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The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is mandated to protect refugees and to seek durable solutions.



Mobile Scan



## Women on the Run





A laurel wreath symbolizes UNHCR is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly



The person symbolizes persons of concern to UNHCR



Sheltering hands symbolizes UNHCR's commitment and efforts to protect refugees and persons of concern.

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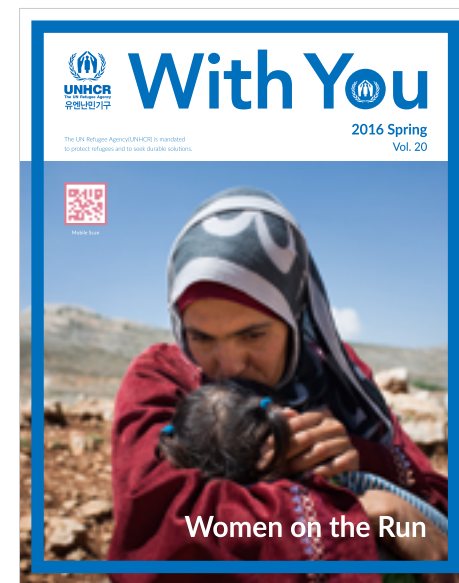
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Syrian refugee Lina is holding her two-year old daughter Maysaa. Lina is currently living in Lebanon with her seven children, three of whom are suffering from serious skin infections. After buying pills to treat them, Lina's family are hardly left with any money to buy food. She is unable to reach her husband who has returned to Syria.

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“You need help not because you are poor, but because you are the future of the country.”

— UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie

### 60 million refugees around the world

Today, there are nearly 60 million people who are of concern to UNHCR, including refugees who are displaced due to conflict and persecution. Among them, more than half are children under the age of 18. Last year alone, more than one million refugees and migrants crossed the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe, and the number of Syrian refugees currently amounts to 4.6 million. Refugees around the world who have lost their homes are trying to survive without being protected of their basic rights.

### Non-political, humanitarian UN organization dedicated to protect and support refugees around the world

UNHCR is a UN agency established in 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The organization is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Since its launch, UNHCR has helped more than 50 million people restart their lives and has been awarded two Nobel Peace Prizes in 1954 and 1981.

### Main activities of UNHCR



Emergency Response



Registration



Shelter



Water and Sanitation



Nutrition



Health



Education



Durable Solutions



# Women on the Run

*“Many women and girls travelling on their own are entirely exposed, deprived of their family or community to protect them.*

*Even those traveling with family are often vulnerable to abuse.*

*Often they are not reporting crimes and thus not receiving the support they need.”*

— Director of UNHCR's Bureau for Europe,  
Vincent Cochetel



Despite the cold weather, refugee exodus toward Europe via sea continues, with 2,000 refugees on average arriving in Europe every day. During their journey, or in refugee accommodation facilities, refugee women and girls face crisis both as ‘refugees’ and as ‘women’ without any guarantee for their safety.

## Story of Fatima

Fatima was found in a state of shock in the port of the Greek island of Samos. She had suffered violence during her travel and was severely traumatized.

“My husband could not get on the boat with me and my young daughter. He entrusted us to a man who was supposed to help us arrive safely. However, he stole me and my daughter’s travel documents, phone and money and became physically abusive so that I could not directly contact my husband.”

## Story of Noor

Noor is a pregnant woman who was travelling with two children amongst a large group of refugees in Serbia. She had been exposed to danger in the cold without receiving any support or protection until the WRC took her to the nearest medical service providers.

“I am waiting for the train that would transport us to the Croatian border. I am so cold and feeling unwell. I am concerned about the health of my baby.”

## Story of Farah

Farah is an Afghan refugee who fled to Europe with her eight children. Seven of the eight children are below the age of 17.

“We were living in Iran as refugees when my husband got murdered, leaving only me and my children behind. The uncle of the children tried to sell off my daughters. I had no choice but to flee again so that my girls would not be taken away from me. The journey itself was tough, but my daughters had a reason to fear the worst; they were worried about men also travelling along the same route.”

## Story of Ravi

Ravi and her family are from a country in South Asia. They were starting a new life in Syria away from the instability in their homeland when the Syrian crisis erupted, forcing them to flee again.

“We were kidnapped by armed forces and taken to an isolated place. They threatened my wife and me with knives and guns and took everything we had. Fortunately, we managed to escape and come to Serbia. Still, I wonder when we will be able to move to Germany, where we once dreamed of resettling.”

