

Annual Report 2007



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Corporate Statement

Australia for UNHCR is an Australian company limited by guarantee. It was registered under the Corporation Act on 4 July 2000. UNHCR is the single member of the company.

A registered charity, Australia for UNHCR has tax deductible Gift Recipient Status through its listing as a specific international affairs recipient under Section 30.80 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. It is endorsed by the ATO as an Income Tax Exempt Charity.

Australia for UNHCR is affiliated to the Fundraising Institute of Australia (FIA), which sets standards for the charitable and fundraising sector. It is a signatory to the Code of Conduct of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), which ensures that NGOs conduct their activities with integrity, transparency and accountability. This code sets out an agreed set of values and principles for NGOs to follow in the work they support overseas and in their fundraising and educational activities.

Australia for UNHCR is one of a number of fundraising organisations around the world set up by UNHCR to support its private sector fundraising program. We operate through a formal funding and licensing agreement with UNHCR which authorises Australia for UNHCR to raise funds on its behalf in Australia to support UNHCR's international humanitarian projects. Australia for UNHCR works closely with the Public Sector Fund Raising Section (PSFR) in UNHCR Geneva and the UNHCR Regional Office in Canberra.



“Whether in remote camps or in nearby neighbourhoods, there are always ways with which we can help refugees. It begins by remembering that they did not leave home by choice.”
 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Antonio Guterres on World Refugee Day, 20 June 2007

The United Nations Refugee Agency – UNHCR – provides and coordinates international relief for refugees and displaced people throughout the world, offering them protection and assistance at every stage of their ordeal, while seeking lasting solutions to their plight.

In emergencies
 Every year, UNHCR provides relief and protection for thousands of people fleeing from violence, war and disaster. The agency coordinates emergency relief in refugee camps, registers exhausted refugees at way stations and helps to provide the essentials of survival: clean water, food, shelter materials, blankets, sleeping mats, cooking equipment and essential medical care.

Ongoing Displacement or Statelessness
 People who spend months or years in refugee or IDP settlements or who are considered stateless are more vulnerable to exploitation, violence, poverty and disease. While seeking permanent solutions to their plight, UNHCR strives to improve refugees' quality of life and future opportunities, providing community infrastructure, schools, income generating projects and health care in established refugee camps and communities.

Return and Rebuilding Lives
 UNHCR provides practical support for refugees returning to their homes, negotiating their safe passage and providing identity papers, building kits and special 'start up' assistance for vulnerable families. As returnees struggle to reintegrate and rebuild their lives, UNHCR helps repair and rebuild facilities in their hometowns and supports the establishment of local programs for education, training and income generation.

In 2007, Australia for UNHCR raised over \$3.94 million for UNHCR's humanitarian programs. We worked actively within the Australian community to raise funds and awareness of the suffering and needs of the world's 32.9 million refugees, returnees and internally displaced people.





Report from the Chairman and National Director



We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2007.

In 2007, Australia for UNHCR doubled its financial contribution to UNHCR's humanitarian support programs for refugees and displaced people. We raised more than AUD\$ 3.944 million from Australian donors during the year to assist UNHCR emergency relief operations and to fund our administration, education and public awareness activities.

We are now UNHCR's fifth largest private sector donor globally, providing support for the agency's programs in well-known crisis zones and in more 'invisible emergencies'.

Global View

Global movement is becoming more complex. People are on the move for a range of reasons and this is a challenging context in which to provide refugee protection.

After several years of steady decline, the upward trend in refugee numbers resumed. In 2007, Iraq will remain a priority, in light of mass displacement within and from the country.

UNHCR continues to expand its support for people displaced within their own borders. In cooperation with its partners, notably through the cluster approach [see box], the agency is now working to protect 20 million IDPs or internally displaced people.

Despite the many challenges, UNHCR's long-term focus remains on durable solutions. The good news story for 2007 was the voluntary repatriation of more than 700,000 refugees to their homes in countries like Afghanistan, South Sudan, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Somalia.

The Cluster Approach

The Cluster Approach allows the United Nations, NGOs and other organisations to work together in a coordinated, integrated way to enhance their humanitarian response.

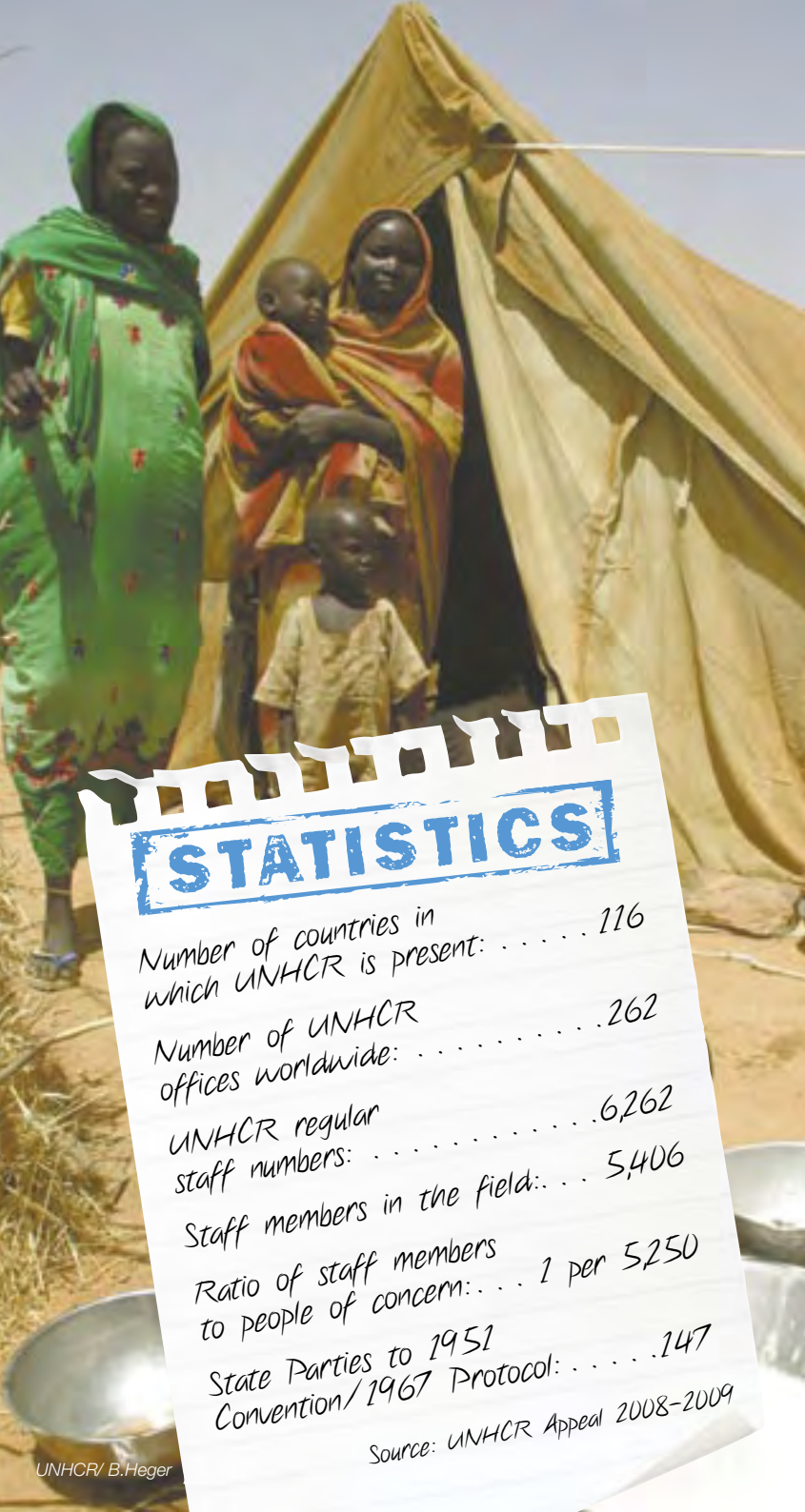
As part of this approach, UNHCR now plays an enhanced role in supporting the interagency response to internal displacement situations. UNHCR has assumed leadership of the clusters relating to protection, camp coordination and camp management, and emergency shelter in situations of conflict-related displacement.

