



# ISGF - UNHCR



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Work for justice and peace in order to create a better world  
Contribute to international understanding especially through  
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Protecting refugees, guaranteeing their rights and resolving refugee  
problems worldwide**

**ISGF and UNHCR share the same ideals  
and have worked together towards world peace for 6 years**



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## INTRODUCTION

“By the end of 2010, persecution and conflicts uprooted 43.7 million people around the world. This figure demonstrates the continued relevance of the problem; in fact, this is the highest number in 15 years. Today, refugees, IDPs, stateless persons and returnees face a broad culture of neglect, denial and/or indifference. We absolutely have to raise public awareness of these people’s situation, as well as organize activities to improve their protection and their future.

This theme brings together our two organizations, the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), attesting to the shared ideal of working for peace in the world. Indeed, when we first met, it seemed obvious that pooling our activities would be meaningful, allowing for constructive and sustainable action, due to the similar nature of our ideals and expectations.

A strong partnership was first established in 2007 and several joint missions have emerged to give life to this collaboration. Collecting equipment for a refugee children’s center in Hungary or the “school supplies” operation conducted in Burundi are presented as the initial commitments of our respective associations. But our future actions are also full of promise. They can be thought of as the development of initiatives that value refugees. They are often people who have faced difficulties, and have wishes, voices and resources that society does not always appreciate. The beneficiaries of our actions should always be involved: they know their own needs better than anyone. It is therefore essential that they participate in the design and implementation at all stages of the projects. Let us think of the contributions made to societies that have welcomed the many artists, singers, writers, scientists or managers in the corporate world, whose exile and uprooting have been a source of engagement.

Today we have the pleasure of sharing this document, which reflects the common desire to strengthen this partnership.

We hope that this collaboration, extended for a period of six years and signed on March 22nd, 2012 in Paris, will allow ISGF and UNHCR national representations to implement projects in different countries, in an effort to raise public awareness concerning refugee issues and other persons of concern to UNHCR.

Let’s imagine this partnership document as an opportunity to implement new actions and initiatives!

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President



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## HOW CAN I COLLABORATE WITH THE UNHCR REPRESENTATION IN MY COUNTRY?



- Contact UNHCR representation in my country (See the list in the annex or consult the UNHCR website)
- Present a proposal to lead activities such as workshops or literacy courses in refugee camps, or other activities depending on the context and the needs.
- Present a proposal to offer help
  - The return of refugees back to their country of origin (like in Burundi for example)
  - The arrival of refugees from other countries, who may feel isolated and require support
- Inform myself about refugee related issues  
[www.unhcr.fr](http://www.unhcr.fr) - [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)
- Participate in information dissemination initiatives
- Organize awareness raising campaigns in my community
- Participate in World Refugee Day initiatives (June 20th each year)
- Participate in Universal Children's Day, which marks the adoption of the Declaration and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (November 20th each year)
- Write to people within my network to mobilize support
- Be aware and attentive of information related to the situation of refugees

- Offer my skills and professional knowledge as a trainer to UNHCR
- Offer my skills as a scout or guide leader to UNHCR
- Participate, organize or research fundraising opportunities for UNHCR
  
- Use educational documents and tools
  - «Not Just Numbers»: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4b7409436.html>
  - «Against All Odds»: <http://www.playagainstallodds.com/>
  - «Do One Thing»: <http://do1thing.unhcr.org>
  
- Watch and discuss relevant films

## WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP (ISGF)?



ISGF is an organization for adults focused on scout and guide ideals. Its main objective is to help members maintain the values learned in the youth movement: to provide service to civil society, to encourage personal development and to support scouting and guiding at international, national and local levels. The fellowship is open to former members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and to adults who did not have the opportunity to be Scouts or Guides in their youth.

ISGF is a product of the 1953 WOSM and WAGGGS World Conference. It was officially established on October 25th 1953 in Lucerne, Switzerland. The fellowship was known under the abbreviation IFOFSAG (the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides). The initial idea was to create an international platform for adults no longer actively involved in the youth movements, who still wished to continue basing their life on Scouting and Guiding principles and values. ISGF is an independent organization, which works in harmony with WAGGGS and WOSM.

The members of ISGF are the NSGFs (National Scout and Guide Fellowships), currently in 62 countries. NSGFs are composed of a number of LSGFs (Local Scout and Guide Fellowships) within each country. In countries with no NSGF, currently in 38 countries, individual members and small groups may become members of ISGF via the Central Branch until such time as a National Fellowship is established. At the Central Branch there are currently 40 member countries.

For more information visit ISGF's website  
[www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org)



**26<sup>TH</sup> ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE, COMO, ITALY  
26<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> OF OCTOBER 2011**



Our Italian hosts



## A BRIEF HISTORY OF UNHCR

Refugees are not A danger; they are IN danger



Over 10 million refugees want nothing more than to go home.

**1** refugee longing for home  
**is too many.**

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**1921** The League of Nations appoints the first High Commissioner for refugees.

**1945** After the Second World War, The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration were established. It was replaced by the International Refugee Organization (IRO) in 1947.

**1950** The United Nation's General Assembly establishes the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with an initial three year mandate.

**1951** The Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees was signed by 140 states.  
*Due to the multiplying refugee crises across the world, the UNHCR mandate is now renewed every five years.*

**2003** The United Nations General Assembly lifts the temporal restriction of UNHCR's mandate until the resolution of refugee problem.

