

UNHCR Corporate Partnerships Programme IKEA Foundation



Since 2010 and up to 2016, the IKEA Foundation has made contributions to UNHCR's operations worth over USD 198 million dollars – making it UNHCR's largest private sector partner.

UNHCR and the IKEA Foundation have partnered to help create better lives for thousands of refugee families and children in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, focusing on:

- **Innovative and cost-effective solutions** that increase impact and make the most of resources
- **Strengthening UNHCR's ability to respond**, through a long-term, strategic partnership that combines UNHCR's expertise, the IKEA Foundation's philanthropic vision, and the IKEA Group's core competencies and customer base
- **Leveraging UNHCR's ability to shape policy and implement programmes at scale**, in partnership with governmental and non-governmental partners



Students at an IKEA Foundation-supported school in Dollo Ado, Ethiopia, UNHCR/Ose/January 2014

How does the IKEA Foundation engage with UNHCR?

Who, What, Where, When



Locations: Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Sudan, Jordan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Tunisia, Kyrgyzstan

Beneficiaries: refugees living in camps and host communities (80% women and children)

Contributions: over USD 166,000,000

Areas of intervention: Education, Shelter, Protection, Camp Management, Health & Nutrition, Livelihoods, Renewable Energy





“It is a privilege for us to work with UNHCR’s highly skilled staff. They are as passionate and motivated as we are about making everyday life in and around refugee camps better for the children who live there. IKEA co-workers are equally proud of our partnership and of being part of a company that deeply cares for the welfare of refugee children.”

Per Heggenes, CEO of the IKEA Foundation

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A mother helps her children with their school work in the UNHCR Azraq refugee camp in Jordan, by the light of a solar powered lamp. UNHCR / S. Rich

Impact at a glance

Worldwide

380,000 refugees will benefit from the Brighter Lives for Refugees campaign

Each year, for every LEDARE light bulb sold during the campaign period in participating IKEA stores, 1 Euro is donated to UNHCR’s operations. Funds raised through the campaign go toward education and renewable energy projects. The campaign raised almost USD 30 million.



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1
Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon
 2 million Syrian refugees

100,000 refugees provided with mattresses, blankets and winter items

2
Bangladesh
 30,000 Rohingya refugees

Over 10,000 refugee children granted access to education and over 3,100 refugees receiving vocational training

Innovation
 UNHCR Operations Worldwide

Championing efficient, effective and creative solutions to challenges faced by refugees

4
Ethiopia
 244,000 Somali refugees

9,600 transitional shelters constructed in Dollo Ado camp

3
Sudan
 124,000 Eritrean refugees

6,498 loans disbursed for access to microfinance for livestock and crop production, small and medium business development

2,028 households received loans for livestock production

15,311 students enrolled in primary school

Contact

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About UNHCR

Private Sector support for UNHCR is injecting the refugee cause with new and vital energy. New opportunities, expertise and visibility offered by the private sector partnerships are invaluable to the agency’s operations, while enhancing the reputation of the individuals, companies and foundations involved. A dedicated Unit based in Copenhagen, Denmark manages UNHCR’s partnerships in close collaboration with a network of regional offices and national association partners in key markets. Please visit unhcr.org/privatesector