

The 2002 Global Appeal


Introduction

This Global Appeal is published to alert the international community, including donors, to UNHCR's priorities and plans for the year 2002, and thus to the circumstances of the millions of refugees and other persons falling within UNHCR's mandate. This is UNHCR's fifth Global Appeal. It will be launched at the first-ever pledging Conference convened in Geneva. The purpose of which is to allow the announcement of

pledges of voluntary contributions to the refugee programmes for the following year. UNHCR's programmes are resourced from a single unified budget (with the exception of a limited number of Supplementary Programmes) which requires sufficient cash on hand for timely implementation of quarterly plans without having to postpone or interrupt activities. As the Office depends almost exclusively on voluntary contributions to finance its programmes, it is vital for donors to make funding commitments as early as possible in order to ensure continued, smooth-thinking operations.

Structure

The 2002 Global Appeal is similar in format to previous editions: it follows the structure of the Unified Annual Programme Budget. After the introductory overview, UNHCR's operations are presented in seventeen regions which



Zambia: Angolan refugees in Nangweshi camp attending school under the trees. *UNHCR/L. Taylor.*

include regional overviews and country chapters. Only those countries with a budget of USD 5 million or more are presented in separate chapters. As in previous years, other countries are covered in the relevant regional overviews. More information on specific countries can be located on UNHCR's website at (www.unhcr.org/cops) where complete Country Operation Plans are posted for the convenience of members of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the High Commissioner's programme and other interested parties.

In order to facilitate comparison between UNHCR's annual programme budget - as presented in October 2001 to ExCom - and the presentation in this Global Appeal, regional summary budget tables based on UNHCR's internal management structure have been included. The five regional bureaux are Africa, CASWANAME (Central Asia, South-West Asia, North Africa and the Middle East) Asia, Europe and the Americas. Some differences remain, for example in the style of presentation of the budget for Global Programmes and that for Headquarters. This is mainly because the ExCom budget document contains details on staffing and administrative requirements, whereas the Global Appeal provides more information on UNHCR's operations.