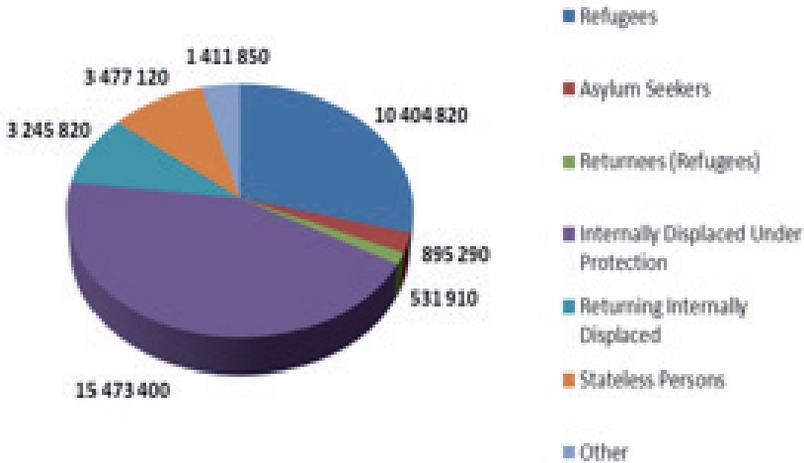
*Children run outside of the new arrivals section at the Ifo camp, Dadaab, Kenya  
UNHCR / E. HOCKSTEIN*



## SOME KEY FIGURES

In 60 years of existence, the UNHCR has assisted **more than 50 million refugees**. At the beginning of 2012, UNHCR protected 10.4 million refugees<sup>1</sup>.

### Persons of Concern to UNHCR Worldwide 2011 (total: 35 440 210)



In 2011, almost half of the persons of concern to UNHCR worldwide were **children**.

#### The five main refugee hosting countries<sup>2</sup>

- Pakistan (1 702 700 people)
- Iran (886 500 people)
- Syria (755 400 people)
- Germany (571 700 people)
- Kenya (566 500 people)

#### The five main source countries of refugees<sup>3</sup>

- Afghanistan (2 664 400 people)
- Iraq (1 428 300 people)
- Somalia (1 077 000 people)
- Sudan (500 000 people)
- DRC (491 500 people)

<sup>1</sup> UNHCR, *Global Trends 2011*, p.2. - <sup>2</sup> UNHCR, *Global Trends 2011*, p.14. - <sup>3</sup> UNHCR, *Global Trends 2011*, p.14.

## WHAT IS UNHCR'S MISSION?

UNHCR's mandate is to protect refugees, displaced persons, stateless people and other persons of concern, to coordinate worldwide efforts to solve their problems and to guarantee their fundamental rights: the right to work, the right to education, freedom of religion, the right to travel documents and the right to legal protection.

### Some definitions

A **refugee** is a person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is *outside the country of his nationality*, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country" (Article 1 of the Geneva Convention of 1951).

However, millions of people in desperate situations do not enjoy the legal status of refugees because they have not left their country of nationality.

There are 25 million ***internally displaced persons*** worldwide.

The term "***stateless person***" shall apply to "a person who is not considered as a national by any State under the operation of its law" (Article 1 of the New York Convention, 1954).

"Section 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights concerning the right to nationality."

An asylum seeker is a refugee applicant who has applied for recognition of the said statute, as defined in the Geneva Convention of 1951.

"Section 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights concerning the right of asylum, with its restrictions."

A **returnee** is a refugee who has voluntarily agreed to go home as soon as security conditions allow it. Once he or she is back home, a person is no longer a refugee as defined by the Geneva Convention of 1951.

A **migrant** is a "person who lives temporarily or permanently in a country where he or she was not born, and has acquired some significant social ties to this country" (UNESCO definition).

An ***immigrant*** is a person who was born abroad and who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.

The ***Nansen passport*** is a series of documents used as identification and travel papers created by Fridtjof Nansen, the League of Nations' first High Commissioner for Refugees, during the intergovernmental conference in July 1922 in Geneva. Its aim was to give an identity to the refugees who could not resort to the services of the state they were originating from.

A ***boat person*** is an irregular migrant who attempts to flee from his or her native country by sea, on a boat or makeshift vessel.

An ***unaccompanied child*** is a "person under the age of 18, who is separated from both parents and other relatives and is not being cared for by an adult who, by law or custom, is responsible for doing so" (UNHCR definition).

**KEY DATES OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP (ISGF)  
AND  
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)**



**2003:** 50 year anniversary of the ISGF; FAAS (ANSG in France) decided to work in collaboration with UNHCR to help a center servicing child refugees in Hungary; The FAAS collected material and money, at the end of December, almost 500 kilograms of material were sent to the “Oltalom” center in Békéscsaba.

**2004 January:** a 3 person mission brought 1500 euros to “Oltalom”.



In Budapest, the meeting with UNHCR and NSGF Hungary was decisive: NSGF Hungary would support the project and care for the children until the centre was moved to Budapest.

**But this led to the emergence of the idea  
to establish a partnership between ISGF and UNHCR  
at the international level**

**2004:** After studying the project, the world committee, under the direction of Riccardo della Rocca, accepted the idea and entrusted the job to Martine Lévy.

**2004-2007:** Many trips were taken to Geneva to establish the partnership and many meetings in Paris took place to finalize the official text of the partnership.

The UNHCR-ISGF partnership was formalized in 2007; the signing of the agreement was presided over by Martine Lévy.

**2005:** UNHCR Paris elaborates a UNHCR briefing document for NSGF.

**2008:** The UNHCR Paris representation invites ISGF to the World Refugee Day dedicated to women on June 20th 2008. ISGF attended with Jacqueline Banyanka, hosted by Martine Lévy. Contacts were made and the project “school supplies” was born. The project sought to aid refugee or displaced children or orphans, who lived in extreme poverty in Eastern Burundi.

**2008-2010:** The project was mounted and launched, the Burundi Guides met Martine Lévy at the World Conference in July 2008 and they were ready to offer their services. The same Guides met Martine Lévy at the WAGGGS African Conference in 2010, the project was mounted and 13 NSGFs gathered almost 9000 euros. The new President of the ISGF World Committee, Brett Grant, lent his support, and Anne Dupont, ISGF’s Vice President, followed the project closely. The collaboration with UNHCR in Paris and Bujumbura was difficult and a substantial amount of work, but it got off to a good start.

