

Annual Report 2006



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"I have experienced first hand, as an eight year old girl, what it is like to be saved by UNHCR, to be given food and shelter when you are driven from your home and family. Now I want to use my voice to keep alive the plight of the refugees still in the camps so they are not forgotten. No one wants to be a refugee: they just want to live a normal life like everyone else but they are powerless to change the situation in their country, to change their circumstances."

Adut Dau Atem, a former refugee from Sudan and one of Australia for UNHCR's Special Youth Representatives



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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.

Introduction

Another 1,300 000 people were forced from their homes by violent conflict during 2006, joining millions already in exile.

Many of these people fled with nothing – without food, clothes, shelter, blankets or identity papers. They camped by roads and riverbeds, crowded into makeshift camps and public buildings, or desperately sought refuge with relatives and friends.

The United Nations Refugee Agency – UNHCR - provides and coordinates international relief for refugees and displaced people, offering them protection and assistance at every stage of their ordeal.

In Emergencies

Every year, UNHCR helps thousands of people to escape from dangerous situations, providing safe haven and transport out of war and disaster zones. The agency coordinates relief in refugee camps, registers exhausted people on arrival and helps to provide the essentials of survival: clean water, food, shelter materials, blankets, sleeping mats, cooking equipment and essential medical care.

In the Camps

People who spend months or years in refugee settlements 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 immigration 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 2006, Australia for UNHCR raised **AUS\$2.7 million for UNHCR emergency and humanitarian programs. We worked actively within the Australian community to raise much-needed funds and awareness of the suffering and needs of the world's 20.8 million refugees and internally displaced people.**



Report from the Chairman and National Director



We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2006

During the past year, Australia for UNHCR has continued to provide vital life saving support to many thousands of refugees and displaced people worldwide. In 2006, we raised AUS\$2.7 million to support UNHCR's international humanitarian programs. This contribution made us the sixth largest private sector donor to UNHCR - an achievement of which both we and our donors can be justly proud. We were able to provide emergency support and longer term support to refugees and displaced people in South America, Africa, the Middle East and closer to home in East Asia and the Pacific.

Naomi Steer
National Director

John W.H. Denton
Chairman

Global View

Worldwide, refugee numbers continued to fall in 2006 reaching a 26 year low: there have been fewer refugee producing crises and several conflicts have subsided allowing refugees to return home.

However, while there have been fewer refugee exoduses, conflict and civil strife have provoked more internal population displacement. Internal conflicts and a declining respect for human rights and humanitarian law have resulted in increased attacks on civilian populations and on those trying to assist and protect them.

Today there are approximately 21 million people of concern to UNHCR around the world, including some 8.3 million refugees, 7.1 million internally displaced persons, some 1.1 million returnees, 770,000 asylum seekers and 2.3 million stateless people.

According to UNHCR statistics, the numbers of uprooted people rose last year by 1.3 million - from 19.5 million to 20.8 million.

Much of the increase is due to a rise in the number of people living in refugee-like situations within their own countries.

UNHCR continues to work towards lasting solutions for millions of refugees through voluntary repatriation, local integration in countries of first asylum, and through resettlement to third countries.

Emergency Response

Over the past 16 years, UNHCR has responded to 13 large scale emergencies. These displaced more than 500,000 people in the Middle East, the Balkans, Central Asia, West and Central Africa and South East Asia. In statistical terms, there is a large scale emergency every 16 months with a major crisis - that is, one resulting in the displacement of some 1.5 million people, occurring every two years. In addition, there are many smaller emergencies which do not attract the media spotlight.

UNHCR is one of the leading players in the international response system. Between January and September 2006, UNHCR deployed 200 staff to 27 countries affected by emergencies. The largest deployments of emergency staff were to Lebanon, Pakistan following the earthquake, Timor Leste, Sudan and most recently to Kenya.

UNHCR was equipped to respond within 72 hours to the immediate needs of 400,000 people. This is an impressive achievement and one that UNHCR hopes to exceed in 2007 by preparing to meet the immediate needs of up to 500,000 people in emergency situations.

Report from the Chairman and National Director



In 2006, the number of displaced people in the world rose to approximately 20.8 million:

Refugees: 8.3 million

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): 7.1 million

Returnees: 1.1 million

Asylum seekers: 770,000

Stateless people: 2.3 million

How we made a difference

Of course, this emergency response and support for refugees and growing numbers of internally displaced people requires significant resources. UNHCR receives only 3% of its funding from the regular UN budget and must source the remaining 97% from voluntary donations.

In addition to government donations, UNHCR welcomes sustainable private sector contributions from both corporate partners and individuals. Australian donors have made an important contribution towards enabling UNHCR to provide the all round support that refugees need.

Our Achievements and Initiatives

In 2006, Australia for UNHCR raised more than AUD\$2.7 million to support UNHCR's international humanitarian programs.

We were the first national association to launch UNHCR's new monthly giving program to support the Emergency Response

Team. We now have over 7,000 Australian donors who contribute regularly to our 'ER Team' program. With the support of this program, and through our emergency appeals, Australia for UNHCR has been a key donor to UNHCR's emergency response operations globally, providing essential non food items and other assistance in more than 50 emergencies to date. In 2006, our support has funded numerous emergency relief operations including operations in Pakistan, Chad and Darfur, Timor Leste, Lebanon and Iraq.

