

Luxembourg as a Reliable Partner to UNHCR

Luxembourg is a longstanding supporter and strategic partner to UNHCR. Luxembourg has acceded to the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its protocol as well as the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. UNHCR is grateful for Luxembourg's support and look forward to the continued collaboration in addressing the complex range of global refugee protection and forced displacement challenges. Through its support, Luxembourg helps to ensure that those most in need receive protection and humanitarian assistance.

KEY FACTS & FIGURES

In 2008 

Luxembourg became a member of UNHCR's Executive Committee

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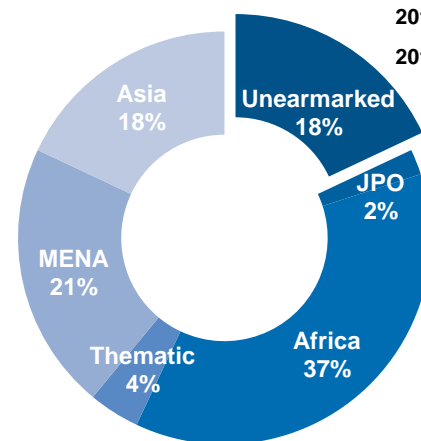
Luxembourg acceded to the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and to its 1968 protocol in 1971

USD 384 million 

in net ODA in 2016, i.e. 1 per cent of the Gross National Income (GNI)

2016 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LUXEMBOURG

USD 9,255,956



2016 Donor ranking: 34rd

2016 Per capita ranking: 2nd



UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, and Minister of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action, Romain Schneider, signing the multi-year Strategic Partnership Agreement in January 2017. © UNHCR

HIGHLIGHTS

Luxembourg as a Donor

- **2017 Ranking:** Luxembourg is UNHCR's 31st largest donor (as of 2 October) and UNHCR's 2nd largest donor per capita.
- **2017 Contribution:** Luxembourg's total financial contribution to UNHCR amounts to USD 8.1 million (as of 2 October), of which USD 1.8 million (23 per cent) is fully unearmarked.
- The new Strategic Partnership Agreement 2017-2020 signed in January provides an annual contribution of EUR 6,000,000 partially earmarked. The remainder is earmarked in consultation with UNHCR throughout the year.

Luxembourg is a flexible and generous donor to UNHCR and accepts UNHCR's standardized form of reporting with the Global Report. As stated in the multi-year Strategic Partnership Agreement 2017-2020, Luxembourg regularly makes end-of-year earmarked contributions to UNHCR, on top of its regular funding. Thanks to this ad-hoc additional support from Luxembourg, UNHCR is able to timely respond to some of the most demanding emergencies.

CAR and Great Lakes

Luxembourg funding:
USD 523,013 in 2017 and USD 989,011 in 2016

- Besides providing lifesaving emergency assistance to newly displaced people in the region, efforts are also made to find durable solutions for those under UNHCR's mandate

Central African Republic

- 235,200 IDPs were supported with return packages (core relief item kit or cash) in 2016
- 6,900 newly internally displaced households were assisted with core-relief items in 2016

DRC

- 1,000 emergency shelters were provided to CAR refugee households in 2016
- 430 monitoring missions were undertaken to IDP locations, followed by advocacy interventions in 2016

Cameroon

- 72 per cent of CAR refugee women were supplied with sanitary materials in 2016
- 56 per cent of CAR refugee children were enrolled in primary school in 2016

Congo

- 94 per cent of primary school-aged children were enrolled in primary education in 2016



South Sudan situation

Luxembourg funding:
USD 523,013 in 2017 and USD 824,176 in 2016

- UNHCR's response to the South Sudan emergency entails the provision of humanitarian assistance and protection-centered interventions while strengthening the self-reliance capacity of displaced people, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable

Sudan

- UNHCR completed individual biometric registration for the totality of the camp-based South Sudanese population located in White Nile State in 2016
- Due to the continuous influx of South Sudanese refugees, the existing sites in White Nile State became overcrowded putting a strain on the already limited resources. In 2016, one of the sites was expanded and two new sites were established to address the issue

South Sudan

- 350,000 IDPs were reached through protection interventions in 2016
- 272,000 IDPs with specific vulnerabilities were assisted with core relief items and emergency shelters