**2010:** Prior to the regional European Conference in Cyprus, the Burundi Guides stated their need for 8000 euros; at Cyprus the announcement was made that 1000 backpacks would be donated to 1000 children.

**End of 2010: Simone Nédélec and Martine Lévy, members of the FAAS (France), left on mission to Burundi.**

Situated on the border of Tanzania, in the region of Cankuzo in eastern Burundi, **Cendajuru, Twinkwavu and Nyamugari** are three of the most isolated and ill served villages in the country. They are the “forgotten” of the beautiful country of Burundi.

As a result of civil war, the long established villagers fled to the mountains to UNHCR refugee camps. When they returned, they were destituted and a number of orphaned children were living with extended families.

In the presence of UNHCR, Simone Nédélec and Martine Lévy went to deliver 1000 backpacks of school supplies to 1000 of the poorest children in the name of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF).

Each school was extraordinarily welcoming and the donation of approximately 300 backpacks per school was very moving. It was a dream that had come to fruition, these children never would have imagined that one day they would be given a lovely little backpack filled with pencils, notebooks etc. to replace the small plastic bag used to wrap their book and their pencil.

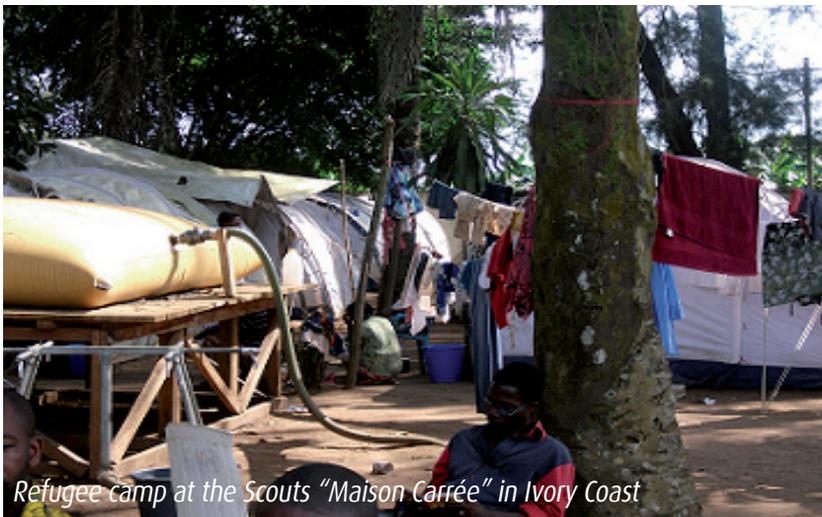
“I was so happy because my pencil didn’t write anymore; I will be able to write again”, a young girl confided to ISGF. The majority of the children were very intimidated at first, but ISGF crossed their paths as they returned home and they looked very proud and happy with their little backpacks.



**2010-2011:** Resulting from needs in the field, a plan to plant small orchards or vegetable gardens in schools has been proposed. The project is still being conceptualized.

**2011: William SPINDLER**, spokesman for UNHCR Paris, **accepted to represent UNHCR at the ISGF World Conference in Como, Italy.**

**End of 2011: Martine Lévy left on mission to Ivory Coast.** The project sought to establish income generating activities, such as supplying telephones to young refugees. The project was finalized over the course of a new mission in July 2012.



*Refugee camp at the Scouts "Maison Carrée" in Ivory Coast*

## WHAT ARE UNHCR'S CHALLENGES?

### Protection

The protection of 25.9 million displaced people in the world<sup>4</sup> constitutes the “raison d’être” of UNHCR.

Operationalizing the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, UNHCR works to uphold the fundamental human rights of vulnerable persons and to fight the involuntary return of refugees to countries where they risk persecution.

In the long term, the organisation facilitates voluntary return, the integration of individuals into their first country of exile or resettlement in a third country.

By supporting a vast global network, UNHCR responds to the immediate needs of exile victims by providing food, shelter, water and medical care.



*A female Afghan refugee  
UNHCR/L.Slezic Global Aware*

<sup>4</sup> UNHCR World Trends 2011: “Of the world’s displaced, 25.9 million people – 10.4 million refugees and 15.5 million IDPs – were receiving protection or assistance from UNHCR at the end of 2011”, p 2.

## Violence to Women

Women and young girls represent 49% of the total refugee population<sup>5</sup>. Stripped of the protection of their homes, family structures and government, women are particularly vulnerable. They face long journeys into exile, harassment, indifference and sexual violence, even after arriving at a location deemed 'safe'. Women are responsible for the material subsistence and physical protection of their families, while facing threats, being mothers, caretakers and heads of families.



*Macedonian women returning to Kosovo*  
© UNHCR/B. Belzel

## Children and adolescent refugees

Children and adolescents represent 46% of the total refugee population worldwide. Deprived of all protection, they are the most vulnerable. They face trauma from family separation, long journeys into exile, sexual exploitation, abuse (physical, emotional and sexual), forced military recruitment and violence, even after arriving at a location deemed 'safe'. Sometimes, teenagers must face these threats while taking responsibility for the material subsistence and physical protection of young children.

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<sup>5</sup> HCR World Trends 2011, p. 11

## HIV/AIDS

Conflicts, displacements, food insecurity and poverty are breeding grounds for spreading the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Many of the millions of people protected by UNHCR live in conditions making them particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS. Although, refugees do not have a particularly high prevalence of HIV; it is imperative that efforts are made to combat the terrible pandemic in host countries.