## As ‘Refugees’ and ‘Women’

Many of the refugees arriving in Europe today are women. Many of those who are living as refugees around the world are also women. These women have all fled from conflict, violence or persecution in their home communities. During war, violence is committed against the most vulnerable people. Rape is often used as a weapon of war. It instills fear and destroys families and communities. Refugee women are exposed to various kinds of Sexual and Gender Based Violence(SGBV). They are kidnapped or become a target of violence by armed forces. In the name of social, cultural and religious traditions, they also experience discrimination and persecution when they’re getting married or acquiring education or jobs.

## For the life of women, with hope

UNHCR is currently working together with governments and humanitarian actors to ensure a safe journey for refugee women. UNHCR is providing medical care and expert counseling to help women overcome physical and mental trauma. UNHCR also strives to protect refugee women living in refugee camps and shelters by offering safe living space that gives them privacy, gender-specific sanitation facilities, and training that raises awareness of gender issues. At the same time, UNHCR is running various programs in the area of education, livelihood and independence.

March 8 is the International Women's Day officially designated by the United Nations in 1975 to improve the status of women around the world.

To celebrate this year's International Women's Day, together with UNHCR, share hope with the refugee women!

◇ UNHCR, UN Population Fund(UNFPA) and the Women's Refugee Commission(WRC) conducted a joint field assessment of risks involved for refugee and migrant women and girls in Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in November 2015. According to the assessment, “Single women travelling alone or with children, pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls, unaccompanied children, early-married children — sometimes themselves with newborn babies — persons with disabilities, and elderly men and women are among those who are particularly at risk and require a coordinated and effective protection response.”

◇ To protect the identity of refugees and migrants, all names have been changed.



# Women on the Run

*“Life for Syria’s refugee women does not stop when they cross the border.*

*Rather, it is the beginning of a new, deeply traumatic experience — filled with despair, anxiety, isolation and hardship.”*

— Former UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres

Number of arrivals to Europe in 2015 (people)

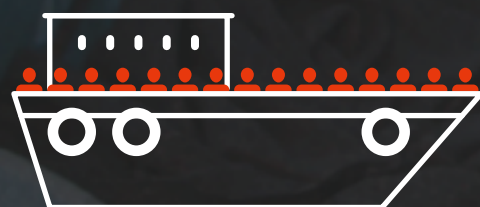
Over **1 million**

Number of arrivals to Europe from Jan to Mar 2016 (people)

Over **150,000**

Average daily number of arrivals to Europe by sea (people)

Over **2,000**



Ratio of children and women (As of Jan 2016)



1,100 people every day

Ratio of women of child-bearing age among Syrian refugee women



20% of them are assumed to be pregnant

Number of Syrian refugee women who are heads of household (people)



Number of female heads of household who have severe injuries or disabilities **16,000**

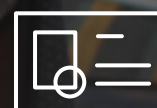
20% of the Syrian refugee families arriving in Greece are headed by women (As of Jan 2016)

## UNHCR Support

### Blue Dots



Support centers along the most frequently used migration routes to support and protect refugee women and children. The centers provide safe shelter, family reunification assistance, protection, counseling, and more.



Legal protection through the registration of refugees



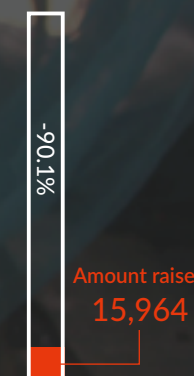
Providing relief items such as blankets and plastic sheets

## UNHCR Funding

The funds required by the UNHCR to protect refugees in Europe, Syria and neighboring countries including refugee women are as follows. (As of Feb 2016)

Unit: 10,000 USD

Amount needed **162,045**



### Syria Emergency Response

To support Syria and neighboring countries

159.64 million dollars were raised out of the 1.62 billion dollars needed for the emergency response. 90.1% of the funds still have not been raised.

Amount needed

**23,575** Amount raised **10,950**



### Europe Emergency Response

To support European asylum countries that protect refugees

109.5 million dollars were raised out of the 235.75 million dollars needed for the emergency response, lacking 53.6% of the funds.