Source: UNHCR Appeal 2008-2009

How We Make a Difference

UNHCR receives only 3% of its funding from the regular UN budget and must raise the remaining 97% from voluntary donations. While contributions from governments remain the main source of funding, UNHCR can only meet the challenges of global displacement with the support of private citizens, civil society, business and the media.

Australia for UNHCR is making a significant contribution towards funding UNHCR's humanitarian programs. We now have over 15,000 Australian donors who give to us on a regular basis; 10,000 of whom contribute regularly to our Emergency Response Team program.



Report from the Chairman and National Director cont.



STATISTICS

Number of countries in which UNHCR is present: 116

Number of UNHCR offices worldwide: 262

UNHCR regular staff numbers: 6,262

Staff members in the field: 5,406

Ratio of staff members to people of concern: 1 per 5,250

State Parties to 1951 Convention/1967 Protocol: 147

Source: UNHCR Appeal 2008-2009

This support has enabled us to support refugee emergency relief operations in Chad and Sudan, Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia.

In addition, through our 2007 appeals, we have supported vital health, nutrition, education and shelter programs for displaced populations in emergency, protracted and return settings.

Australia for UNHCR was the founding donor for the Reproductive Health Program launched for refugee women and girls in Myanmar's Northern Rakhine State. Similarly Australia for UNHCR was the major private sector donor globally to emergency operations in Chad and Sudan. These two examples highlight the major contribution Australian donors are making to UNHCR's vital humanitarian operations.

In the Field

The National Director, Naomi Steer, saw the impact of our work first-hand during a field visit to Thailand in June 2007. Accompanied by Special Representative and Socceroo Mark Schwarzer, his wife Paloma and board member John Boulton, Naomi made a one-day visit to Tham Hin refugee camp on the Thai/Myanmar (Burma) border.

Special Representative Jane Turner joined with Australia for UNHCR's project officer Sue Cowden in a small mission to visit UNHCR programs for Myanmar refugees in India. The team visited a women's

centre supported by Australia for UNHCR which has become a focal point for refugee women in the New Delhi community.

Community Support

A 2007 highlight was the launch of our Mothers' Day Lunch, an initiative of our Womens' Steering Committee chaired by Board member Alice Spigelman. It was followed by the annual World Refugee Day Breakfast, now an Australia for UNHCR signature event. Supporters from the finance and investment sector also came together to support Australia for UNHCR through the Twilight Seminar Program initiated by our Program Committee and Chaired by Board member Michael Dwyer.

Board member Cameron O'Reilly and Special Representative Ian Chappell were special guests, representing Australia for UNHCR, as the official charity partner of the Indian Film Festival held in Sydney in September 2007.

In all our appeals and activities, Australia for UNHCR was generously supported by our Patron, the Hon Tim Fischer and Special Representatives Ian Chappell, Jane Turner, Mark Schwarzer, Jack Gray, Adut Dau Atem and Sophie Weldon.

Our Thanks

Thanks to the individuals, organisations and companies who continued to give generously to UNHCR and to those who gave their time, resources and advice to support our work. The achievements of Australia for UNHCR in 2007 also belong to our staff and loyal volunteers who are motivated by their commitment to making a difference to the lives of displaced and vulnerable people.

Finally, thank you to our fellow Board members for their ongoing support and dedication to the cause of refugees and displaced people worldwide.

John W.H. Denton
Chairman

Naomi Steer
National Director

Helping Refugees Worldwide

Supporters of Australia for UNHCR assisted refugees and displaced populations in 13 countries during 2007.



- Emergency relief
- Emergency nutrition
- Reproductive health
- Refugee education
- Malaria control and treatment
- Flood relief
- Long-term refugee relief
- Health
- Education
- Self reliance
- Return and rebuilding



In Emergencies

In 2007 more than 110 staff of UNHCR's Emergency Response Team were deployed to 22 countries with key operations in Somalia, Kenya, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic and Jordan. (Source: UNHCR Appeal 2008-2009.) Some programs, like the massive refugee relief operation in Chad and Darfur, remained on an emergency footing, while new crises flared, forcing the sudden exodus of people from their homes.

Australia for UNHCR continued to grow its Emergency Response Team Supporters program during the year to support the training and preparedness of the Emergency Response Team and the rapid delivery of relief items and services to the field. Through our Frontliners – our in-house face to face recruitment team – Australians joined the regular giving program to provide ready funds to be directed as needed to UNHCR's emergency relief operations worldwide. Additional emergency funds were raised through targeted donor appeals and e-alerts.



What is a Refugee Emergency?

Characteristics:

A sudden and rapid movement of large numbers of people across international borders to remote and insecure areas with scarce resources and limited infrastructure

Key Indicators:

Crude Mortality Rate (CMR) – rises to more than 5 deaths per 10,000 per day – more than ten times the normal CMR

Under 5 Mortality rate (U5MR) – rises to 4 deaths per 10,000 per day – four times higher than normal

Health – surveys reveal a significant increase in one or more of the following conditions: measles, diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, malaria or malnutrition

Nutrition – a nutritional emergency exists when more than 15% of children under 5 years old have 80% weight for height or less. This critical percentage drops to 10% when other factors like measles epidemic are present.