HIV/AIDS prevention and impact reduction are the essential building blocks of global refugee protection. In 2002, UNHCR established its "Strategic plan for HIV/AIDS and refugees". The plan includes:

- Assuring that refugees live in dignity and without discrimination;
- Assuring the respect for fundamental human rights;
- Assuring a minimum level of programming and coordination in emergency situations;
- Establishing pilot projects in stable situations that combine care with enhanced surveillance, monitoring and evaluation.



*A doctor caring for refugees in Afghanistan*  
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## Trainings – Helping refugees to be self sufficient

UNHCR's first objective, conditions permitting, is to assist refugees to return to their country of origin. The preparation for this eventual return is permanent, from arrival to departure.

Even in situations of crisis and war, UNHCR strives to establish education programs to benefit refugee children and to promote gender equality and equal access to schooling.

Professional training programs allow women, who have often suddenly become the heads of family units, to become self-sufficient insuring survival.

Refugees preparing to return home receive training to ease the resettlement transition and to avoid imposing on communities.

Courses on civic education, information on the dangers of mines and issues related to health and hygiene are also provided.



*Young Afghan girls continuing their education at home*  
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## WHERE DOES UNHCR INTERVENE?

### EUROPE

In 2012, UNHCR statistics recorded 355 000 asylum claims in the 38 European countries, a 10% increase from 2011<sup>6</sup>.

### THE BALKANS

Since the Dayton Peace Accords in 1995, approximately 2.5 million civilians have returned home, while 20 000 people are still displaced within the region.

### SYRIA

4 million people were forced to move inside their own country because of the conflict, in addition to 1.2 million of their fellow citizens who fled into the neighboring countries.

### IRAQ

UNHCR helps some 270 000 Iraqi civilians who wished to return to previously controlled regions of Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003. In addition, UNHCR helps close to 100 000 people, predominantly Palestinians, who find themselves on Iraqi territory.

### AFGHANISTAN

More than 2 million Afghans are exiled in Iran and Pakistan and constitute the most important group of displaced persons to UNHCR's mandate. At the beginning of 2013, more than 4.5 million Afghans were considered persons of concern to UNHCR<sup>7</sup>.

### SRI LANKA

Since the truce in 2002, approximately 379 000 displaced people and 10 000 refugees won back their cities and villages.

### SUDAN/CHAD: THE HORN OF AFRICA

This is the most volatile region in the world. Darfur: 1.8 million people are displaced; Chad: 200 000 refugees; South Sudan: 4 million people are displaced. There are more than 900 000 displaced Somalis and South Sudanese in Kenya, Uganda, Yemen, Ethiopia, Djibouti and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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<sup>6</sup> UN News Centre, "World's conflicts continue to push up asylum requests, UN refugee agency reports ", 21st March 2013.

<sup>7</sup> UNHCR, 2013 UNHCR country operations profile – Afghanistan. Website of UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49e486eb6.html>.

## CENTRAL AFRICA

In the region of the great lakes, there are 1.2 million displaced people, of which the majorities are Burundian and Congolese refugees.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

4.5 million displaced Angolans have returned to Angola since the peace agreements of 2002.

## WEST AFRICA/MALI

Liberia: thousands of returnees, some 330 000 refugees in neighboring countries. Sierra Leone: thousands of returnees.

In total, 1 036 330 people were considered persons of concern to UNHCR in January 2012<sup>8</sup>.

Mali: more than 200 000 internally displaced people, and 200 000 refugees to neighbouring countries since the beginning of the crisis.

## COLOMBIA

There are approximately 2 million internally displaced people and thousands of refugees in neighboring countries.

## THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION

UNHCR provides assistance to more than 350 000 Palestinians living outside the operational area of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency).



*Afghan children play on a UNHCR tent in a camp in Pakistan*  
© UNHCR Reuters/A.Latif/PAK.2009

<sup>8</sup> UNHCR, *Global Appeal 2013*, p.117

## WHAT CONCRETE ACTIONS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN?

### **BURUNDI:**

- We have maintained very good contacts with Justine Nkurunziza of Burundi and the Girl Guides. We will confirm their cooperation in the Garden Project asking them to develop it in collaboration with Jacqueline Banyanka.

Although this project is somewhat remote from the concerns of UNHCR, it is nevertheless important for children. Ideas have already been transmitted to the FAO with whom WAGGGS has a good relationship. This project will possibly be followed up by the future African team of the World Committee.

- It is possible that the Girl Guides of Burundi have another project proposal to benefit children; THEY ARE ON THE GROUND and they are most familiar with the context.

### **IVORY COAST: FOLLOW-UP**

- The Scouts and NSGF Ivory Coast have been asked to host some displaced individuals at the Scout house.

- A meeting between the Scouts, NSGF and ISGF would be beneficial, allowing ISGF to gather useful information as well as offer an opportunity to consider how each association may best be of assistance.

- Female Scouting in Ivory Coast has also been responsive.

- Finally, contacts were made with UNHCR office in Abidjan; small projects might be funded by NSGF.

- Martine Levy's new mission in July 2012 helped formalize a detailed proposal that was submitted to members of NSGF.

### **AT ISGF CONFERENCES: UNHCR PRESENTATION**

- Through conferences and gatherings, awareness of the refugee problem can be raised in the NSGF or Central Branch groups to address the point raised by Mr. Spindler in Como, that the refugee situation is often unknown.

## **TURKEY:**

- The Quai Branly Museum, UNHCR and *Aviation Sans Frontières* (Aviation Without Borders), a charity group went into a partnership in a workshop called "The Other Toy" to invite children and their families to donate a toy to Syrian refugee children and children of other nationalities in camps in Turkey.
- 350 kilos of toys put into 60 boxes, which represents more than 2000 toys, were collected, largely due to the wide mobilization of the Federation of Associations of Former Scouts (FAAS), affiliated to the ISGF.
- These toys were sent to Turkey and will be distributed by UNHCR to Syrian children refugees in Turkey, as well as to other refugee children in the country on the 24th of April 2013.



