,000 Malians. This photo gallery

Rosette Wabenga, a Congolese refugee, has thanked UNHCR for helping her secure a small-business loan that enabled her to set up a beauty salon. "Words cannot express how grateful I am to UNHCR. They have helped me fulfil my dream," she exclaimed.

After Rosette's husband was captured and imprisoned in 2006, she and her three children fled the Democratic Republic of the Congo and moved to Uganda. Years later, Rosette suffered again when she was kidnapped briefly. The loan from InterAid - a counselling, health and legal aid service funded by UNHCR - has allowed her to move on with her life.

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Emergency update

UNHCR report says Syrian influx strains host country health services

A UNHCR report released has warned that the Syrian refugee crisis is increasingly straining the health services of host countries. Refugees with chronic and other costly health conditions are also shown to be facing increasing difficulties in accessing the quality treatment they need.

The report covers the first three months of 2013 in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon where more than 1 million Syrian refugees currently reside. It highlights how low funding levels alongside an increasing demand for services is having a detrimental effect on the health systems in these countries.

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Kuwait gives UNHCR US\$110 million for Syria operations

This month Kuwait donated a generous US\$110 million to UNHCR for its Syria operations.

looks at measures UNHCR and its partners are taking to treat and prevent the dangerous condition.

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Syria Crisis Appeal: Enough

The heads of four UN organizations, including High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres, took part in an awareness campaign which called on governments to help find a political solution to the Syria crisis.

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About 60 per cent of the registered refugees in South Sudan are under the age of 18.

High Commissioner António Guterres expressed how this has given UNHCR a "breathing space" at a time when funding is desperately short.

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Number of refugees from Central African Republic approaches 40,000 mark

The number of civilians fleeing instability in the Central African Republic has risen to almost 40,000. More people continue to flee into neighbouring Cameroon, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Paris museum organizes toy collection for Syrian refugee children

Syrian refugee children in Turkey have received 60 boxes full of toys from children in France. The toys were collected by the Quai Branly Museum in Paris with the help of UNHCR and the Fédération des Associations d' Anciens du Scoutisme (FAAS).

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