A small delegation composed of our National Director Naomi Steer, Board member Alice Spigelman and Marketing Director Debra O' Neill visited Timor Leste following the outbreak of unrest midyear. While the situation remained volatile, the team was impressed at UNHCR's Emergency Response activities and the clear evidence of our support in terms of tents, blankets, jerry cans and plastic sheeting.

The National Director also visited a refugee camp on the Thai/Myanmar border late last year. Many refugees have lived their whole lives in these camps and with little prospect of a settlement place will most likely remain in the camps and require UNHCR assistance.

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

Our Future Plans

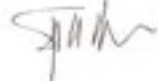
Australia for UNHCR aims to continue building a sustainable financial base to support UNHCR's humanitarian work while continuing to keep our overheads to a minimum. We hope to foster increasing support within the Australian community for Australia for UNHCR as a credible and accountable aid agency. Finally we are


committed to building our partnership with UNHCR to ensure the wellbeing of refugees and displaced peoples.

Our Thanks

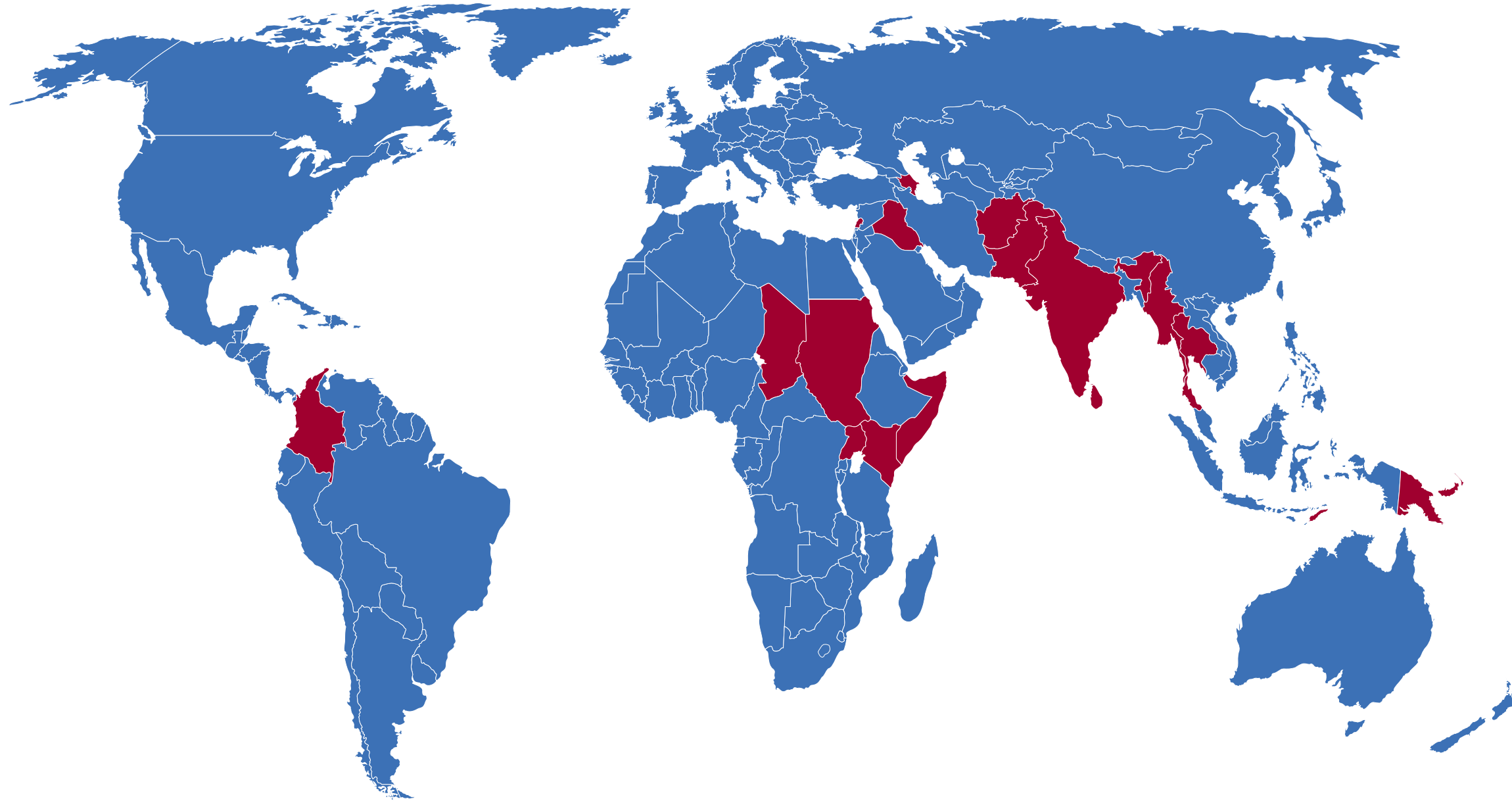
None of our efforts would be possible without our donors – the individuals, organisations and companies who, through us, continued to give so generously to UNHCR. Thank you to the many people who responded to our calls for support during the year.

Finally, we thank the Australia for UNHCR staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work, and our fellow Board members for their ongoing support and concern for refugees.


John W.H. Denton
Chairman


Naomi Steer
National Director

Helping Refugees Worldwide



Supporters of Australia for UNHCR assisted refugees and displaced populations in 17 countries during 2006.

- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Chad
- Colombia
- India
- Iraq
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Somalia
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Thailand
- Timor Leste
- Uganda



In Emergencies



Saturday 22 July –
DAMASCUS:

Thousands of refugees are arriving every day, many of them in bad condition. We have been trying to ensure they can get safely into Syria and receive the food, shelter and other basics they need. The most destitute are living in public buildings – schools, mosques and churches. During the past week, we have distributed tons of blankets, mattresses, kitchen sets, clothes and other essential items to the refugees and to the host families who do not have the money to keep hosting the displaced Lebanese for long periods.

Excerpt from the journal of UNCHR staffer, Arafat Jamal

UNHCR continued to build its emergency response services in 2006, coming to the aid of populations displaced by violent conflict and, in some cases, natural disasters like earthquakes and floods. Australia for UNHCR raised funds for emergency missions in five countries during the year and launched a new regular giving program specifically to support the global operations of UNHCR's Emergency Response Team.

Timor Leste

In May, violence in and around the Timorese capital Dili forced up to 145,000 people from their homes. The UNHCR Emergency Response Team played a key role in the crisis, working to ensure the physical security of the displaced population and improve living conditions in the squalid IDP camps near Dili airport. Australia for UNHCR helped to provide emergency non-food relief items – tents, blankets, kitchen sets, stoves, jerry cans and plastic sheeting. Designed for warmer climates, the new model UNHCR tents have helped to shelter many of Dili's displaced families.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$165,495

Sudanese Refugee Emergency (Chad)

As violence continued in the west Sudanese province of Darfur, UNHCR provided ongoing emergency relief and assistance in 12 large refugee camps across the border in Chad. UNHCR is the lead agency in these camps, coordinating the international relief effort for 180,000 people. The operation remained on an emergency footing throughout the year as people continued to flee militia violence in both Darfur and parts of Eastern Chad. Contributions from Australia for UNHCR during 2006 helped to provide non-food relief, health care services, water infrastructure and emergency water supplies in the camps.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$288,312

Lebanon Conflict

At the height of the fighting between Israeli forces and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon in July and August, more than 700,000 people had fled their homes in Lebanon alone. UNHCR was immediately called upon to provide protection for the displaced population and meet the immediate relief needs of 150,000 vulnerable families. Australians were quick to respond to Australia for UNHCR's Emergency Lebanon Appeal, donating over \$100,000. Following the ceasefire, UNHCR remained in charge of emergency shelter, distributing tents, blankets, bales of plastic sheeting and "emergency repair kits" for rebuilding.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$120,063

Pakistan Earthquake

As feared, Winter 2006 proved a gruelling time for thousands of families displaced by the South Asia Earthquake in October 2005. In the final phase of UNHCR's emergency mission in Pakistan, members of the Emergency Response Team worked hard to 'winterise' the camps and distribute over 40,000 heating stoves and fuel to homeless families. In the first quarter of 2006, Australia for UNHCR continued to channel monthly donations into earthquake relief, in addition to the \$355,000 raised by our emergency appeal at the time of the disaster. UNHCR teams remained in the region throughout 2006, helping thousands of displaced people to return to their homes and rebuild.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$13,984

Somalia Refugee Emergency (Kenya)

UNHCR runs three large refugee camps in Kenya's Dadaab region, sheltering more than 160,000 people fleeing civil unrest in Somalia. By November, nearly 1,000 Somalis were crossing into Kenya every week, creating a huge challenge for the UNHCR Reception Centre near the border. Australia for UNHCR had just launched an Emergency Appeal for the growing refugee crisis when record floods hit the region, severely damaging many camp facilities. UNHCR responded with a full scale emergency relief operation, air-dropping food and medical supplies to more than 102,000 stranded refugees. The Emergency Response Team remained in Dadaab, helping to permanently relocate 15,000 refugees, hospitals and schools, and repair damaged latrines and safe water facilities.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$158,032

In the Camps



Born in a camp: displaced Darfuriian mother and baby taken by Australian UNHCR field officer, Jane Williamson.

Australia for UNHCR helped to fund specific UNHCR health care, infrastructure and community initiatives during 2006. By supporting these programs we aimed to improve the living conditions, health and life expectancy of refugees in dozens of established camps and settlements in Africa, Asia and South America.

Malaria Control and Treatment Programs – Kenya

Malaria is the single major cause of illness and death among refugees in Africa today.

In a two year program, UNHCR is aiming to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality rates in African refugee settlements. The program includes the widespread introduction of rapid diagnostic testing in the field, the use of new, more effective combination therapies, increased mosquito controls and preventative treatments for high risk groups like pregnant women. Donations to Australia for UNHCR's Stamp Out Malaria! Appeal were channelled to the massive Kakuma Refugee Camp in northern Kenya, where they enabled the introduction of comprehensive measures for malaria treatment and control.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$274,242

Maternal Health – Myanmar and Chad

Thousands of refugee women and babies die needlessly each year for want of simple maternity and family planning services. UNHCR has had considerable success in countries like Nepal with its antenatal and safe birthing programs. The Safe Mother and Baby Appeal launched by Australia for UNHCR in October 2006 provided resources for similar programs to be established in Chad and Myanmar. Donors helped to finance the distribution of 35,000 Clean Delivery Kits for home births, family planning services, clinic facilities, training for midwives, and special nutrition and screening programs for pregnant women and girls.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$343,978