*Boxes with donations at Quai Branly, Paris*

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP (ISGF)  
AND  
THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)**

*ISGF and UNHCR signed this partnership agreement in 2007.*

*It was reviewed in 2012.*

*It concurs with the 8th Millennium Development Goal:*

*“Develop a Global Partnership for Development”*

**The original of this agreement duly  
dated and signed can be found on ISGF  
and UNHCR websites**

This cooperation agreement (hereinafter “the Agreement”) was signed between the International Scout and Guide (hereinafter referred to as “ISGF”) on the one hand and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (hereinafter referred to as “UNHCR”) on the other.

- Considering that the aim of ISGF is to support the worldwide movement of young scouts and guides and also to keep scout and guide values alive, without discrimination of race, nationality, culture or religion.
  - Considering that the mandate of UNHCR is to provide international protection and assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons, and to seek durable solutions to their problems.
  - Recognizing that UNHCR’s activities in favor of refugees, returnees and displaced persons can benefit from the support of the ISGF and may be supplemented by occasional collaborations with ISGF.
  - Desiring to establish and strengthen cooperation between them by setting up a framework for cooperation.
- Agree that cooperation and collaboration between the parties under this Agreement could serve their goals and make their respective activities more effective and beneficial to refugees, returnees and displaced persons.

Decide as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1** **Objective of the Agreement**

The objective of this agreement is to establish a framework of cooperation between UNHCR and the ISGF in the domaine of support and promotion of UNHCR activites to benefit refugees, returnees and displaced persons.

## **ARTICLE 2** **Areas of cooperation**

The parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- Working closely with the UNHCR Representation in the countries concerned, Friends of the National ISGF can participate in campaigns to raise the awareness and visibility necessary to improve the protection and the plight of refugees in the country through the use of the ISGF website and national websites.
- Working closely with the UNHCR Representation in the countries concerned, Friends of the National ISGF may propose or participate in raising private funds for refugees in general or for a particular program of UNHCR.
- Working closely with the UNHCR Representation in the countries concerned and UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva, ISGF can define tasks to be conducted by Scout and Guide adults in the field under their own responsibility, on projects that improve the living condition of refugees, IDPs or returnees. Monitoring partnerships in the field will be provided by the National Friendship, in the country where a partnership has been established.
- Any other activity may be identified on a case by case basis within the scope of this Agreement.
- All cooperation will be subject to financial and activity reports for both UNHCR and ISGF.
- Progress reports will be available on the UNHCR and ISGF websites.

## **ARTICLE 3** **Consultation and exchange of information**

The parties to this Agreement shall exchange information, reports, studies and other documents relevant to the conduct of their joint projects, with the exception of documents considered confidential or limited to consultation.

The parties to this Agreement shall, on a regular basis, keep each other mutually informed of the respective operational priorities and programs. When necessary, the parties will consult on specific issues of common interest such as the opportunity to implement a special collaboration.

The parties will agree to meet, at mutually defined periods, to assess the impact of the activities implemented under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

### **Reciprocal representation**

The parties to this Agreement shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure a reciprocal representation at meetings and conferences organized by UNHCR and the ISGF.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

### **Implementation of the Agreement**

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will make the necessary arrangements to ensure that project implementation enters within the scope of Article 1 of this Agreement, if necessary secondary agreements can be established between the field representations of UNHCR and the National Scout and Guide Fellowship concerned.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

### **Financial aspects**

The Main and auxiliary expenses associated with implementing an activity within the scope of this Agreement will be covered if in accordance with the secondary agreements made for the execution of this particular activity.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

### **Entry into force, duration and termination**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the signing by both parties, for a period of six years.

Either party may terminate the Agreement before the term, subject to compliance with a notice period of six months, given in writing to the other party.

The parties may by mutual agreement extend the term of this Agreement. This extension is done by signing an addendum.

In the event this Agreement shall be terminated as provided in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure that such a decision does not affect the activities being implemented under secondary agreements based on this framework of cooperation.

## **ARTICLE 8 Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this Agreement, or relating to this Agreement, to its termination or its invalidity, which can not be resolved by negotiation, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) currently in force.

## **ARTICLE 9 Amendment**

The parties may by mutual agreement make amendments to this Agreement. Any changes will be made with an addendum.

## **ARTICLE 10 Privileges and Immunities**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver, explicit or implicit, of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations or UNHCR.

In witness whereof, the representatives of the ISGF and UNHCR have signed this Agreement (original in French).

### **Date: March 22, 2012**

For the International Scout and Guide Maria da Piedade Rodrigues, President - For the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Philippe LECLERC, Representative for France





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## INTERNATIONAL DAYS OBSERVED BY THE UNITED NATIONS



International Literature Day	8 <sup>th</sup> September
International Day of Peace	21 <sup>st</sup> September
World Teacher's Day	5 <sup>th</sup> October
United Nations Day	24 <sup>th</sup> October
International Children's Day	20 <sup>th</sup> November
International Day for Tolerance	16 <sup>th</sup> November
Week of Solidarity	Third week of November
Campaign « 16 days of activism for violence against women »	25 <sup>th</sup> November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) 10 <sup>th</sup> December (Human Rights Day)
World Aids Day	1 <sup>st</sup> December
International Migrants Day	18 <sup>th</sup> December
International Woman's	8 <sup>th</sup> March
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	21 <sup>st</sup> March
World Poetry Day	21 <sup>st</sup> March
World Water Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
World Health Day	7 <sup>th</sup> April
World Press Freedom Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
International Day of Families	15 <sup>th</sup> May
World Day for Culture Diversity for Dialogue and Development	21 <sup>st</sup> May
Africa Day	25 <sup>th</sup> May
World Environment Day	5 <sup>th</sup> June
World Refugee Day	20 <sup>th</sup> June