### Participate in the emergency response dedicated to protect refugee women!

- With 100,000 Won, you can provide sanitary materials to 7 refugee women for a year.
- With 500,000 Won, you can provide 20 refugee women with education such as language classes and help them build a better future.
- With 1,000,000 Won, you can provide birth kits including nutrition supplements, baby blankets and soaps to 150 pregnant refugee women.
- With 2,000,000 Won, you can provide medical equipment and medicine needed in a delivery room for 9 months.

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◇ Whether you are a first-time or long-time donor of UNHCR, you can fill out the donor form found in the newsletter and mail it to us. You can also send a picture of the completed form via text message (1666-7147) and make a donation to our emergency response activities.



# UNHCR's New High Commissioner for Refugees

# Filippo Grandi



UNHCR's new High Commissioner, Filippo Grandi, speaks at his first press conference as head of the agency. © UNHCR / Susan Hopper

After working in the field of refugee issues and foreign affairs in the Middle East, Africa and Asia for decades, Filippo Grandi has been appointed as a successor to Antonio Guterres, who has just completed his 10 years of service with UNHCR. With You spoke with Mr. Grandi upon his appointment.

**Q1. Congratulations on your new post. Please tell us about yourself.**

I have worked in international affairs for almost 30 years, 27 of which with the United Nations. I started my career at a non-profit organization, and then worked at UNHCR offices in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East as well as Geneva headquarters. I have had the opportunity to serve as a Vice Commissioner-General of UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and as a Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

**Q2. You've worked for refugees throughout your career. What is it that makes you want to work for refugees?**

The central theme of the Sustainable Development Goals of UN is 'No one left behind.' I think very few categories around the world are as vulnerable as refugees, internally displaced people, stateless people. It is very important that we don't leave them behind. I have worked with refugees since I was a young volunteer. I know the pain of exile very well from having experienced it in many places. And this has given me the motivation to continue to work for people. This is not bureaucratic, abstract work. This is very concrete and person to person.



UN High Commissioner for refugees, Filippo Grandi, swears in front of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. © UN Photo / Rick Bajornas



UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi encourages a Syrian refugee child who is benefiting from psychosocial support by UNHCR. © UNHCR / Bassam Diab



UN High Commissioner for refugees Filippo Grandi talks with a Syrian refugee at an informal settlement near Zahle in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. © UNHCR / Sam Tarling

**Q3. Can you tell us a story that impacted you?**

When I was a young volunteer, I visited for the first time a refugee camp in Thailand. In those days, there were Cambodian refugees and I saw a small child die of malaria in front of me. This affected me greatly because I realized that this child would never have died in another context but because he was in that refugee camp, because he was a refugee, he died. And this was a powerful, if dramatic, motivation to start working for refugees, and here I am 30 years later still doing it.

**Q4. Apart from your visit 30 years ago, we heard that you also just recently visited Syria and neighboring refugee camps.**

To truly understand what the refugees go through, you need to meet them and hear their story. As my first move after taking the post as UN High Commissioner for Refugees, I have visited Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and Syria to meet Syrian refugees there. Their situations are catastrophic.

**Q5. Were there any refugees that were particularly memorable?**

Emra, a widow raising three children, lingers in my mind. She fled Syria a year ago after her husband was killed during the war. One of her boys is deaf and mute. He also has a chronic condition that has left his legs stunted and stiff. I cannot forget that moment she told me she had a disabled boy and no money; she had to leave Syria to save her children. Currently, she is staying at the Nizip refugee camp in Turkey where she is provided with necessities including food. Her son goes to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Fatma's family also comes to mind. Two of her children were killed by shrapnel in Syria. The traumatized family then fled the country three years ago. I asked her if she wants to go back and she didn't hesitate to answer yes. She said for sure, but when peace has come. Peace has to come first for these refugees to return home.

**Q6. You've just taken up your post as High Commissioner for Refugees. Can you tell us what your priorities are going to be?**

Forced displacement of refugees, internally displaced people and others seeking refuge from war, human rights violations and other forms of hardship has become a very central feature, unfortunately, of our world. The number of people of concern to my office, to UNHCR, has multiplied and we're now dealing with 60 million people. This is a staggering figure, the highest that has existed since the Second World War. So our priorities are really to ensure that all of these people enjoy protection of their lives and rights, and that we are able to respond to numerous emergencies,

created mostly by war. And a very important priority, which is enshrined in our mandate, is also to help states seek solutions for these people.

