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**UNHCR welcomes Japan's US\$72.5 contribution
for refugees, displaced people**

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, welcomes the Government of Japan's funding contribution of US\$72.5 million under its latest Supplementary Budget allocation channel to assist refugees and displaced people in some 25 countries worldwide.

"Japan's contribution will help ensure protection and life-saving assistance for people forced to flee from conflict and persecution," said Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Japanese funding will cover UNHCR operations in Africa (US\$21.5 million), Middle East (US\$34 million) and Ukraine (US\$840, 000). Meanwhile, Afghan refugees in Iran as well as Afghan returnees/IDPs and Pakistani refugees in Afghanistan will receive US\$5.4 million. Japan has also allocated US\$10.8 million to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and humanitarian and development assistance in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

In 2018, Japan's overall contribution was nearly US\$120 million including US\$70 million through its Supplementary Budget mechanism, making it UNHCR's fifth largest donor. UNHCR looks forward continuing its cooperation with Japan.

UNHCR's worldwide activities depend almost entirely on voluntary contributions, and the agency requires US\$8.70 billion for its worldwide operations in 2019.

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