Water Projects – Chad

Urgent action was required in the refugee camps of eastern Chad where a quarter of a million refugees were placing severe pressure on the local water supply. UNHCR undertook major works in the first half of 2006 to upgrade water facilities in the camps and host communities. Hydrologists used satellite technology to locate new underground water sources. New boreholes were drilled and a series of pumps, filters and pipes were installed to carry water from nearby lakes and rivers.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$4,584

Self Reliance for IDPs – Colombia

Colombia has one of the largest internally displaced populations in the world. This ongoing UNHCR program provides protection and assistance for the IDPs who are generally female and/or head up female-only households. The project provides training and resources for IDP support associations, offers the displaced community effective legal protection and supports their local integration and self reliance through micro-enterprise programs.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$137,351

Youth Sport, Education and Health Programs

Our 2006 Refugee Day celebrations focused on improving the lives and future prospects of the world's nine million refugee children. Australians responded generously to a special UNCHR-led campaign (ninemillion.org) to provide sport, education and health programs for young refugees, many of whom spend their formative years in camps far from home. Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR helped to support sport and healthy play programs in countries like Uganda, Thailand and Azerbaijan. All programs placed a special emphasis on involving refugee girls.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$78,678

Return and Rebuilding Lives



In 2006, UNHCR helped more than 1.1 million displaced people to return to their homes and rebuild their disrupted lives. Agency staff oversaw small and mass return operations, providing safe transport, relief packages and support for vulnerable groups like orphaned children and fatherless families. UNHCR helped to rebuild thousands of houses and public facilities in destination villages and towns and supported returnee education and income generation projects.

Shelter Program – Afghanistan

Since the fall of the Taliban in 2002, more than 4.8 million Afghans have returned to their war-ravaged homeland, many to find their houses and villages in ruins.

UNHCR's Afghanistan 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 itself but provides 'shelter kits' containing a small cash grant, essential tools and construction materials like timber or steel roofing beams, doors and windows. Most of the homes are of a traditional mud-brick design composed of two rooms, a corridor

and an external latrine. The community works together to construct the mud brick walls while UNHCR and its implementing partners supervise the building process to ensure a minimum standard of quality.

By December 2006, the UN Refugee Agency had helped to provide housing for more than a million people in rural and metropolitan Afghanistan, alleviating one of the most pressing needs of the returnee population. Australia for UNHCR has been supporting the Afghanistan Shelter Program since 2002, raising funds for the construction of individual homes.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$123,663

Return and Reintegration of Refugees – Southern Sudan

While violence continued in the north-western Sudanese province of Darfur, a 2005 peace accord in Southern Sudan ended 21 years of civil war.

By June 2006, UNHCR had assisted more than 70,000 South Sudanese to return to their homes from camps in Kenya and Uganda, providing registration, transport, emergency relief and medical supplies. In Jonglei State, members of the Emergency Relief Team distributed tonnes of blankets, kitchen sets, jerry cans, mosquito nets and emergency food relief and helped to rebuild vital water and sanitation infrastructure in badly damaged villages and towns. UNHCR also oversaw the safe repatriation of IDPs from other parts of Sudan.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$223,867

Assistance for Refugees and IDPs – Iraq

While the deteriorating security situation in Iraq forced a review of refugee returns during 2006, Australia for UNHCR continued to support repatriation and reintegration programs where feasible, primarily in the three most northern governances. Australian donations were channelled into shelter assistance, vocational training and income generating projects in these regions, in an effort to ensure that returnees did not immediately join Iraq's growing masses of internally displaced people. However, with voluntary returns falling to just 15,000 during the year in response to increased violence, and with a renewed exodus, UNHCR refocused many of its programs in Iraq to provide emergency protection and relief for some of country's 1.7 million IDPs and Iraqi refugee populations in surrounding countries like Iran, Syria, Turkey and Jordan.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$543,429

Refugee 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. In 2006, Australia for UNHCR provided funds to regrade the road connecting East Awin to Rampsite, the nearest town and river port. We also helped to rehabilitate health posts, purchase text books and equipment for the elementary school and provide accommodation, training and support for East Awin's health workers, teachers, mechanics and project staff.

Funds raised by Australia for UNHCR from appeals conducted in 2006: \$150,000

Australia for UNHCR has helped provide shelter kits for more than 500 Afghan families returning to their homes.



Raising Awareness



More than 450 people attended the World Refugee Day Breakfast.

Throughout 2006, Australia for UNHCR worked at all levels of the Australian community to raise awareness of refugee issues and the global work of UN Refugee Agency. Our Directors, Special Representatives, National Director and staff gave presentations to business leaders, workplaces, schools, universities and community groups. We also held a number of successful functions, including what has become our signature event, the World Refugee Day Breakfast.

ASX Afternoon Tea

At an afternoon tea at Sydney's Exchange Square in February, Special Representative Jane Turner thanked Australian Stock Exchange staff and management for their donation of over \$28,000 to our 2005 Pakistan Earthquake Appeal. Jane spoke of her experiences in Sri Lanka where she met families displaced by the civil war and the Boxing Day tsunami now housed by the UNHCR Shelter Program.

Twilight Seminar

Australia for UNHCR continued its program of seminars for the finance and investment sector initiated by Director Michael Dwyer

in 2003. Held in Sydney in May and hosted by Perpetual Investments, this year's Twilight Seminar attracted over 120 guests for Dr Jack Gray's lively discussion of the "The Economics of Happiness". Proceeds went to our Stamp Out Malaria! Appeal.