Minimum Relief to be provided in emergency situations:

Clean Water – minimum survival allocation: 7 litres/person/day

Food – minimum food energy requirements for populations totally dependent in food aid: 2,100 kcal/person/day

Shelter – protections from wind, rain, temperature, extremes and direct sunlight

Other

- 1 latrine per family (6 to 10 persons)
- 1 water tap per community (80 to 100 persons)
- 1 health centre per camp (or 20,000 people)
- 1 hospital (up to 200,000 people)

Chad / Darfur Emergency

UNHCR estimates 240,000 people continue to live in twelve refugee camps in eastern Chad. UNHCR remains the lead agency in these camps, overseeing the delivery and distribution of international relief and services. In addition to Darfur refugees, UNHCR is providing support to 180,000 Chadians displaced within their own country as a result of inter-ethnic violence. In this challenging environment, UNHCR continued to provide non-food aid and oversee the development of water and sanitation infrastructure. The agency also provided protection services for women and funded malaria control, emergency nutrition and education programs in the camps.

UNHCR also operated inside Darfur itself, assisting an estimated 740,000 people displaced in the strife-torn province. In line with its core mandate, the agency assumed responsibility for all relief and services to 6,000 Chadian refugees living in camps inside Darfur. With its operational partners, UNHCR



provided shelter kits and non-food relief for 50,000 IDP households, assisted the supply and distribution of therapeutic foods and other emergency nutrition and helped to install or rehabilitate infrastructure and services like emergency water systems, schools, community food gardens and protection centres for women and youth.

In the refugee camps in Chad, UNHCR continued to provide non-food relief items like tents, blankets, mosquito nets, jerry cans, cooking sets and fuel efficient stoves. Australian donors also helped to fund emergency nutrition, reproductive health and education programs in the camps.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$1,424,670

Somalia Refugee Emergency - Ethiopia

In 2007, thousands of people fled sectarian violence in Somalia. UNHCR sent in members of the Emergency Response Team to strengthen refugee reception and support services to UNHCR-run refugee camps in Kenya's Dadaab region and to two locations across the Kenyan border into Ethiopia. Responding to calls for non-food relief, Australia for UNHCR helped to fund emergency deliveries of plastic sheeting, kitchen sets, soap, sanitary kits, cooking fuel, jerry cans, blankets and mosquito nets.

Funds provided to this program by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$359,642

Somalia Refugee Emergency – Kenya

By the end of 2007, over 170,000 mostly Somali refugees were sheltering in three large refugee camps run by UNHCR in Kenya's Dadaab region. UNHCR's Emergency Response Team provided initial emergency services to refugees who were waiting to be vaccinated, registered and transferred from the makeshift Refugee Transit Centre near the Somali/Kenyan border. UNHCR also provided transport from the centre to the camps as well as water, latrines, food, blankets and medicine .

Funds provided to this program by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$363,304

Flood Relief - Kenya

In early 2007, extensive flooding in Kenya compounded the existing refugee situation. Large sections of the camps were destroyed and 102,000 refugees were left stranded in the flood waters. UNHCR re-directed some emergency resources into disaster relief to help fund airlifts of non-food aid and

emergency water supplies. Hospitals and health posts throughout the camps were prepared for major outbreaks of disease like cholera and malaria. Members of the Emergency Response Team remained on the ground throughout January and February, helping to distribute disaster relief, build new latrines and relocate a large section of Ifo Camp, including 7000 family shelters, the camp hospital, several schools and the police station.

Funds provided to this program by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$50,802

Iraq Conflict

By June 2007, an estimated 2 million people had been displaced inside the country and as many again are thought to have fled into nearby countries. UNHCR stepped up refugee support operations in Syria, Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon. The agency registered thousands of Iraqi refugees sheltering in basements, public buildings and impoverished shanty towns.

Once registered, the refugees were able to receive food, non-food, legal and medical aid. Inside Iraq, UNHCR teams worked in seven locations, providing assistance to the internally displaced population and trying to help Iraq's mostly Palestinian refugee minority who have suffered increased persecution and violence since the war began. UNHCR helped 300 Palestinian refugees to be resettled in third countries but more than 1,750 remain stranded along the Iraq/Syria border in deplorable conditions.

Funds provided to this program by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$8,441



Ongoing Displacement and Statelessness



Reproductive Health

Thousands of mothers and newborns die needlessly each year for want of a few simple health care services. Refugee women and babies are particularly vulnerable. Few receive adequate antenatal or emergency obstetric care, while exposure to conditions like malnutrition and malaria compound their risk of haemorrhage and neo-natal death. Women giving birth in an impoverished refugee setting may lack the simple means to make their birth environment clean, exposing themselves and their newborns to life-threatening infections.

UNHCR's reproductive health programs are designed to address these issues in the simplest ways possible. Central to the programs is the Clean Delivery Kit, a plastic bag containing a clean blade, plastic sheeting, soap, swaddling cloth, string and pictorial information on foetal distress and baby resuscitation techniques. In countries like Nepal, these simple kits, in conjunction with increased observation, midwife training, pregnancy nutrition and education have had a dramatic impact on birth-related illness, injury and death in refugee populations.

UNHCR's Safe Mother and Baby Program

Clean Delivery Kits are primarily a frontline response to emergency situations. In more established refugee settings, UNHCR provides

a wider range of services as part of the Safe Mother and Baby Program. These include:

- Health centres, clinics and delivery rooms in refugee settlements
- Case management for complicated pregnancies
- Extra nutrition for pregnant women and testing for malaria, HIV/AIDS and other STDs that increase the risks for both mother and child
- Coordination training and delivery kits for midwives
- Hospital referrals and emergency transport
- Where possible, family planning advice and contraception for women and men to minimise unwanted pregnancies and unsafe abortion.

In 2007, Australia for UNHCR continued to provide key funding for two major UNHCR Reproductive Health programs.

Safe Mother and Baby Program – Myanmar

In 2007, a Safe Mother and Baby Program was established in Northern Rakhine State with seed funding from Australia for UNHCR. When fully implemented, the program will include the distribution of Clean Delivery Kits, antenatal and post natal case management and care, midwife training, pregnancy nutrition, emergency obstetric care, hospital transfers and family planning services.

The family planning program is designed to support exclusive breast feeding and

help women and girls time and space their pregnancies more safely, improving health outcomes for the mother and child.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$145,140

Safe Mother and Baby Program - Chad

Australia for UNHCR has also supported reproductive health program in Chad for Darfurian refugees. Giving birth in this environment is fraught with risk. Many women of child bearing age are anaemic (as a result of malaria) and many are poorly nourished, increasing the risk of birth complications. In the dusty camps, it is difficult to ensure a sanitary birth environment and the refugees' traditional practice of daubing the umbilical stem with mud has, in Chad, led to high rates of tetanus infection in newborns.