## FILM RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EXILE AND DISPLACEMENT

DATE	TITLE	DIRECTOR	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	LANGUAGE(S)	LENGTH
2012	<b>Ceuta, prison by the sea</b>	Jonathan Millet et Loïc H. Rechi	France	Bassa, Hindi, Arabic, Somali, Bamileke, French, English, Spanish	90 min.
2012	<b>The pirogue</b>	Moussa Touré	France, Senegal, Germany	French	87 min.
2012	<b>Zarafa</b>	Rémi Bezançon, Jean Christophe Lie	France	French	78 min.
2011	<b>Le Havre</b>	Aki Kaurismäki	Finland, France, Germany	French	93 min.
2011	<b>Terraferma</b>	Emanuele Crialesse	Italy, France	Italian	88 min.
2010	<b>Africa United</b>	Debs Gardner-Paterson	United Kingdom, South Africa, Rwanda	English	88 min.
2010	<b>Benda Bilili!</b>	Renaud Barret, Florent de La Tullaye	France, Democratic Republic of Congo	French, Lingala	85 min.
2010	<b>Illegal</b>	Olivier Masset-Depasse	France, Belgium, Luxembourg	French	90 min.
2009	<b>Welcome</b>	Philippe Lioret	France	French, English, Kurdish, Turkish	110 min.
2009	<b>For a Moment, Freedom</b>	Arash T. Riahi	Austria, France, Turkey	Persian, Turkish, English, Kurdish	110 min.
2008	<b>Gran Torino</b>	Clint Eastwood	United States	English	116 min.

DATE	TITLE	DIRECTOR	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	LANGUAGE(S)	LENGTH
2008	<b>The Visitor</b>	Thomas McCarthy	United States	English, French, Arabic, Romanian	103 min.
2007	<b>Persepolis</b>	Marjane Satrapi, Vincent Paronnaud	United States, France	French, English, Germany, Persian	92 min.
2007	<b>The Kite Runner</b>	Marc Forster	United States	Persian, Pashto	122 min.
2007	<b>Buda as sharm foru rikht</b>	Hana Makhmalbaf	Iran	Persian	81 min.
2005	<b>Maman est folle</b>	Jean-Pierre Améris	France	French	90 min.
2001	<b>Frontiers</b>	Mostéfa Djadjam	France	French	105 min.
2001	<b>Kandahar</b>	Mohsen Makhmalbaf	Iran	Persian, English, Pashto-Polish	85 min.
2000	<b>Blackboards</b>	Samira Makhmalbaf	Iran, Italy, Japan	Kurdish	85 min.
2000	<b>Refugee</b>	J.P. Dutta	India	Hindi	207 min.
2000	<b>A Family in Crisis: The Elian Gonzalez Story</b>	Christopher Leitch	United States	English	90 min.
1999	<b>Catfish in Black Bean Sauce</b>	Chi Muoi Lo	United States	English	119 min.
1987	<b>The Cyclist</b>	Mohsen Makhmalbaf	Iran	Persian	82 min.

## EXAMPLE OF A FINANCIAL REPORT

### Financial report of the mission in Burundi 29<sup>th</sup> November – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Two persons: Simone Nedelec and Martine Lévy

#### Simone Nedelec and Martine Lévy personal expenses

<b>Simone Nedelec</b> Travel 1.043,51  Accommodation (remainder) 72,30  <b>Total</b> <b>1.115,81 euros</b>	<b>Martine Lévy</b> Travel 1.043,51  Accommodation (remainder) 72,30  Telephone 390,00  <b>Total</b> <b>1.505,81 euros</b>	<b>Total</b> Travel 2.087,02  Accommodation (remainder) 144,60  Telephone 390,00  <b>Total</b> <b>2.621,62 euros</b>
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#### Funds received from ISGF

Given by Anthony Florizonne in Bruxelles, 8: 500,00 euros  
Received at the European Conference of Cyprus: 530,00 euros

**That is 9030,00 euros for the departure**

## EXCHANGE

To save us from leaving with too much cash, we took traveler's checks in Paris, which made us lose money.

Paris	6.000,00 euros	5.800,00 euros ATI
Bujumbura	5.800,00 euros ATI	8 586 324,00 BIF Exchange rate: 1.480,40 BIF for 1 euro
Bujumbura	3.030,00 euros	4 .908 600,00 BIF Exchange rate: 1.620,00 BIF for 1 euro

In total, **for 9.030,00 euros**, we had 8.586.324,00  
+ 4.908.600,00 = 13.494.924,00 BIF.

**The medium exchange rate was 1494,45 BIF for 1 euro.**

### Expenses invested

#### A. Donation for children

School supplies	7.950.000,00 BIF	
1000 backpacks	4.500.000,00 BIF	
<b>Total 1</b>	<b>12.450.000,00 BIF</b>	
	<b>That is 8 330,80 euros</b>	

#### B. Financial support of the ISGF team (2 p)/ Guide Association of Burundi (5 p)

Accommodation	74.000,00 BIF	
Catering	161.150,00 BIF	
<b>Total 2</b>	<b>235.150,00 BIF</b>	
	<b>That is 157,35 euros</b>	

## A. Donation for children

Bike rental for travel purpose to plan the mission	70.000,00 BIF
Travel costs for 6 supervisors	60.000,00 BIF
Travel of 3 guides on the way back (taxi)	10.000,00 BIF
Per diem for authorities	30.000,00 BIF
Battery for the megaphone	2.200,00 BIF
Other	10.400,00 BIF
<b>Total 3</b>	<b>182.600,00 BIF</b>
	<b>That is 122,20 euros</b>

