



YOUR IMPACT

SUMMER 2025 REPORT

**Delivering hope in the hardest
of times.**

This summer, your support has been incredible.

Your compassion towards those in dire need delivered urgent aid and relief to families devastated by the Afghanistan earthquakes. In other parts of the world, your generosity in the form of clean water, vital monthly support, and the precious gift of education, touched the lives of displaced families, the elderly and refugee youth, changing their lives for the better.

From emergency response to lasting changes, you stepped up to the occasion with kindness, reminding us that despite all the challenges that may exist, we can all provide a lifeline of hope to those who need it most.

**On behalf of
everyone at UNHCR,
thank you.**





Afghanistan Earthquakes

Within the early hours of emergency, your support saved lives.

On the 31st of August, a 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan, and severe aftershocks followed the next day. More than 2,200 lives were lost and 8,400 people were affected across 141 villages, leaving thousands of homes, communities and livelihoods - destroyed. Within hours, UNHCR teams had mobilized shelter and emergency supplies to reach those who had lost everything overnight. The scale of destruction was immense, with **over 6,300 homes destroyed** and more than 2,100 damaged.



Your Support in Action

Your immediate support to the emergency delivered lifesaving aid and a message of hope to Afghan families who were left with nothing.



Emergency
shelter
materials for
more than
3,400 families



Winter clothing
kits for
3,200 families



Standard
non-food item
kits for
3,100 families



Emergency
shelter repair
kits for more
than
3,500 families

Thanks to your swift response, UNHCR and its partners were able to provide thousands with immediate aid and safety amidst the chaos.



The scale of the destruction was immense, leaving countless families exposed to the elements without shelter or essentials.

Your support helped power massive mobilization, enabling UNHCR to deploy global stockpiles of tents, blankets, and buckets for up to one million people within 72 hours.

Your commitment goes even further, helping with the building of durable homes that can withstand earthquakes and the winter cold, and providing cash grants for rent, food, and medicine. Because of you, families have a real chance to build a safer future.



Our long-term presence, powered by YOU.

UNHCR has been working in Afghanistan for more than 40 years. That presence, sustained by you, made all the difference. Because we were already there, relief was able to move quickly, efficiently and with purpose.

Your long-standing support ensures we are able to act immediately as we remain committed to helping communities recover long after the headlines fade.

**This was the reality
of your kindness.
Thank you for being
a lifeline.**



Your Sadaqah Jariyah

Providing clean, sustainable water to refugee camps.

This past quarter, Sadqah jariyah: your Sadaqah Jariyah contributions meant that more than 14 water networks were effectively maintained and rehabilitated, ensuring safe, sustainable water for entire communities of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.



Transforming a daily struggle into dignity

Each year, UNHCR leads vital water projects to create sustainable solutions for displaced communities in need. This year, as the water crisis for Rohingya families deepened with a 60% drop in rainfall, failed hand pumps, and water rations cut in half, your support was critical. Before your intervention, women and children faced long, risky journeys for clean water, but your Sadaqah Jariyah became a lifeline in this desperate

situation, creating a legacy that protects the health and dignity of thousands.

Your generosity ensures these vital water systems keep flowing, serving the needs of 300,000 Rohingya refugees.

When water flows, so does life. Thank you for your gift of compassion.



Regular Giving

The power of your donations - a steady lifeline of hope.

Through our monthly and weekly donation programs, your ongoing support is the bedrock of our work, providing predictable aid when refugees need it most. Your kindness cares for vulnerable displaced families month after month, and even the smallest regular donations can have the greatest impact on their lives. Since the beginning of 2025, **this practice has provided stability and vital support to 115,988 persons.**



Hakima's Story: The gift of peace

Hakima, a mother of six in Bamiyan province - Afghanistan, lives in constant fear that her mountainside home will collapse on her children. Unwell and unable to work, she relies on her eldest son who earns less than a dollar a day. Some days, the family has nothing to eat.

Thanks to your support, UNHCR provided cash assistance so Hakima could buy the things her family desperately needed.

"It was very useful for us because at that time, we had nothing," says Hakima. Your help allowed her to purchase food, medicine,

and charcoal to keep her children warm and safe.

Because of you, we are always ready to respond

With a presence in more than 120 countries, your steady, flexible support empowers UNHCR teams to save lives across the globe. When your gift is not tied to a single crisis, it gives us the critical ability to deploy aid wherever it is most urgent, and your commitment ensures sustainable impact, offering refugees not just immediate survival, but the foundation for a safer future.



The Aiming Higher Initiative

Introducing a new chapter of hope for the future.

Currently, only 9% of refugee youth are able to complete their higher education. With your help, we hope to give more eager students the chance to thrive.

This September, we proudly relaunched the Aiming Higher initiative, focused on recognizing the immense potential of forcibly displaced youth and bridging the higher education gap for those with dreams of studying further.

Ahmed's Journey: A dream achieved

When conflict forced Ahmed out of school in Syria, his dream of university seemed lost. But thanks to a scholarship opportunity made possible by supporters like you, **his life was transformed.**

The Aiming Higher scholarship not only covered his tuition, housing, and books, but also provided mentoring that gave him the confidence to succeed.

Ahmed went on to graduate with honors and now works for a humanitarian organization.

“When I got the DAFI scholarship, I saw happiness in my family’s eyes... Graduating at the top of my class has opened many doors for me.” – Ahmed

You can help rewrite their stories

Ahmed’s story is proof of what’s possible when a refugee student gets the chance to continue their



studies, but right now, thousands of talented young people are still waiting to know if they can start university this year.

Not only does your support to the Aiming Higher programme help provide education, but it also builds futures, inspires families and creates the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for believing in their potential and please support them once more.

From providing shelter in the immediate aftermath
of a disaster to funding the education
of a future leader, your generosity creates waves
of positive change.

Thank you for your trust, your compassion,
and for choosing to stand with the most vulnerable
displaced people.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, THEIR HOPE ENDURES.