In emergency settings, the Clean Delivery Kit has a significant impact. The string alone, used to tie off the umbilical cord, has helped



reduce the incidence of tetanus. The kit also motivates refugee women to register their pregnancies and receive antenatal and post-natal care. The bright swaddling cloths are highly visible in the camps and many women are willing to attend the clinic to receive their kit and check-up. UNHCR also provides extra nutrition for pregnant women (including iron and folic acid supplements and extra calories), training and delivery kits for midwives, hospital transfers and breast feeding support to improve infant nutrition and allow women to space their pregnancies more safely.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$189,799

Emergency Nutrition – Kenya and Chad

During 2007, Australia for UNHCR helped to fund emergency feeding programs in refugee camps in Kenya’s Dadaab region and in Eastern Chad. In both countries, refugees showed worrying levels of malnutrition – chronic, moderate and severe – requiring both therapeutic and supplementary feeding programs.

In both countries, Australian donors helped to provide supplementary nutrition for pregnant women and high energy milk formula for severely malnourished infants in hospitals and therapeutic feeding centres. Funds also went to purchase ready-to-use therapeutic foods like Plumpynut, an enriched peanut paste that produces marked weight gain in children and requires no cooking or mixing with water. We also

supported the distribution of micronutrient supplements to families to prevent a range of serious disorders resulting from common vitamin and mineral deficiencies.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$101,258 (Kenya), \$91,894 (Chad)

Malaria Treatment and Control – Kenya and Sudan

As part of UNHCR’s strategy to reduce malaria deaths and infections among refugees in Africa, the agency stepped up its vector control and malaria prevention programs during 2007. Preventative measures included the increased distribution of long lasting pyrethrum impregnated bed nets to vulnerable groups (children under five and pregnant women). Pregnant women also received preventative medications. Vector controls included indoor residual spraying of refugee shelters and education programs to reduce mosquito breeding sites in the vicinity of the camps. In 2007, Australia for UNHCR provided ongoing support for malaria

programs in Darfur, Sudan and Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. In Kenya, 60,000 bednets were distributed during 2007, the highest number ever, and malaria infection rates among refugees fell.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$3,506

Refugee Education - Chad

UNHCR is aiming to increase school attendance in refugee camps, funding school construction and maintenance projects, providing books and other learning resources, supporting teacher training and working to raise community awareness of the importance of education for boys and girls. In 2007, Australia for UNHCR helped to maintain and equip some of the 75 refugee schools in Eastern Chad, providing essential items like books, teacher training manuals, desks, uniforms and the construction of separate latrine facilities for boys and girls.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$129,620

Refugee Relief in Protracted Settings

While some conflicts make headlines, others continue for years beyond the media spotlight. People can spend decades living as “forgotten refugees” in conditions of extreme poverty and isolation. In early 2007, UNHCR supporters in Australia provided assistance for refugees in long-established camps in south-west Uganda. With the final transfer of funds from Australia for UNHCR’s 2006 Christmas Star Appeal, refugee families from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in the Nakivale, Kyaka II and Cyangwali camps received basic non-food relief items like all weather tents, warm blankets, jerry cans, cooking sets and school books.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$14,844

Return and Rebuilding Lives

In 2007, UNHCR helped more than 735,000 refugees return home. Agency staff oversaw small and mass return operations, providing relief packages, transport and support for vulnerable groups.

UNHCR Shelter Program

UNHCR's Shelter Program enables select beneficiaries like sole female households, the disabled and the elderly to build themselves and their families a simple, sturdy home. This is a community-based self-help program: UNHCR does not build the houses but provides 'shelter kits' containing a small cash grant, essential tools and construction materials like timber or steel roofing beams, doors and windows. The community works together to construct the mud brick walls while UNHCR and its partners supervise the building process to ensure a minimum standard of quality.

Giving people a roof over their head means more than just protecting them from the elements. It means:

- Creating a sense of security and stability which is vital for the recovery and well being of war effected persons, especially children and other vulnerable groups.
- Reviving community life through the construction of public infrastructure.
- Reducing pressure on the environment through the provision of alternative construction materials.
- Fuelling the local economy through job creation and local procurement of materials.



Shelter Program – Afghanistan

Since major repatriation operations resumed in 2002, more than 5 million Afghans have returned to their war-ravaged homeland, many to find their houses and villages in ruins.

Australia for UNHCR has been supporting the Afghanistan Shelter Program since 2002. During this time, UNHCR has helped to provide housing for more than a million Afghans in rural and metropolitan areas, alleviating the pressing need for returnee housing. With increased insecurity in Afghanistan this year, the pace of returns slowed: UNHCR provided 10,000 shelter kits to returning families during 2007.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$76,560

Income Generation – Georgia

A community of Chechen refugees has been living in the Pankisi Valley in Georgia since fleeing the Chechen war in 1999. The area is poorly developed and, without economic opportunity, the population has remained

dependent on UNHCR's assistance. In 2007, UNHCR and its partners worked with local committees to initiate a number of small/medium size income generating projects designed to assist both the local and refugee population. The three projects include a commercial greenhouse for growing fresh vegetables, a stone processing plant to produce pavers from local deposits of green marble-like stone, and a café and shop to provide employment for women, increase the availability of goods and provide a safe meeting place for local youth. Funding for these initiatives was approved in November 2007 and all three projects were well into development by the end of the year.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$26,381

Community Support – Papua New Guinea

The PNG Government is hosting refugees from Indonesia's Papua province (formerly Irian Jaya) in East Awin, a remote jungle region near the Fly River on the far side of PNG's

central mountain range. UNHCR is helping this community, kick starting a number of projects designed to improve the refugees' access to livelihoods, education and health care services. The agency continued to lobby for the upgrading of the dirt road that connects the settlement to the nearest town and river port. These government roadworks are now scheduled to commence in 2008. Australia for UNHCR continues to provide equipment, training and support for East Awin's health workers, teachers, mechanics and project staff.

Funds provided to these programs by Australia for UNHCR in 2007: \$110,000

Other return programs funded by Australia For UNHCR in 2007

Timor Leste: \$1,576 for follow-up programs following the 2006 emergency.

Lebanon: \$4,658 for the care and maintenance of IDPs and refugees following the 2006 Israel/Hezbollah conflict.