## D. Backpack loading expenses

<b>Total 4</b>	<b>9.000,00 BIF</b>
	<b>That is 6,00 euros</b>

## E. Expenses for the mission

Car rental for travels in Bujumbura and its surroundings	240 000,00 BIF
Gas	113 346,00 BIF
Meals with guides and other guests	111 900,00 BIF
Accommodation	137 930,00 BIF
3 DVDs of the TV report	15 000,00 BIF
<b>Total 5</b>	<b>618 176,00,00 BIF</b>
	<b>That is 413,65 euros</b>

Total 1	12.450.000,00 BIF
Total 2	235.150,00 BIF
Total 3	182.600,00 BIF
Total 4	9.000,00 BIF
Total 5	618.176,00 BIF

**TOTAL** **13.494.926,00 BIF**  
**That is 9030 euros**

## Media coverage

Car rental for 2 days	120 000,00 BIF
Financial support of 4 people for 1 night	200 000,00 BIF
Gas	131 400,00 BIF
Direct-mail	354 000,00 BIF
Cost of the DVD	15 000,00 BIF
<b>Total</b>	<b>820 400,00 BIF</b>
	<b>That is 550,00 euros</b>

### *UNHCR Paris*

Martine Lévy lent the costs for media coverage and was paid off by UNHCR Paris which covered the expenses for the mission.

### *UNHCR Bujumbura*

The expenses for the truck driver and our bus driver were completely covered by UNHCR.

## Conclusion

**8.330 euros** were used for bags, school supplies for 1000 children, and came from the donations of ISGF members.

**700 euros** were used for the mission, and came from donations of ISGF members.

**2.620 euros** were spent by Simone Nedelec and Martine Lévy out of their pocket.

**550 euros** were spent by UNHCR Paris.  
An unknow sum was spent by UNHCR Bujumbura.

## FELLOWSHIP TOY AROUND THE WORLD

*To celebrate the ISGF 60th anniversary, a world project “The Fellowship Toy” was launched. Fellowships could collect or make toys and send them to the children living in the HCR refugee camps.*

*ISGF knows that those children need many other things, but for the moment this is what our members can afford and children also need very much to play and smile.*

*Many Fellowships participated in this big project and others did it in their hown country such as Casegha USA, Australia, and Finland.*

### **The Netherlands**

From Central Branch NL seven members were present at the ISGF World Conference. Members and some active Scout groups contributed with toys for the ISGF Fellowship project, but because of logistics and financial shortage, the collected toys could not be sent to the Syrian refugee children in Turkey.

Instead, they donated 1500 toys to the Syrian children who have been taken care if in the refugee centres in The Netherlands.



## Surinam

The Central Branch group PAVEURS donated their homemade stuffed ISGF Fellowship toys to several children's homes in Surinam. Due to logistics problems and having in this region only one UNHCR agency in Washington D.C. in the USA they could not deliver the toys for the refugees as planned

All 94 toys will now be delivered to three different children's homes in Surinam. They still have some left over material and the group will continue to produce toys for children's homes.



## France

My friends from Burkina Faso told me that the children recovered their smile when receiving the toys that you can see on the screen; those children who had fled their country, Mali, under the bullets of the soldiers. As well as this little girls from Burundi who told us that, at last, she would be able to write again when receiving her school bag, full of school supplies that you, members of ISGF, offered her some years ago.



## Portugal

On the 4<sup>th</sup> February, took place in Paris at the Branly Museum the official delivery of all the toys gathered by the Portuguese Associação de Antigas Guias. The total was around 50kgs. The toys will be sent to the Mali refugees in Burkina Faso. The ceremony took place at the Museum, with the presence of members of the Museum Board, the Aviation without Borders, WAGGGS representative at the UN and the IS of Portugal, Ana Rodrigues. The AAG members sew also a great number of dolls to send to the small girls.



## Spain

On the 4th February, took place in Paris at the Quai de Branly Museum the official delivery of all the toys gathered by the AISG España Fellowship. The total of toys raised was around 300kgs. The toys will be send to the Mali refugees in Burkina Faso.



## **Denmark**

The “Fellowship Toy” project in Denmark was considered as a “gift” for this region, where they could participate in the project as well as work with guilds from the entire country and at the same time gain PR for their work.

How did we get started in DK:

ISGF had in 2012 renewed the agreement of collaboration with UNHCR for the next 6 years. The two organizations have identical ideals and work together in order to create a better world. Hence, it was decided to extend the Project of Fellowship Toy to cover also countries all over the world, among others also DK.

Organizationally, UNHCR is not present in DK, but we belong together with other Nordic countries in a region with headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden.

Consequently, we contacted UNHCR in Stockholm, but alas – they knew nothing about the collaboration with ISGF.

Then we contacted the World Bureau in Brussels and here learned that there was no common project, but it was up to us to create one.

### **Transportation:**

ASF/AWB do not have any representation in DK either, but can be found several places in Europe, e.g. in Helsinki, Finland (doubtful), in Holland and in Germany. Since the toys are to be handed in a Southernly direction, we decided to contact Germany.

In order to find out when ASF/AWB would be flying next time, we decided to call them, so as to plan our collection of toys in DK.

We called ASF/AWB at the beginning of December, 2013 and it turned out to be a blow in the face.

We talked to a very nice lady, who mentioned that the Syrian refugee children were too poor to play. For them it was merely a matter of survival, and their real needs were food and tents over their heads. And because of the weakness of the children, the refugee camps were very afraid of the danger of infection coming from outside.

Undeniable, quite a different story!

We really had to think twice

We tried to contact Unicef who are also working in many focus areas of the world, because we still thought the toy Project to be a good one – with the only hassle: How to deliver them?

Then we came across a very good project, The Romania Project of 1992, RP92, which had been running in Romania for about 20 years.

They are working with Orphans homes at various places. Many guilds in DK already know this organisation.

So that was the decision: we would work together with RP 92 in the Toy Project.