World Refugee Day Breakfast

Our 2006 World Refugee Day Breakfast on June 16 coincided with the FIFA World Cup and celebrated the positive role of football and other sports in the lives of refugees. Launched by Patron Tim Fischer, the event included a televised message from Soccerroos' goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer and a Les Murray interview with Frank

Lowy, both former refugees and football aficionados. Ibaso Ohide, a former refugee from Uganda, spoke of her emotional return as a UNHCR intern to the camp in Kenya where she spent years of her childhood. Around 450 guests attended the breakfast which was sponsored by Colonial First State, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Fidelity, Investment + Technology magazine, Merrill Lynch, Pimco, UBS, Unions NSW and the Westfield Group. The breakfast raised over \$80,000 for UNHCR's sport, education and health programs for young refugees.

Donor Briefing – Melbourne

In July, Australia for UNHCR held a briefing for Melbourne donors at the offices of Corrs Chambers Westgarth. National Director Naomi Steer introduced the topic, "UNHCR in Action - A Global Overview" and presented a film on UNHCR's global activities over the last twelve months. Special Representative Jane Turner gave a presentation on her

mission to Sri Lanka in November 2005 and staff member Sue Cowden reported on her mission to India where she met with Burmese refugees at UNHCR's Women's Protection Clinic in New Delhi.

Café Carnivale Benefit Night

Australia for UNHCR and Café Carnivale held a fundraising evening in Sydney on November 16, the UN International Day Of Tolerance, to support our Stamp Out Malaria! Appeal. Refugee advocate and Deputy Chair of Musica Viva, Julian Burnside QC, introduced the evening which featured inspirational musical performances from Café Carnivale musicians, among them, former refugees from El Salvador and Vietnam.

Christmas Star Appeal Launch

Tim Fischer launched Australia for UNHCR's 2006 Christmas Star Appeal at a special donor function in Sydney in December. UNHCR's Regional Representative Neill

Wright paid tribute to the Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann, President of the NSW Legislative Council, presenting her with a letter from UNHCR's High Commissioner recognising her work for refugees and support for UNHCR. The evening, sponsored by BIAM Australia, included an uplifting performance by African a cappella group Pambazuka.

Community fundraising

Again in 2006, Australians showed their support for refugees by organising fundraising events within their own communities. In Sydney, television identity Mike Munro fired questions at more than 200 guests at a "Trivia Through the Decades" evening in July, raising funds for UNHCR's Women's Protection Clinic for Burmese refugees in New Delhi, India. In Melbourne and Perth respectively, Sensis and Murdoch University staff marked World Refugee Day with fundraising lunches.

In the Media



Australia for UNHCR increased its media presence in 2006, raising awareness of refugee issues and funds for UNHCR programs around the world. World Refugee Day was featured extensively in the popular press and the work of our Special Representatives continued to attract strong media interest, taking our message to a wider audience.

Jane Turner's mission to Sri Lanka was the subject of a 4-page feature in the January edition of The Australian Women's Weekly. The article reproduced the diary Jane kept as she travelled the country visiting those living in new homes provided by UNHCR.



Former ACP Marketing Director Nicole Pizanis and Australia for UNHCR staff member Sue Cowden visited Burmese refugees at UNHCR's Women's Protection Clinic in New Delhi, India in late February. Harpers Bazaar chronicled Nicole's meetings with these refugee women in its June/July edition, under the headline 'The Power of One'.

World Refugee Day received coverage in Dolly, Good Medicine, The Australian Women's Weekly, Investor Weekly and Investment + Technology magazines. Ibas Ohide, a former refugee from Uganda and guest speaker at this year's World Refugee Day Breakfast was interviewed by Richard Glover on ABC Radio 702.



In February, the special relationship between our two Youth Representatives, Adut Dau Atem and Sophie Weldon, was featured in the widely read Two of Us column in The Good Weekend magazine.



New Idea magazine welcomed the appointment of Soccerroo Mark Schwarzer as our newest Special Representative, interviewing him at length about his decision to support refugees.

Keeping our supporters well informed

In 2006, Australia for UNHCR distributed 20,000 copies of its bi-annual magazine With You to donors, supporters and other interested bodies and individuals.

Our donor communications were expanded during the year to include Action Alert, a brief quarterly update for our Emergency Response Team Supporters. The single page update kept ERT Supporters briefed on current refugee emergencies and showed how and where their monthly donations were being used.



Raising Funds



Australia for UNHCR raised \$2.7 million for refugee relief during 2006. The launch of a new regular giving program and successful face-to-face fundraising saw our number of regular donors increase by 40 percent, while special events and direct mail campaigns continued to attract significant individual, corporate and government support.

Donor Appeals

Revenue from direct mail appeals to existing donors increased during 2006, raising funds for specific refugee relief and health programs.

Stamp Out Malaria! Appeal – direct mail campaign (May): raised \$114,196 for malaria control and treatment programs in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.

Safe Mother and Baby Appeal – direct mail campaign (October): raised \$107,129 for reproductive health services, medical supplies and training to make childbirth safer for refugee mothers and babies. Donations contributed to a new reproductive health program for Rohingya refugees in northern Myanmar.

Somalia/Kenya Crisis Appeal – direct mail campaign (December): raised \$112,880 for emergency relief in UNHCR camps near the Somalia/Kenya border. Emergency Response Team funds were also channelled to this program.