**Q7. UNHCR and other agencies launched an appeal for nearly \$8 billion for the Syrian crisis. How do you plan to make that happen when financing has been an issue?**

We managed to keep the financial ask in that huge appeal – which is for inside Syria, internally displaced and other people in need, and for outside Syria, for refugees and for host communities and States hosting them – we managed to keep the ask at a level which is not much higher than last year, although the needs have multiplied as you can imagine. The real problem here is that on the one hand, the volume is such and there are so many other crises that these appeals are on average 50, 60% funded, which means that part of the needs are not met. This creates additional hardships on host communities but also on refugees.

We've seen this very clearly in the Syria crisis – people receiving insufficient assistance, moving on to other countries, in particular to Europe. This is not the only cause for this secondary movement but certainly it is an important cause. This is how people in the end use trafficking networks, die in the sea, and go through very difficult journeys towards other countries, causing, in doing so, further problems... or becoming a very difficult issue to deal with. To address this particular phenomenon, we're working with States on another conference which will take place in Geneva at the end of March.

**Q8. Which calls for innovative solutions? How would we be able to overcome the crisis?**

Until the war ends in Syria and in many other places, not just in Syria... Yemen, Libya, many countries in Africa and so forth... until there is a peace process that is successful and peace holds, the cost of the consequences will continue to rise. Ultimately, peace should hold. Which calls for, number one, solidarity towards the victims. Number two, or perhaps another number one, really looking at mechanisms to solve conflicts. The mechanisms that are in place are old ones. There has to be much more political will and better configuration of this mechanism to make them effective and find quicker solutions. On our side, we will continue to be very innovative. I can assure you, in how we take care of those that are the victims of this situation – internally displaced, refugees and others – and since we have to do more and more with less and less, innovation is indispensable.

◇ This is based on the interview article on UN News Center(www.un.org/News) as well as UNHCR's news article and video clips.



# With Eyes of a Lebanese

## Mika Holds Hands of Syrian Refugees



High Profile Supporter Mika meets Abed's family in a derelict former chicken factory © UNHCR / J. Matas

### Refugees in Korea

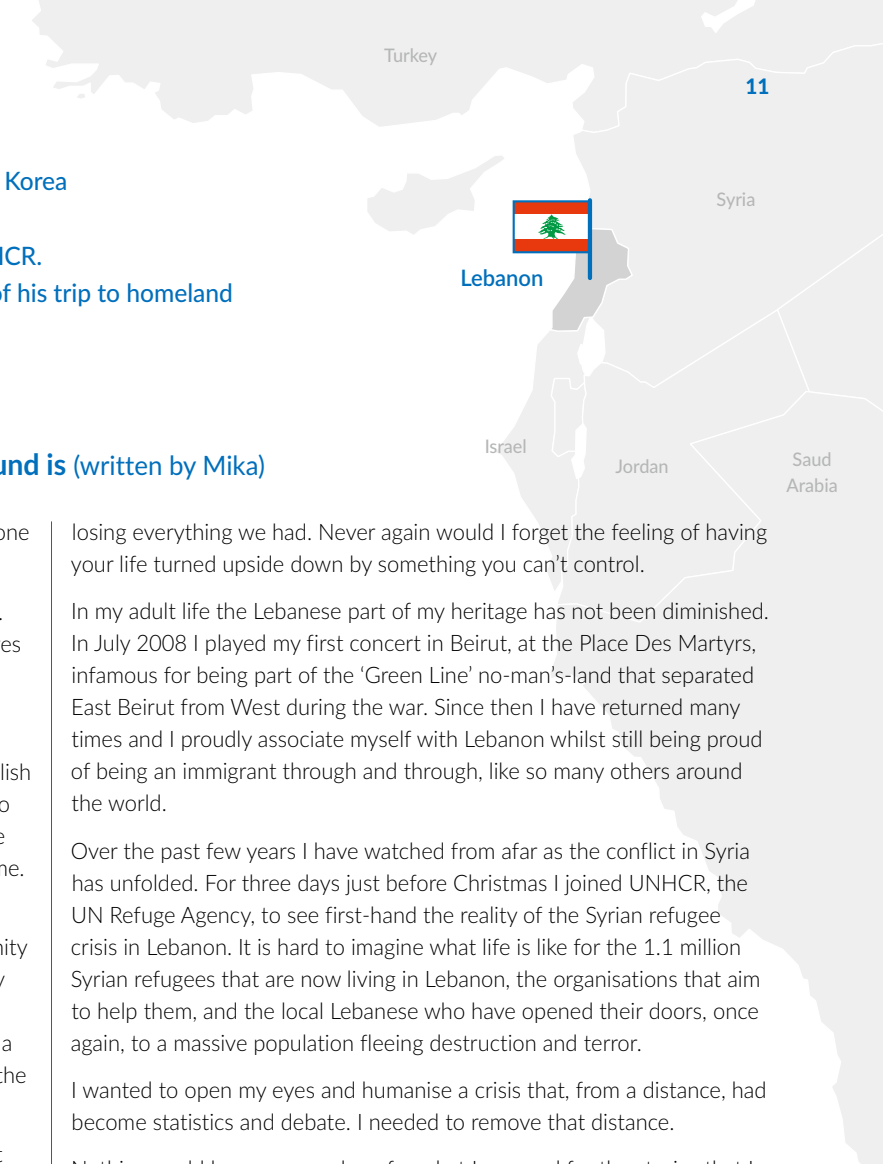
Like Mika, people who have fled their home countries in fear of conflicts, violence, and persecution and applied to become refugees in a foreign country are called asylum-seekers. In order to receive protection as a refugee in the Republic of Korea, Application for Recognition of Refugee Status must be submitted to one of the Immigration Offices. If in detention, asylum-seekers may submit their application to the Director of an Immigration Detention Center. Since the enactment of Refugee Law in July 2013, application forms can now be submitted at ports of entry as well. Refugee statistics in Korea are as follows.