They drive twice a year (lorries) in April and in October and with their wide experience and knowhow, they also know how to deal with customs people in the most correct manner.

So, by now two loads have already been delivered and who knows? Maybe we will continue our collections next year also.

See photos:



A LSGF took action in Elsinore and a knitting club was formed. They produced several knitted toys and delivered them to some Syrian refugees that arrived in their local community.



## Bangladesh

In Bangladesh they started sending letters to various schools requesting to collect toys from their students and to take part with others to bring back laugh to the Refugee Children.

Leaflets were sent later along with the request letter. The spontaneous support from the children was good. From the Executive Committee members money was collected and purchased more toys.

A total of around 3000 pieces, the toys were handed over to the Head of UNHCR in Bangladesh. The toys were delivered children at the Rohingya Refugee camp in Myanmar.

Bangladesh photos:



## Lebanon and Jordan

ISGF has information that the Fellowships of those countries work very hard with refugees due to their geographical situation and it's understandable that no time and possibility for reports and pictures.

The World Committee on behalf of all the ISGF members greets these countries for the work they develop with refugees.



# The Detail

A partnership formed by the National Scout & Guide Fellowship UK with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Pitts River Museum, Oxford and Aviation Without Borders.

Project known as 'Toys 4 Smiles' to collect toys for the children in the Za'atari refugee camp, Jordan, home to over 120,000 Syrian refugees, half of whom were children under the age of 18.

The collecting, sorting and packaging of toys was in 4 phases. Scouts, Guides and Members of the International Fellowship collected toys, and took them to the Pitts Rivers Museum for sorting, packing and 2,420 toys dispatched to the Za'atari Refugee camp, Jordan.

Members of the International Fellowship and Scouts and Guides continued to support the project, together with raising funds to assist with costs. A second shipment of 4,938 toys was dispatched in March 2014.

Scouts in Hertfordshire, UK held a Saturday morning collection and as a result of this in July 2014, 3,854 toys were dispatched, this time to the newly opened refugee camp in Azraq, in Jordan. The fourth and final collection of toys was organised, thanks to Berkshire Scout Enterprises Limited who stored 5,725 toys, ready for collection and final despatch December 2014.

Each consignment of toys were dispatched with the aid of the GIST Foundation for the collection and delivery to Heathrow Airport. Additional logistical assistance was given by Aviation Without Borders and financial support from the ISTAT Foundation.

The toys travelled more than 2,300 miles to reach their destination in Jordan. UNHCR personnel in Jordan arranged for the passage of the boxes through custom and delivery.

The first consignment arrived at the Za'atari Refugee Camp on Christmas Eve 2013. The next arrived at the Za'atari Refugee Camp in May 2014. More arrived at the Azraq Refugee Camp in March 2015. Final deliveries were made in May and June 2015.

The Toys for Smiles project concluded having collected 16,937 toys, packed in 518 boxes and weighing 5,092 Kg, occupying a volume of 43.34 cubic metres.

UNHCR staff stated that donations such as these make a big impact on the lives of children who have often been traumatised by the horrors of conflict.

Thanks go to Aviation Without Borders and the generous support of the ISTAT Foundation, for arranging and funding the air freight costs and to UNHCR staff in the camps for distributing the toys.

A successful conclusion to the participation in the 60th Anniversary of the International Fellowship.

Toys for Smiles



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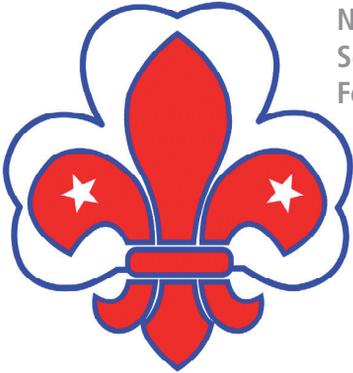


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# Making an idea work

Someone had the simple idea to make the lives of war torn refugee children around the world a little more tolerable by giving them toys.

This may sound like a simple idea, but there were many hurdles to overcome before this could become a reality.

The **Fellowship Toy** project was launched in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the formation of the International Scout & Guide Fellowship on 24 October 2013.

**This is the story...**



# Step 1

## Forming a partnership for the project

A partnership was formed by the National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Pitts River Museum Oxford and Aviation Without Borders.



# Step 2

## Collecting, sorting and packaging toys

Scouts, Guides and Members of the International Fellowship collected toys and took them to the Pitts Rivers Museum in Oxford for sorting and packing. The International Fellowship, Scouts and Guides continued to support the project by raising funds to assist with costs, while other Scout groups were also collecting toys, increasing the profile of this project.



# Step 3

## Dispatching of toys

Arrangements were made for the dispatch of each consignment of toys via Heathrow Airport with the logistical assistance of Aviation Without Borders and financial support from the ISTAT Foundation.



# Step 4

## Distribution for the refugees

UNHCR personnel in Jordan, arranged for the passage of the boxes of toys through Customs for delivery to the Za'atari and Azraq Refugee camps in Jordan.



# Step 5

## The Reward

Screams of laughter and happiness soon broke out as the toys were distributed by UNHCR personnel to the younger children, with art supplies and sports equipment for the older children.

Excitement filled the air as toys, board games, crayons, puzzles, balls and building blocks etc. made their way into the hands of the younger children in the makeshift school, kindergartens and play spaces.



# Step 6

## Conclusion and Thanks

The project concluded having collected 16,937 toys, packed in 518 boxes and weighing 5,092 Kg, occupying a volume of 43.34 cubic metres. A successful conclusion to the participation of all parties in the 60th Anniversary of the International Fellowship. UNHCR staff stated that donations such as these make a big impact on the lives of children who have often been traumatised by the horrors of conflict.

It takes organisation, commitment, and a belief in humanity to make projects like this work.



# You too can make ideas work





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