Christmas Star Appeal – direct mail campaign (December): raised \$18,072 for children from the Democratic Republic of Congo sheltering in Uganda. Donors also sent messages of support and family photos for display in refugee communities.

Two Emergency Appeals - for Lebanon and Timor Leste - attracted considerable support but not at levels experienced in 2005, following the Boxing Day tsunami and South Asia (Pakistan) earthquake.

Lebanon Emergency Appeal – direct mail and on-line campaign (July): raised \$107,328 for emergency relief.

Timor Leste Emergency Appeal – raised \$103,854, primarily from government and corporate supporters, including a \$50,000 contribution from the State Government of Victoria.

Regular Giving

The acquisition and stewardship of regular donors remained our key focus in 2006: more than 7,000 people now contribute to Australia for UNHCR on a monthly basis as Emergency Response Team Supporters and Action Partners.

More than 2,800 new monthly donors joined as Emergency Response Team Supporters following the official launch of the ERT Supporters Program.

Overall, contributions from regular donors represented 69% of our organisation's total annual income. This stable financial base enables UNHCR to respond more effectively to refugee emergencies and implement long-term development programs.

Frontliners

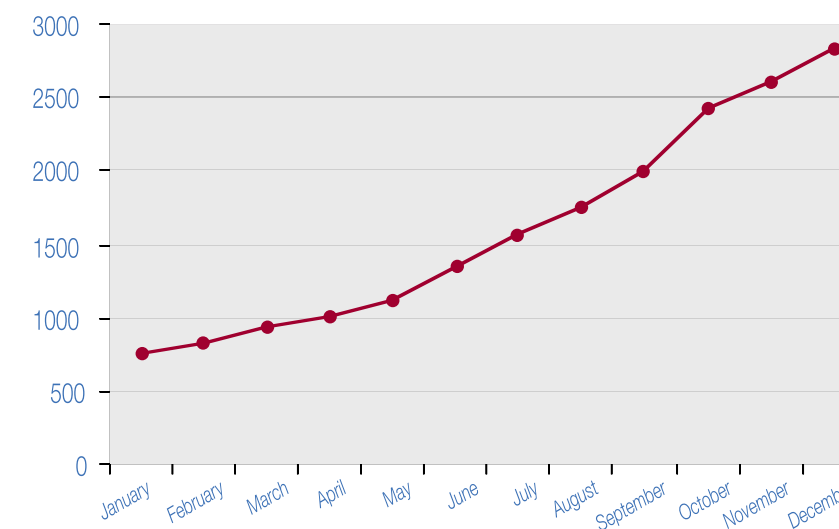
Our in-house face to face fundraising program – Frontliners – continued to expand in 2006 and was our primary means of regular donor recruitment. Considered key to the organisation's growth and a cost effective alternative to using external agencies, Frontliners enjoyed significant additional investment in 2006, resulting in a quadrupling of its volumes and a reduction in unit costs.

Aiming to keep our costs to a minimum, Australia for UNHCR is one of only three organisations in New South Wales to run face to face fundraising programs in-house.

We had about 12 people at a time working as part of our Frontliners team, recruiting donors in the street, shopping malls and at special events. The team operated primarily in Sydney but also visited Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra and Brisbane.

Direct Fundraising costs and UNHCR grant

Of the total proceeds collected from fundraising appeals in 2006, 66% (2005: 75%) were distributed directly to UNHCR's refugee programs. The forecast for direct transfer of funds in 2007 is 75%.



Growth of monthly donors acquired via inhouse face to face program

Our People



Special Representatives



Tim Fischer auctions a football signed by the Socceroos at the World Refugee Day Breakfast



Ian Chappell, Jane Turner, John Denton and Sophie Weldon share a joke at World Refugee Day Breakfast in Sydney

The Hon. Tim Fischer OA – Patron

Former Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer has been involved in a wide range of public and private organizations and maintains an active interest in world affairs and humanitarian issues. In 1989 he visited East Timor as Leader of the Official Australian Delegation accredited by the United Nations to oversee the independence ballot.

Ian Chappell

Ian Chappell is one of Australia's most successful and respected test cricketers of the '60s and '70s and captained the Australian Cricket Team from 1970-1975. Since retiring from cricket, he has worked extensively in the media as a journalist and sports commentator. Appointed Special Representative for Australia for UNHCR in 2001, Ian has proved a great asset to the organisation, travelling with us to East Timor in 2002, undertaking speaking engagements to promote UNHCR's work and launching public awareness and fundraising campaigns.

Jane Turner

One of Australia's most popular female comedians, Jane Turner is best known as "Kath", the high maintenance mother in ABC Television's hit comedy series Kath and Kim. Jane is anxious to use her high public profile to inspire generosity in Australians, to help them realise the awful plight of refugees worldwide and understand the good that comes from their donations. She has travelled as part of an Australia for UNHCR delegation to refugee camps and settlements in Chad and Sri Lanka, returning to share her experiences with Australians at public forums and fundraising events.



Mark Schwarzer

Mark Schwarzer

One of the stars of the 2006 FIFA World Cup, Socceroos goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer joined Australia for UNHCR as a Special Representative during the year, announcing that "my goal is to protect refugees". His appointment followed his televised message of support from Germany to those attending our World Refugee Day Breakfast in June. Mark's activities focus on promoting the work of UNHCR's growing Emergency Response Team.