Raising Awareness

Our events

2007 World Refugee Day Breakfast

Our 6th annual World Refugee Day Breakfast has become Australia for UNHCR's signature event. Held on June 20 at the Westin Hotel in Sydney, this year's breakfast was attended by more than 400 guests and raised over A\$115,000 for UNHCR's Darfur Emergency Appeal.

Funds Raised went directly to support four camp-based Community Services Centres in Darfur. Through these centres, UNHCR provides accessible and vital support to refugees and internally displaced people. The centres offer health and training services, and distribute essential items to new arrivals.

The breakfast was launched by UNHCR Regional Representative Richard Towle and was addressed by Mirzeta Trinkka, a former refugee from Bosnia as well as a number of prominent Australians who represent Australia for UNHCR – former Australian cricket captain Ian Chappell, TV star Jane Turner, Special Youth Representative Sophie Weldon and Mark Schwarzer, goalkeeper for the Socceroos. Mark and SBS sports commentator Les Murray introduced a young former refugee from Sierra Leone who was participating in a local Refugee Youth Soccer Development Program. Ian Chappell generously agreed to be 'auctioned' as a guest speaker at a boardroom lunch .

Mr Neil Cochrane, Deputy CEO of Colonial First State Global Asset Management, the sponsor of this year's event, announced his company's intention to sponsor the World Refugee Day Breakfast for a further two years.

UNHCR/ Jane Williamson



“The hardest time for me was when I delivered a baby in a refugee camp in Croatia, without a husband, family, any support at all... Becoming a first time mother is difficult enough with all the support that women can get in a safe and secure environment, but becoming a first time mother in such conditions is a true challenge.”

Mirzeta Trinkka speaking about her experience as a refugee on World Refugee Day 2007, Westin Hotel, Sydney

2007 Mothers' Day Lunch

In May, over 200 guests gathered in Sydney at our inaugural Mothers' Day Lunch which raised over \$55,000 for UNHCR's reproductive health program in north-western Myanmar.

MC Julie McCrossin introduced National Director Naomi Steer who described the difficult conditions faced by refugee mothers and babies in Myanmar's remote Northern Rakhine State.

Special guest, actor and director Deborra-Lee Furness urged support for the program, Kath and Kim appeared via video and Hugh Jackman made a surprise appearance.

Darfur Donor Briefing

More than 80 supporters attended a donor briefing in May to hear UNHCR Protection officer Jane Williamson speak about the agency's emergency work in Darfur and Sudan where she had spent 12 months working for UNHCR.

Twilight Seminar

In October, Chris Cuffe, Executive Director of Social Ventures Australia shared some interesting perspectives on his move from the corporate to non-profit sectors with 70 guests at our twilight seminar sponsored by the Challenger Financial Services Group.

Literary Lunch

Over 100 guests attended our first Literary Lunch hosted by our Women's Steering Committee with guest author Linda Jaivin. Anne Henderson, Deputy Director of the Sydney Institute, interviewed Ms Jaivin about her novel 'The Infernal Optimist', set inside Villawood Detention Centre. The lunch raised \$16,000 for UNHCR's reproductive health program in Myanmar.

In the Media

The work of our Special Representatives and Directors was highlighted in Australia for UNHCR's media coverage .

Special Representative Jane Turner and Australia for UNHCR Chair John Denton were interviewed in the Australian Financial Review's monthly magazine on their support for refugees through their involvement with Australia for UNHCR.

Director Michael Dwyer was interviewed by Investment + Technology Magazine about the investment and financial sector support for Australia for UNHCR events.

Socceroo and Special Representative Mark Schwarzer's appearance at the World Refugee Day Breakfast attracted media attention as did actor and director Deborra-Lee Furness, guest speaker at our Mothers' Day Lunch.

On television, Mark Schwarzer's mission to Tham Hin refugee camp in Thailand was covered by Channel 7 News and Jane Turner promoted the Christmas Star Appeal on Today Tonight. The SBS 'Dateline' program ran a special report on the plight of refugees in Iraq and directed viewers to our website to support UNHCR's Iraq programs.

Raising Funds



In 2007, Australia for UNHCR doubled its fundraising income to \$3.9 million. Successful face to face fundraising saw the number of regular donors increase by 77% while special events and direct mail campaigns continued to attract significant individual, corporate and government support.

Donor Appeals

During the year, direct mail and email campaigns raised \$461,217 for specific refugee relief and health programs.

Darfur Emergency Appeal – direct mail campaign (March): raised \$131,340 to provide emergency relief for refugees and IDPs from Darfur, Sudan.

Malnutrition Appeal – direct mail campaign (May): raised \$111,802 for emergency nutrition programs for malnourished children in refugee camps in Chad and eastern Kenya.

Refugee Education Appeal – direct mail campaign (October): raised \$78,751 for refugee schools and education programs in Chad.

2007 Christmas Star Appeal – direct mail campaign (December): raised \$132,906 for the purchase of relief items for Congolese refugees in camps in south-west Uganda.

Iraq Emergency – e-alert (May) and PSA in conjunction with the SBS Dateline program: raised \$14,409 for relief programs inside Iraq.

Regular Giving

Again in 2007, the acquisition and servicing of regular donors remained our key fundraising focus. Nearly 10,600 people now contribute to Australia for UNHCR on a regular basis as Emergency Response Team Supporters and Action Partners. Nearly 3,600 new monthly donors signed up as Emergency Response Team Supporters during the year.