Asylum-seekers	15,874	Recognized Refugees	577	Humanitarian Status Holders	911	Pending/ Processing	5,934
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◇ Source: Ministry of Justice, as of 31 Jan 2016

Unit: people

Last February, British songwriter Mika mesmerized the fans in Korea with his energetic and passionate performance. Mika recently visited his birthplace, Beirut, Lebanon with UNHCR. UNHCR high profile supporter Mika tells us a beautiful story of his trip to homeland where he was warmly greeted by Syrian refugees.



### No matter who you are, No matter what your language, skin color or background is (written by Mika)

The older I get, the simplest question someone could ask has become one of the most complicated. **"Where are you from?"**

I am not from one place in particular, nor am I the result of one culture. My heritage is formed by family mythology, of grandparents and relatives whose lives and cultures bear almost no relation to my own today. My Syrian grandfather who left Damascus with all his possessions on the back of a donkey, my Lebanese grandmother who met her 58 year old husband waterskiing along the Beirut corniche at 16 years old. My English grandmother, a painfully elegant WASP 'daughter of the revolution' who married a smooth-talking diplomat from Savannah Georgia, only to give birth to her son, my father, in Jerusalem and raise him in Cairo and Rome.

I was born in Beirut during the civil war in 1983. Shortly after we were evacuated to Cyprus and eventually brought up in a Lebanese community in Paris, where the culture and mythology of Lebanon hung temporarily suspended, and permeated every aspect of our daily lives. I was a French private school boy with American looks but Lebanese eyes and a Lebanese home. From the rugs on the floor to the food on our plates, the friends my parents kept.

A Parisian accent and my fair skin, however, enabled me to live the first few years of my life unaware of any sense of cultural difference and oblivious to the war and destruction from which our family had fled. It was the bad timing of one of my father's business trips that would destabilise our family life eventually and remove any childish complacency that until then had been a luxury. Having been sent out on a three day trip to Kuwait, my father, caught in the conflict of the first Gulf War, was held hostage in the American Embassy for 8 months. For the first time I felt first-hand how cruel war could be and how the distance of far-away conflict could reduce empathy and isolate those affected. We lived two lives. At school we were Parisian children, at home we were at war and

losing everything we had. Never again would I forget the feeling of having your life turned upside down by something you can't control.

In my adult life the Lebanese part of my heritage has not been diminished. In July 2008 I played my first concert in Beirut, at the Place Des Martyrs, infamous for being part of the 'Green Line' no-man's-land that separated East Beirut from West during the war. Since then I have returned many times and I proudly associate myself with Lebanon whilst still being proud of being an immigrant through and through, like so many others around the world.

Over the past few years I have watched from afar as the conflict in Syria has unfolded. For three days just before Christmas I joined UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, to see first-hand the reality of the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon. It is hard to imagine what life is like for the 1.1 million Syrian refugees that are now living in Lebanon, the organisations that aim to help them, and the local Lebanese who have opened their doors, once again, to a massive population fleeing destruction and terror.