Dr Jack Gray

Dr Jack Gray was also appointed Special Representative this year. A prominent financial strategist, Jack has used his popularity within the financial services sector to promote and fundraise for Australia for UNHCR. He is a member of the Program Committee and has featured as the guest speaker at a number of our Twilight Seminars. In 2005, Jack travelled to Sri Lanka to view UNHCR's shelter operations and micro-education programs for people displaced by the tsunami and civil war. Impressed by what he saw, he decided to take a more substantial role to promote the organisation.

Special Youth Representatives

Sophie Weldon

In 2003, Sophie won UNHCR's High School Writing Competition, Refugees Telling Their Stories, with a story about Adut Dau Atem, a former refugee from Sudan. As her understanding of refugee issues grew, she organised a number of fundraising and public awareness events at her school and in the wider community for Australia for UNHCR. Her commitment was recognised in 2005 when she was appointed one of Australia for UNHCR's inaugural Special Youth Representatives. Since then, Sophie has continued to inspire young people and adults alike through her work on our behalf. In late 2006, she left Australia to study at Atlantic College in Wales.



Adut Dau Atem

Adut fled her home in southern Sudan at the age of eight and spent the next seven years in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. Arriving in Australia in 2003, she shared the story of her refugee experiences with Sophie Weldon and her family for UNHCR's Refugees Telling Their Stories, and with large audiences at our World Refugee Day Breakfasts in 2004 and 2005. Adut was appointed Special Youth Representative with Australia for UNHCR in 2005 in recognition of her public awareness work for the UN Refugee Agency. She was guest speaker at the launch of our 2006 Christmas Star Appeal in December. She is currently undertaking a Medical Science degree at Canberra University.



Dr Jack Gray in Sri Lanka and Adut Dau Atem

Board of Directors



Australia for UNHCR is governed by a Board of seven Directors, all of whom are non-executive and give their time and expertise voluntarily. The Board meets at least six times a year, with a number of Board Committees convening in the interim. In 2006, these committees were the Finance Committee, Remuneration Review Committee, Program Committee and Women’s Projects Committee.

The Board had delegated to the National Director, who also acts as Company Secretary, the authority to manage Australia for UNHCR’s day-to-day operations. The National Director exercises this authority in accordance with the Board’s policies, Annual Budget and Work Plan and reports to each Board meeting.

Director	Qualification/s	Responsibilities
John W.H. Denton	BA (Hon), LLB, alumnus of Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program 2003 Former diplomat CEO and Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers	Chairman and Director since July 2000.
John Boutbee	BA, LLB (Hons), LLM Member of the Order of Australia (AM) Former Director of the Australian Institute of Sport Head of High Performance for Football Federation Australia	Director since November 2000
Michael Dwyer	Diploma of Superannuation Management, Advanced Diploma of Financial Services (Superannuation), Diploma of Public Administration, FASFA. Chief Executive Officer, First State Super Trustee Corporation	Director since July 2000
Cameron O’Reilly	B.Econ. (Hons), Masters Degree in Public Policy and Management Director, Australian Gas Industry Trust and Director, Capital Policy & Trade Pty Ltd. Executive Director of the Energy Retailers of Australia	Director since July 2000
Paul Reid	BA, Chartered Accountant Sydney-based Partner at KPMG	Director since December 2004
Ouma Sananikone	BA (Economics and Political Science), Master of Commerce. Former refugee from Laos, settling in Australia with her family in 1975. Extensive experience in banking, finance and strategic planning and recipient of Centenary Medal for services to the Australian finance industry.	Director since June 2002 – resigned March 2006
Alice Spigelman	BA, MA, Dip. Clin.Psych Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience in the not-the profit sector. Former Director of State Library of NSW, the Bundanon Trust, Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Breast Cancer Foundation. Currently on the Board of NIDA and Rural Communities Leadership Program.	Director since February 2006

Staff and Volunteers

Australia for UNHCR employs a small staff based in Sydney 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, mail outs, 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.

Committed volunteers continued to support our work, assisting with fundraising, administrative support and special events throughout the year. Thank you to volunteers Robert Yu, Laura King, Amelia Telec, Anouska Charles, Elizabeth Bodnar, Duncan Peerman, Valerie Steer and Ilke Eger who all contributed to our work supporting refugees in 2006.



Naomi Steer,
Board member
Alice Spigelman and
Debra O’Neill outside
the UNHCR Dili Office,
Timor Leste.

One of the frontliners
speaking about UNHCR

Financial Summary 2006

AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR
ABN 35 092 843 322
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Revenue		
Donations and gifts – monetary	2,690,540	3,044,323
Grants		
Other overseas – related party	835,404	870,000
Investment income	23,398	27,403
Other income	14,840	24,954
Total revenue	<u>3,564,182</u>	<u>3,966,680</u>
Expenses		
Overseas projects		
Funds to overseas projects paid	1,453,344	2,067,273
Funds to overseas projects accrued	310,173	215,970
Community education	209,980	186,335
Fundraising costs		
Public	927,023	761,080
Administration	637,408	655,082
Total expenses	<u>3,237,928</u>	<u>3,885,740</u>
Surplus of revenue over expenses	<u>26,254</u>	<u>80,920</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Total Funds		
Surplus of revenue over expenses	26,254	80,920
Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	93,746	12,826
Funds available for future use at the end of the financial year	<u>120,000</u>	<u>93,746</u>
Comprised of:		
Retained surplus		
Balance at 1 January 2006	93,746	12,826
Add surplus of revenue over expenses	26,254	80,920
	120,000	93,746
Less transfer to general reserve	(120,000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2006	-	93,746
General reserve		
Balance at 1 January 2006	-	-
Add surplus of revenue over expenses	120,000	-
Balance at 31 December 2006	120,000	-
Total funds	<u>120,000</u>	<u>93,746</u>

AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	539,485	320,843
Receivables	51,372	59,926
Other	18,263	7,883
Total current assets	<u>609,120</u>	<u>388,652</u>
Non-current assets		
Plant and equipment	10,331	11,115
Total non-current assets	<u>10,331</u>	<u>11,115</u>
Total assets	<u>619,451</u>	<u>399,767</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Payables	458,527	271,180
Provisions	25,323	24,472
Total current liabilities	<u>483,850</u>	<u>295,652</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	15,601	10,369
Total Non-current liabilities	<u>15,601</u>	<u>10,369</u>
Total liabilities	<u>499,451</u>	<u>306,021</u>
Net assets	<u>120,000</u>	<u>93,746</u>
Members' Funds		
Funds available for future use	120,000	93,746
Total Members' Funds	<u>120,000</u>	<u>93,746</u>

Financial Summary 2006 (cont'd)

AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	3,571,044	3,900,711
Cash payments in the course of operations	(3,382,288)	(3,820,541)
Interest received	23,398	27,403
Other income	14,840	24,954
Net cash provided by operating activities	226,994	132,527
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for plant and equipment	(8,352)	(4,102)
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,352)	(4,102)
Net increase in cash held	218,642	128,425
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	330,843	202,418
Cash at the end of the financial year	549,485	330,843

AUSTRALIA FOR UNHCR
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ABRIDGED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

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 2006. The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports, and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the abridged financial report are derived from and are consistent with the full financial report of Australia for UNHCR. 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 UNHCR as the full financial report.

The financial report of Australia for UNHCR complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in their entirety. The presentation currency used in this concise financial report is Australian dollars.

NOTE 2: SURPLUS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

	2006 \$	2005 \$
Surplus of revenue over expenses has been arrived at after charging the following items:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	8,136	12,729
Operating leases - rental expense	49,153	51,223
Provision for employee entitlements	6,083	15,243

NOTE 3: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any other item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, 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 this company in subsequent financial years.

NOTE 4: TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES

A table of cash movements, as set out by the ACFID 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 2006 the organisation received grants of \$833,404 (2005: \$870,800) from UNHCR and is dependent on this entity for financial support in respect of fundraising growth.

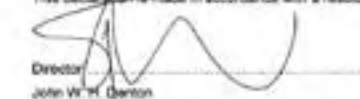
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of Australia for UNHCR declare that the concise financial report of Australia for UNHCR for the financial year ended 31 December 2006, as set out on the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and notes to the concise financial 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 2006 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Australia for UNHCR.

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

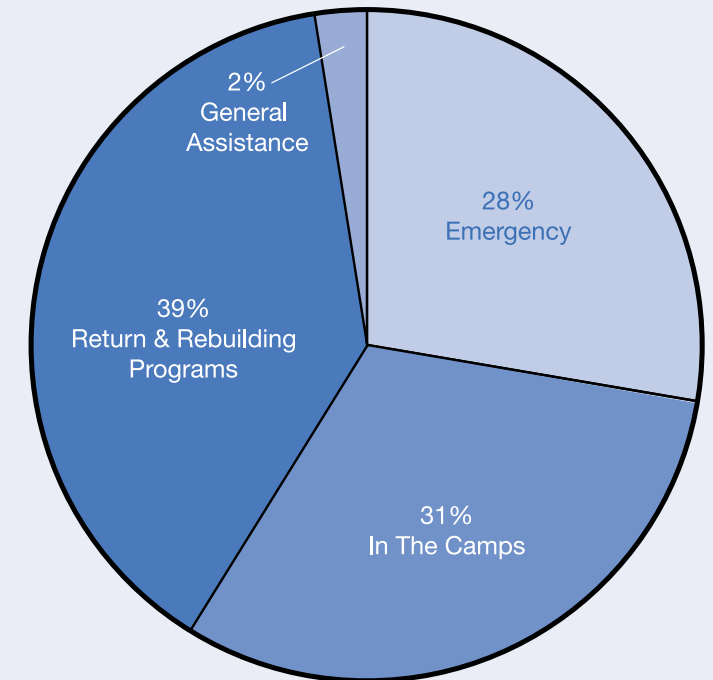

Director
John W. H. Denton

Dated in Melbourne, this 24th day of April 2007

Financial Summary 2006 (cont'd)



Fund Allocation By Sector



Kenya Crisis (Dadaab)

"We have a real problem with food here. The food supply is not assured beyond December. In terms of assistance that UNHCR provides - we definitely need additional resources. There's the reception centre under pressure of course, and then we need to lay on about 12 km of additional water pipes and connections. We also need to provide social support programs so that people in these camps can have something to live for - to value in their lives. They are probably going to be here for a very long time and without these kinds of programs and schools and whatever, their lives will be very poor indeed."

Geoff Wordley, Senior Emergency Officer, UNHCR Emergency Response Team, speaking from the Kenyan/Somali border during the 2006 crisis