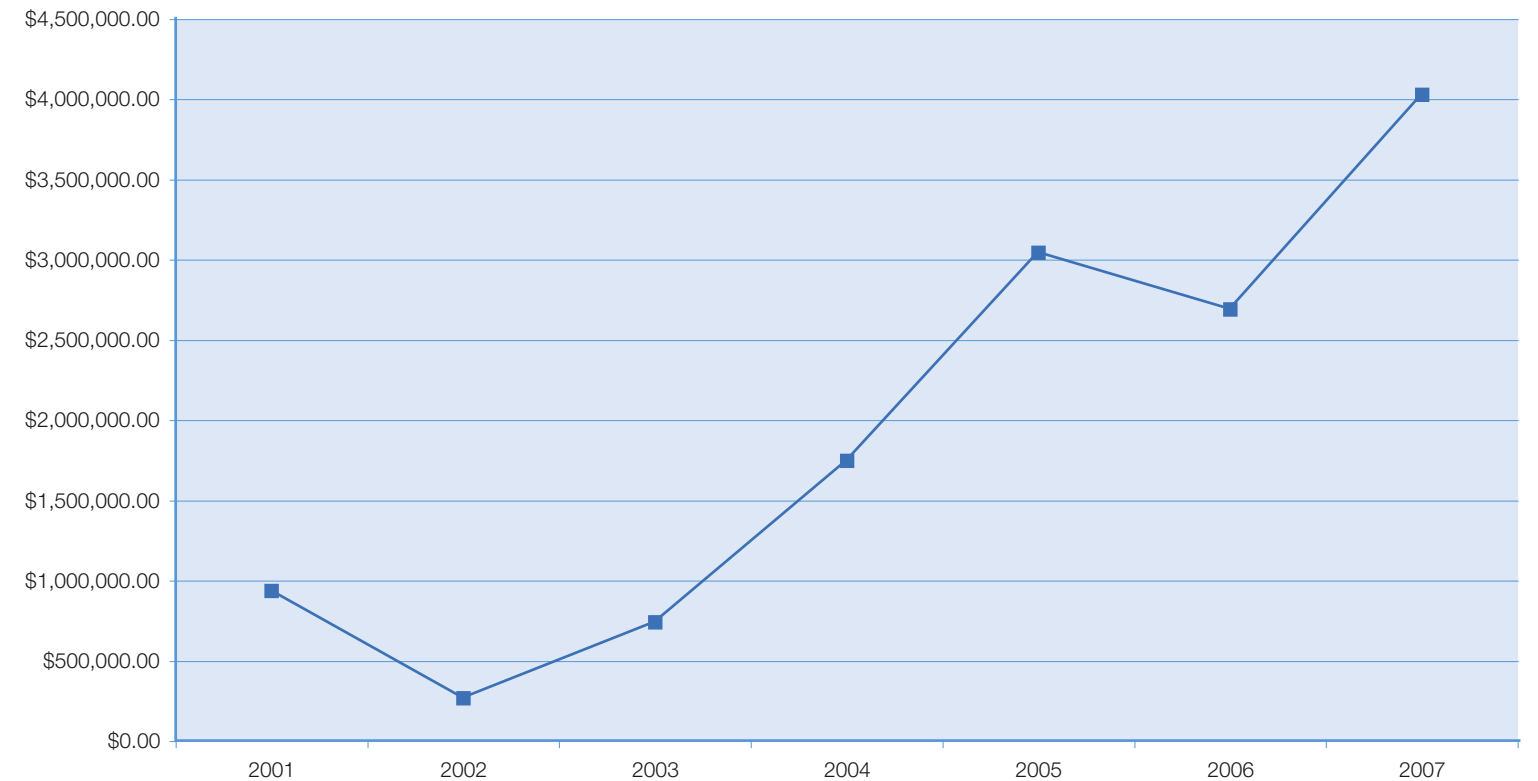
This stable financial base has enabled UNHCR to respond more effectively to refugee emergencies and implement long-term relief programs.

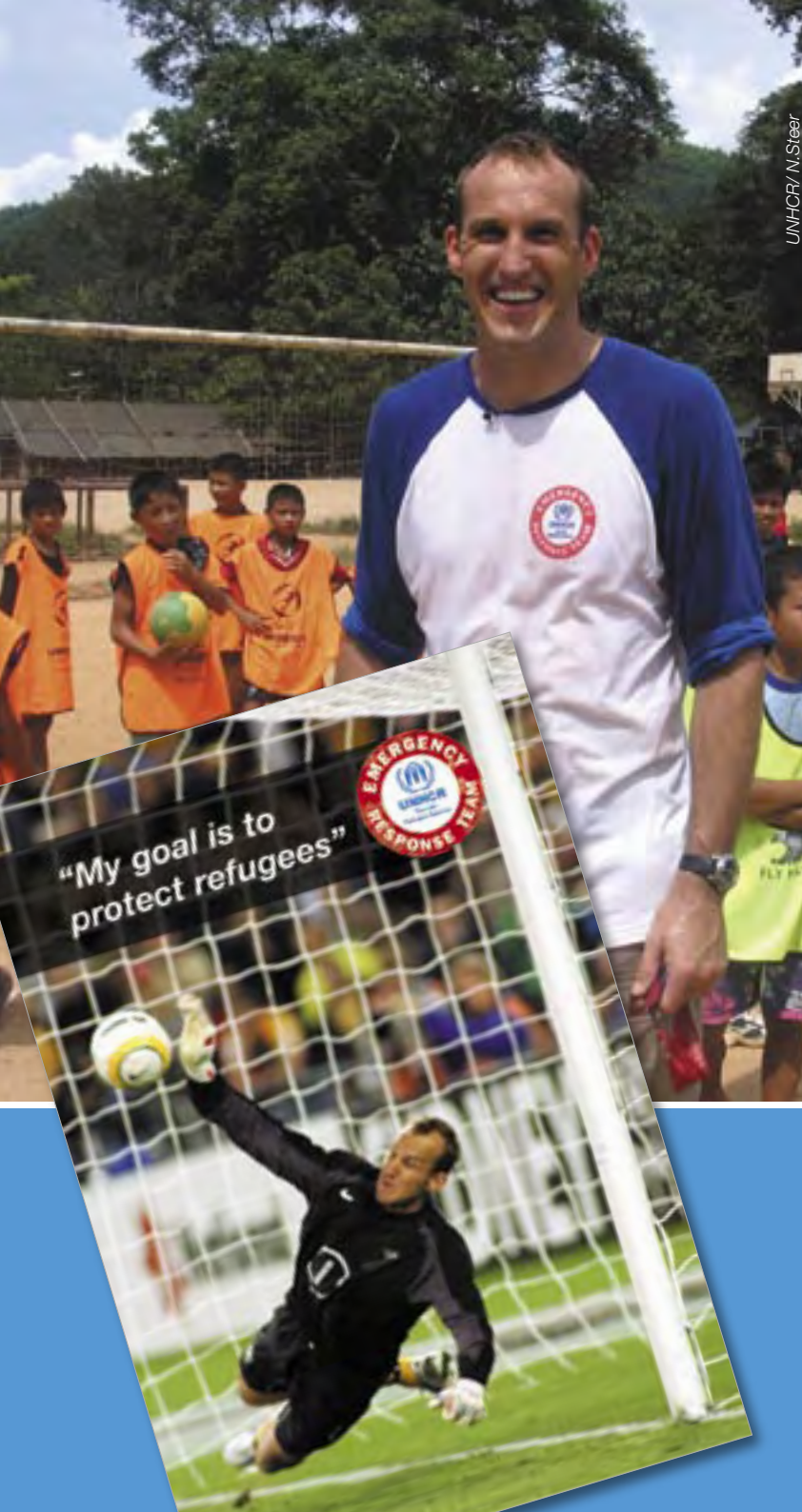
Frontliners

Our in-house face to face program, Frontliners, saw steady growth in 2007 with the program almost trebling in volume. The Australian public has been very willing to support refugees with monthly donations and, for the first time, funds raised through the program surpassed \$1million.