I wanted to open my eyes and humanise a crisis that, from a distance, had become statistics and debate. I needed to remove that distance.

Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw and for the stories that I heard.

The two words that stay in my mind, even weeks after my visit, are resilience and tenderness. Resilience in the face of incredible challenges, and the human tenderness that one must have in order to survive with your humanity intact. Become too hard and you risk breaking under the blow of such violence. Terror can only be fought in this way. The combination of resilience and tenderness are the most potent of human qualities. They are a cancer to terror, and a comfort to those who have lost so much.



UNHCR High Profile Supporter Mika talks with an elderly Syrian refugee woman living in an informal settlement in Lebanon © UNHCR / J. Matas



UNHCR High Profile Supporter Mika sings with and hugs Syrian refugee musicians and a stateless violinist © UNHCR / J. Matas



Former Vietnamese boat person  
break long silence —

# Story of Anh Lê

Celebrity Chef  
from Denmark

*"It could happen to you tomorrow.  
Of course there is no perfect solution,  
but what we need to do is try to find a solution."*

With cooking shows gaining massive popularity in Korea, stars introducing and tasting food on television has now become a social phenomenon. These 'muk-bangs' are very popular in other countries as well. In Denmark, Anh Le is a celebrity chef who has gained stardom and popularity. She currently runs four of the most popular Vietnamese restaurants in Denmark, and is also a host of the show 'Spis Vietnam (Eat Vietnam)'. A successful businesswoman and an ambassador of Vietnamese food, she is now a popular celebrity that every newspaper and women's magazine in Denmark has covered. However, Anh experienced a profound tragedy in her childhood.

Anh was once a refugee. She crossed the Mediterranean Sea on a boat and settled in Europe.



Rohingya boat people are fleeing the persecution by sea. They were stranded at the Indian Ocean for days after the smugglers abandoned the ship. On May 2015, they were finally allowed to land with the help of neighboring countries. © AFP / Christophe Archambault

## Life on a boat

Anh's father was a Southern Vietnamese Navy officer that sided with the United States during the Vietnam War. After the war, Anh's family had no choice but to flee their country. Anh's father met a Chinese businessman who had built a ship, and because of her father's experience in the navy, offered him a place on the boat in exchange for sailing it. Fleeing on a boat was going to be a life-threatening journey. Despite the dangers, Anh's father made a bold decision for his children's safety, and they became the boat people<sup>1</sup> on the Mediterranean Sea.

However, arriving safely at the coast of another country turned out to be very difficult. Anh's boat was refused by Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Indonesia. Eventually, her father made the decision to purposely sink the ship just off the coast of Indonesia.

## From a refugee camp to Denmark

Anh and her family were taken to an Indonesian refugee camp, where they stayed for a few months. Soon with the help of UNHCR and its partner agencies, they could resettle<sup>2</sup> in Denmark, four years after they left their homeland.

"They sent us on an SAS flight to Copenhagen. It was like we were in heaven. The flight attendants came, it felt like every five minutes, to ask 'what do you want to eat or drink? It was the most beautiful experience."

## Sharing the pain

She counts herself as one of the luckiest people in the world. In addition to safely arriving in Denmark as a refugee, she is also a very successful chef. In 2012, Anh Lê was named one of the 100 coolest and strongest women in Denmark. However, at first she did not talk about her hardships as a refugee. Now after years of silence about her ordeal, and spurred on by horrific events of 2015 in the Mediterranean, she feels she has been forced to speak out.

**"The news and the photos of people overfilling small boats, people swimming desperately from sunken vessels towards the coast to survive, the image of bodies – especially children's bodies – floating in the sea awoke my memories. It made me sad and compelled me to speak out."**

## It could be you tomorrow

Currently, Anh actively supports SOS Children's Villages. She is helping the children of Ca Mau, Vietnam, with the profits from her cookbooks and organizes fundraising parties at her restaurant to raise money and awareness of the work of SOS Children's Villages.

"I thought in many naive ways that the world had learned something from the Vietnam War (and many other wars) and the boat people ... But it is clear we need to talk about this. We need to let people know that it could be you tomorrow. There is not any perfect solution, everyone is afraid of losing something if we open up ... but we need to find a solution."