Australia for UNHCR is one of only three organisations in Australia to run an in-house face to face fundraising program.

Fundraising Income





Our People

Special Representatives

Special Representative Mark Schwarzer visits camps in Thailand

In July, Soccerroo Mark Schwarzer, his wife Paloma, National Director Naomi Steer and Board Member John Boulton visited the crowded Tham Hin refugee camp on the Thai/Myanmar border to inspect UNHCR projects.

The Tham Hin camp is one of nine long-established refugee camps on the Thai/Myanmar border run by the Thai Ministry of Interior. Over 160,000 people, many of them ethnic Karen, have been living in these cramped conditions for the past 19 years. Unable to leave the camps to work or further their education, the refugees remain dependent on UNHCR and its partner organisations for much of their food, schooling and health care.

UNHCR has been funding a number of innovative education, sport and child development projects in Tham Hin, including language learning programs, Play and Learn Spaces for nursery-age children and a computer training centre in the secondary school. As many refugees from these camps are likely to be resettled in Australia, Norway or the USA the programs will help prepare the young refugees to settle in their new countries.



Mark Schwarzer's visit to Tham Hin coincided with his Asia Cup commitments in Thailand. During his visit to the camp, he visited the new computer centre, conducted a children's soccer clinic for about 60 enthusiastic youngsters and recorded a public service announcement with a Channel 7 TV crew.

On his return to the United Kingdom, Mark and his wife Paloma kindly organised for his club Middlesbrough to donate over 200 football kits to Tham Hin and other Thai refugee camps, increasing the children's opportunities for healthy play.

Special Representative Jane Turner meets refugee women in India

As well as writing, producing and starring as "Kath" in the hit comedy series Kath & Kim, Jane Turner uses her high public profile to promote UNHCR's work for refugees. In November 2007, Jane travelled to New Delhi in India with Australia for UNHCR and a journalist and photographer from The Australian Women's Weekly. She met with UNHCR's Chief of Mission in India and visited a women's protection clinic established by UNHCR to provide counselling, legal advice and community support for refugee women from Myanmar, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. Since returning to Australia, Jane has spoken extensively about their situation and the important work of the women's centre to the media and at special events.

Other Special Representatives in Action

In all our appeals and activities, Australia for UNHCR was also generously supported by our Patron, the Hon Tim Fischer and Special Representatives Ian Chappell, Dr Jack Gray, Adut Dau Atem and Sophie Weldon.

Our People Cont.



Board of Directors

Australia for UNHCR is governed by a Board of six Directors, all of whom are non-executive and give their time and expertise voluntarily. The Board meets at least six times a year.

Director	Qualifications, Experience & Occupation	Director Since
Mr John Denton Chairman	BA (Hon), LLB Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers	July 2000
Mr John Boulton AM	BA, LLB (Hons), LLM Barrister, Head of High Performance, Football Federation of Australia	November 2000
Mr Michael Dwyer	Dip. Superannuation Management, Advanced Dip. Financial Services (Superannuation), Dip. Public Administration, FASFA Chief Executive Officer, First State Super Trustee Corporation	July 2000
Mr Cameron O'Reilly	BEC (Hons), MPPM Executive Director, Energy Retailers Association of Australia	July 2000
Mr Paul Reid	BA (Acctg), CA Partner, KPMG	December 2004
Alice Spigelman	BA, MA Clin.Psych., Dip.Clin.Psych. Uni. Sydney, Clinical Psychologist Former Marketing Director, Benevolent Society, author	February 2006

Company Secretary	Qualifications, Experience & Occupation	Director Since
Ms Naomi Steer	BA (Hon), LLB National Director, Australia for UNHCR	July 2000

Subcommittees

In addition to the Board the following Subcommittees were established and chaired by Board members.

Finance Committee

Chaired by Director Paul Reid, with members Michael Dwyer and John Boulton the Finance Committee oversees and reviews financial management and reporting .

Remuneration Review Committee

Chaired by John Denton with members Michael Dwyer and John Boulton the Committee is set up to review staff salary and conditions.

Program Committee

The Program Committee is Chaired by Director Michael Dwyer. Its purpose is to promote support for Australia for UNHCR and to educate and inform people in both the wider community and in the Superannuation /Finance industry about the work of UNHCR

and the situation of refugees worldwide. Members are Matt Perrignon, Warren Adcock, Michael Baldwin, Jack Gray and Daphne van de Ord.

Womens Steering Committee

The Women's Steering Committee is chaired by Director Alice Spigelman. Its purpose is to promote support for UNHCR projects specifically benefiting women. Committee members are Jill Savage, Penny Gerstle, Daryl Karp, Lorraine Berendt, Catherine Retter and Pamela Gilbert.

Staff

Australia for UNHCR is headed up by National Director Naomi Steer with the support of Marketing Director Debra O' Neill. Our staff are the key contacts for private sector support and keep donors informed of UNHCR's work via our website, e-alerts, phone calls, direct mail, publications, seminars and briefings.

Our face to face team – Frontliners – also work out of the Sydney offices, engaging directly with the public via special event fundraising and donor recruitment campaigns.

Volunteers

Australia for UNHCR could not accomplish what it does without the support of our dedicated team of volunteers. In 2007, we had eleven volunteers working one day a week, processing and welcoming new donors, assisting with filing and mailouts and helping with events.

Thank you to Duncan, Valerie, Elizabeth, Ilke, Michael, Biniam, Skye, Imogen, Danica, Tereen, Lena, Jan, Lyn, Ben, Katherine, Millie, Natasha, Mariam, Amelia, Liam, Fiona and Robert.

Financial Summary 2007



AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR ABN 55 092 881 122 INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Donations and gifts - monetary	3,444,267	2,990,240
Grants		
Other purposes - related party	1,843,843	833,404
Investment income	80,526	23,788
Other income	95,387	14,880
Total revenue	5,877,041	5,581,142
Expenses		
Overseas projects		
Funds to overseas projects pool	2,772,688	1,451,384
Funds to overseas projects account	159,498	138,175
Community education	144,063	48,094
Fundraising costs		
Funded by overseas grant	1,843,843	833,404
Public	154,241	186,276
Administration	388,194	726,537
Total expenses	5,817,641	5,512,928
Surplus of revenue over expenses	26,000	26,214

AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR ABN 55 092 881 122 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Total Funds		
Surplus of revenue over expenses	26,000	26,214
Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	120,000	93,786
Funds available for future use at the end of the financial year	146,000	120,000
Composed of:		
Retained surplus		
Balance at 1 January 2007	-	93,786
Add surplus of revenue over expenses	26,000	26,214
	26,000	120,000
Less transfer to general reserve:	(20,000)	(120,000)
Balance at 31 December 2007	-	-
General reserve		
Balance at 1 January 2007	120,000	-
Add surplus of revenue over expenses	26,000	120,000
Balance at 31 December 2007	146,000	120,000
Total funds	146,000	120,000

A full financial report can be obtained from the Australia for UNHCR website at www.unrefugees.org.au

Financial Summary 2007 cont.