**Anh's story reminds us that a refugee girl who once trembled with fear could grow up to be a successful entrepreneur and socially influential figure. This has been made possible because of the support from UNHCR donors like you. Thank you for bringing Anh and her family a wonderful miracle.**

<sup>1</sup> **Boat People:** Boat people refers to people who either live inside the boat on a sea or ride it unofficially to flee from a country. However, as the number of refugees fleeing Vietnam using the sea route increased after the Vietnam War, the term has more commonly referred to the Vietnamese boat people. According to the UNHCR statistics, from 1975 onwards, more than 8.4 million Vietnamese boat people fled to other Southeast Asian countries and Hong Kong, and among them, more than 7.5 million people have been resettled in the Western countries. Even today, hundreds of thousands of refugees are fleeing by sea, including those who head to Europe via the Mediterranean or Aegean Sea.

<sup>2</sup> **Resettle:** Resettlement to a third country is one of the three durable solutions promoted by UNHCR along with voluntary repatriation and local integration. When the two other solutions are unavailable, UNHCR helps refugees settle in a third country in a safe and practical manner, with the cooperation of the international community. In 2014, one million refugees were resettled in 26 countries.

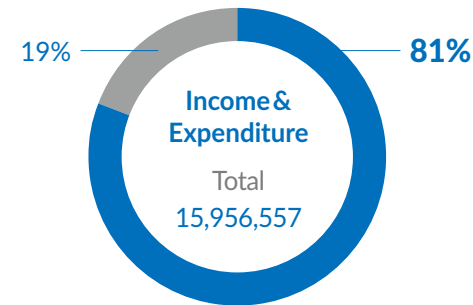


# UNHCR Korea News

## News 1 Donations to UNHCR Korea in 2015

**Contributions by the Government of the Republic of Korea** The Korean government contributed USD 15,956,557 to UNHCR:

Unit: USD



**Earmarked ● 12,868,865**

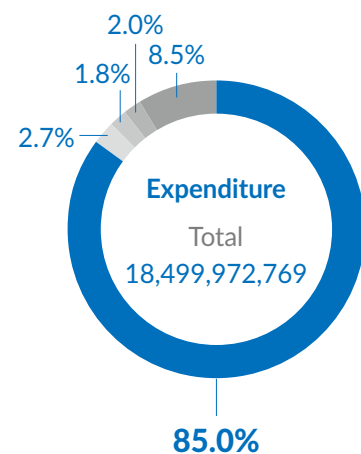
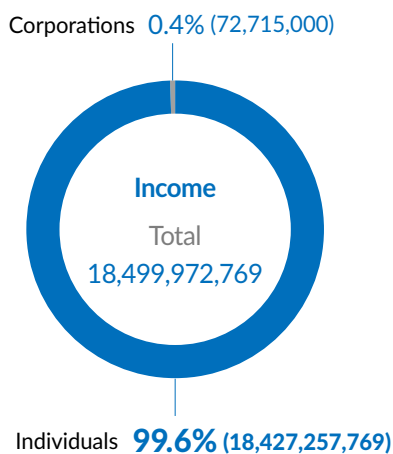
81% for the support of UNHCR's supplementary programs to respond to humanitarian emergencies including the Syrian refugee crisis

**Unearmarked ● 3,087,692**

19% for the support of UNHCR's annual programs

**Contributions by Private Sector** UNHCR Korea raised funds from individuals, corporations and foundations:

Unit: KRW



Fund	Contributions
To Where Needed Most ●	15,717,322,517
Syria Emergency Response ●	1,574,745,018
SBS Hope TV — Kenya ●	374,143,740
Emergency Response Activities ●	339,676,210
Nepal Emergency Response ●	183,610,544
SBS Hope TV — Congo ●	168,639,740
Africa Emergency Response ●	100,000,000
East Africa Emergency Response ●	22,182,000
Nine Million Campaign ●	12,250,500
MBC W Fund ●	7,402,500

◇ The worldwide contributions and its detailed breakdown will be reported in Global Report 2015 published by the UNHCR headquarters in Jun 2016.

Your donation is expended under UNHCR's principles of professionalism, accountability, and transparency.

### Professionalism

A professional UN organization seeking for durable solutions for refugee protection

As a professional UN organization, established by the United Nations General Assembly, UNHCR seeks durable solutions for refugees. UNHCR has the capacity to protect and support up to 500,000 people of concern within the first 72 hours for worldwide emergency situations.