AUSTRALIA FOR UNICR ABN 35 092 843 322 BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	408,137	330,485
Receivables	83,369	21,372
Other	35,442	18,251
Total current assets	526,948	469,108
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	35,099	30,331
Total non-current assets	35,099	30,331
Total assets	562,047	509,439
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	146,036	418,523
Provisions	25,216	25,323
Total current liabilities	171,252	443,846
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	32,660	33,661
Total Non-current liabilities	32,660	33,661
Total liabilities	203,912	477,507
Net assets	358,135	331,932
Members' Funds		
Funds available for future use	140,000	120,000
Total Members' Funds	140,000	120,000

AUSTRALIA FOR UNICR ABN 35 092 843 322 CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	2,736,448	3,234,438
Cash payments in the course of operations	(1,844,116)	(3,345,742)
Interest received	40,526	23,298
Other income	46,387	14,840
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(99,823)	216,094
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for plant and equipment	(32,327)	(8,352)
Net cash used in investing activities	(32,327)	(8,352)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held	(132,150)	207,742
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	330,485	122,743
Cash at the end of the financial year	408,137	330,485

AUSTRALIA FOR UNICR ABN 35 092 843 322 ABBREGED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies

The concise financial report is an extract of the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2007. The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard 3074 Concise Financial Reports, and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report are derived from and are consistent with the full financial report of Australia for UNICR. The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Australia for UNICR as the full financial report.

The financial report of Australia for UNICR has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). A statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards cannot be made due to the requirements applying to the not-for-profit sector specific requirements contained in the Australian Accounting Standards. The presentation currency used in this concise financial report is Australian dollars.

Note 2: Surplus of revenue over expenses

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenue		
Donations and gifts – monetary	3,544,287	2,699,540
Other		
Other revenues – related party	1,815,863	835,011
Investment income	40,526	23,298
Other income	46,387	14,840
Total revenue	5,447,063	3,572,689

Surplus of revenue over expenses has been retained as after charging for the following items:

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Depreciation of plant and equipment	34,433	8,136
Operating lease – rental expense	79,542	46,111
Provision for employee entitlements	32,930	4,083

AUSTRALIA FOR UNICR ABN 35 092 843 322 ABBREGED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Note 3: Events subsequent to balance date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any other than transactions in the ordinary and usual course of business, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial years.

Note 4: Table of cash movements for designated purposes

A table of cash movements, as set out by the ACED Code of Conduct, has not been included as no single appeal or other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of total income for the period under review.

Note 5: Economic dependency

During the year ended 31 December 2007 the Company received a grant of \$1,343,803 (2006: \$835,464) from UNICR and is dependent on this entity for financial support in respect of developing its fundraising activities and donor acquisition.

Note 6: Segment reporting

The company only operates charitable fundraising activities in Australia.

Financial Summary 2007 cont.

AUSTRALIA FOR UNICOR
ABN 35 082 842 322

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Australia for UNICOR declare that the concise financial report of Australia for UNICOR for the financial year ended 31 December 2007, as set out in the concise statement, balance sheet statement of members' funds, cash flow statement and notes to the concise report:

- Complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports; and
- Is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 31 December 2007 and has been derived from such a statement with the full financial report of Australia for UNICOR.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board.


John Donnan
Director


Michael Dwyer
Director

Dated at Sydney this 11th day of April 2008.

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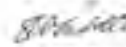
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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2007, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.


MOORE STEPHENS SYDNEY


S. M. WHIDDETT
Partner

Dated at Sydney, this 11th day of April 2008.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIA FOR UNICOR
ABN 35 082 842 322

Report on the concise financial report

The accompanying concise financial report of Australia for UNICOR (the Company) comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2007, the income statement, statement of changes in members' funds and cash flow statement for the year then ended and related notes, derived from the audited financial report of Australia for UNICOR for the year ended 31 December 2007. The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors' responsibility for the concise financial report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), statutory and other requirements. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of the concise financial report, selecting and applying the appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our audit procedures. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the financial report of Australia for UNICOR for the year ended 31 December 2007. Our audit report on the financial report for the year was signed on 11 April 2008 and was not subject to any modification. The Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.

Our procedures in respect of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with, the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts, disclosure and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports and whether the discussion and analysis complies with the requirements set down in AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Commentary

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of Australia for UNICOR on 11 April 2008 would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report including the discussion and analysis of Australia for UNICOR for the year ended 31 December 2007 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports.


MOORE STEPHENS SYDNEY
Chartered Accountants


S. M. WHIDDETT
Partner

Dated at Sydney, this 11th day of April 2008.

Thank you to our supporters



In addition to our individual supporters Australia for UNHCR has received significant support from the corporate sector. Thank you to the following corporations for their major support of Australia for UNHCR in 2007:



Colonial First State Global Asset Management



Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Thank you to the following companies for their generous contribution to our work this year:

ASX
Bug Communication
Challenger Financial Services Group
KPMG
Leading Initiatives Worldwide
Paramount Pictures
Morris and Partners

And thank you to all those who provided raffle and auction prizes for our events:

Elizabeth Arden
Kookaburra – the National Theatre Company
Quay West Apartments
World Expeditions

In December, donors to Australia for UNHCR sent hundreds of messages of support to 'forgotten' refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in camps in western Uganda.

My message for a refugee child this Christmas

May you be happy
May you be well
May you be healthy



My message for a refugee child this Christmas

From a distance I send you my love support and respect. I hope one day you will have the opportunity to live your dreams.



My message for a refugee child this Christmas

We hope Christmas is a time of peace and better times for you. With hope and love much is possible, a star shines for you.



My message for a refugee child this Christmas

May your Christmas be peaceful and filled with laughter and love. From your Friends in Australia.



My message for a refugee child this Christmas

I hope you enjoy growing and eating vegetables from your garden as much as I enjoy growing and eating vegetables in my garden in Tasmania.



My message for a refugee child this Christmas

There are lots of people who do care about you. Learn well at school. Education is the best thing you can do for yourself.



My message for a refugee child this Christmas

We wish you lots of love and fun learning and drawing from our family to yours.



All photos included in this Annual Report are courtesy of UNHCR



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