### Accountability

Accountable Refugee Protection

UNHCR is always together with refugees and its people of concern, when they need protection and support. UNHCR is one of the first UN agencies to be on the ground in humanitarian emergencies, provides necessary items and services, and organizes accountable, humanitarian relief efforts until the operations are completed.

### Transparency

Transparent Donation Management

Your contributions are used exclusively for UNHCR's refugee protection activities. The funds raised through UNHCR's private sector fundraising activities are sent to the UNHCR headquarters in the following month, and used to protect refugees worldwide, to support UNHCR's annual plans and emergency responses.

## News 2 Virtual Reality(VR) program for its fundraising activities

In Feb 2016, UNHCR Korea officially launched the 'Virtual Reality (VR) Campaign' for its face-to-face fundraising activities, designed to take users on a virtual tour of the Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan. The VR headset provides an overview of the camp with a Korean narration, and allows the users to experience the life in the Zaatari Camp for 3 minutes with a visit to the shelter, distribution site, and medical center.

Korea is the second country after Mexico to launch the UNHCR VR campaign. We hope this campaign will bring the Korean public closer to refugee issues, and ultimately, encourage them to make a donation to UNHCR to help more refugees. You can experience the VR program at a UNHCR promotion booth found in many places around the city, including Seoul metropolitan subway stations.



## News 3 Donate your KB Card and Shinhan Card points to UNHCR

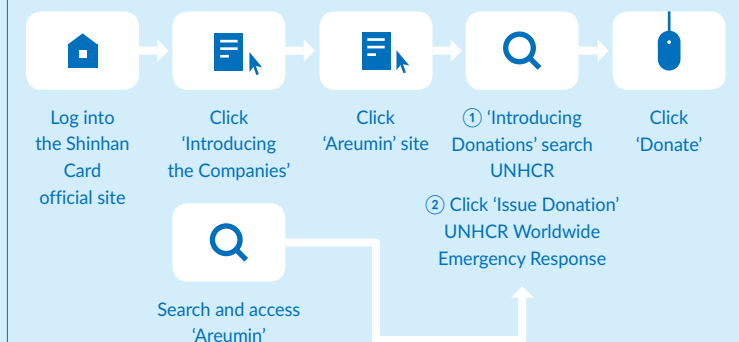
**"Donate your unused points to the refugees in need"**

You can help refugees by donating points from KB Card and Shinhan Card. Use your points in a more meaningful way! Just follow the steps below.

**KB Card (www.kbcard.com, Customer Center 1588-1688)**



**Shinhan Card (www.shinhan.com, Customer Center 1544-7000)**



◇ You can also donate by calling the customer center.

## News 4 Thank you!

**Geochang High School** — Thank you to students, teachers and parents of Geochang High School for donating the proceeds from your flea market.

**Geum Hong-yeon** — Thank you for your donation from Nicaragua for Syrian refugees.

**Manan Youth Center** — Thank you to students and teachers of Manan Youth Center for donating the funds collected through a year-long talent donation program.

**Munbamsamwoo Fountain Pen Club** — Thank you for your support for refugees and your donation.

**Mika Fan Club** — Thank you for Happy Bean donation to support UNHCR's activities in 2016.

**Sangsan Elementary School 5-8** — Thank you to the Grade 5, Class 8 students in Sangsan Elementary School, Jincheon, Chongcheongbuk-do, for donating the proceeds from your flea market.

**Handwritten Letter Association** — Thank you to 500 students in Attached Elementary School of Gunsan and CEO of Handwritten Letter Association Mr. Lee Geun-ho for sharing the struggle of refugees through handwritten letters.

**Yoo Myung-soo** — Thank you for your recent visit to UNHCR to increase your donation and deliver snacks to our staff. Belated congratulations to you for winning the Republic of Korea National Sharing Grand Award.

**Lee Dong-gyu** — Thank you for donating according to the number of miles you ran.

**Han Mi-joo** — Thank you for your donation for the Syrian refugees from the proceeds from the sales of handmade cups and calendars at your 2015 exhibition and year-end party.



# Spot the Difference

Refugee girls are playing with a ball. Compare the two pictures and find four differences!



Take a photo of the answer and send it to us via SMS at 1666-5147, with the text including '2016 Spring Newsletter' and your name and address. The deadline is the end of April. When you participate, you will be entered in a draw for a small gift from us!