Iraq situation

Luxembourg funding: USD 714,286 in 2016

Mosul situation

- Nearly 378,200 Iraqis are currently internally displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas. Almost 123,900 IDPs have returned to their places of origin, many in east Mosul and surroundings
- UNHCR and its partners reached an estimated 370,000 IDPs across Iraq through protection services, such as facilitating access to certificates and missing documents, and advocacy against arbitrary detention and evictions

Luxembourg is often cited by UNHCR as the best example of donor multi-year agreements, and has shown flexibility in maintaining a regular un-earmarked annual contribution. In these challenging times, UNHCR relies more than ever on early, predictable and unrestricted support to provide uninterrupted protection and assistance for populations of concern. In 2016, Luxembourg provided USD 384 million in net ODA (1 per cent of the GNI). Luxembourg is one of only six DAC members to have met the UN target of 0.7 per cent in 2016.

Syria situation

Luxembourg funding: USD 989,011 in 2016

- As of end 2016, there were 6.3 million internally displaced Syrians, as well as nearly 4.9 million Syrian refugees in the region
- Despite the challenging operational context, UNHCR, as part of the Whole of Syria response, provided core relief items to more than 4.1 million people in Syria
- Protection and community services interventions including child protection services and sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response activities reached more than two million internally displaced people (IDPs)
- UNHCR, together with UNDP, led the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) to address the protection and assistance needs of Syrian refugees as well as the most vulnerable members of the host communities

Jordan

- 250,000 primary health consultations were provided to people of concern and the host communities in 2016
- 33,000 households received cash assistance that was provided through biometric-equipped ATM machines to ensure secure transactions and minimize fraud
- Over 20,000 Syrians who arrived prior to June 2016 were provided with shelter and received core relief items and health and protection assistance in Azraq camp

Lebanon

- Nearly 49,000 families in Lebanon received regular monthly multi-purpose cash assistance from UNHCR and other partners to assist them in meeting their needs in a dignified manner in 2016
- Intensive outreach contributed to the enrolment of 194,750 non-Lebanese children in primary and secondary school
- UNHCR continues to play a strategic leadership role in coordinating and mobilizing partners for the refugee response while engaging closely with United Nations partners, to ensure sustainability of the response by supporting public institutions

Somalia situation

Luxembourg funding: USD 549,451 in 2016

Somalia

- UNHCR continued to support over 180,000 IDPs and vulnerable host community households with improved access to education, health, self-reliance, livelihood initiatives and community-based projects in 2016
- 71,400 IDPs (9,400 households) affected by flooding and conflict received non-food item kits, 1,500 IDP households received plastic sheets and a further 1,000 IDP households received solar lanterns

Ethiopia

- In 2016, the South Sudanese group of refugee remained the largest group in refugees hosted by Ethiopia, with some 338,800 people (43 per cent), followed by Somali refugees (30 per cent), Eritrean refugees (21 per cent) and Sudanese refugees (5 per cent)
- On-site biometric verification at the points of food distribution was fully established and implemented in all the camps in Assosa, Gambella, Melkadida, Shire and Samara in 2016
- A data-sharing agreement was signed with the Government's Administration for Refugees and Returnee Affairs and resulted in the elaboration of a multi-year plan of action. Furthermore, it was agreed to include refugees in the national census which is foreseen to take place in November 2017



Somali refugee women stand outside the dairy cooperative in Ethiopia © UNHCR/Diana Diaz

One feature of Luxembourg's donorship is its interest in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects and the added value it can bring to UNHCR's operations. In 2012, Luxembourg and UNHCR signed the standby agreement 'emergency.lu' to provide a comprehensive range of communication and coordination services in refugee emergencies to serve the humanitarian community as a whole and to improve the effectiveness of the humanitarian response.

The humanitarian - development nexus

Luxembourg funding: USD 523,013 per year from 2017 to 2020

Multi-year research project

- At the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals and the principles of the Grand Bargain adopted at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2015, the socio-economic inclusion of refugees has always been an objective of UNHCR and a core component of its work towards refugee protection and empowerment. A successful and sustainable inclusion requires a combination of skill development interventions, employment and entrepreneurship programmes adapted to refugees and forcibly displaced persons and developed in close partnership with civil society and the private sector
- To achieve this objective, systematic collection of relevant socio-economic data on refugees and other forcibly displaced persons is essential for a wide variety of programmatic and protection interventions, and for working with national governments and development partners.
- Luxembourg's contribution plays a critical role in supporting UNHCR's four-year research project "Strategic reflection on the humanitarian-development nexus and its impact on humanitarian principles and practices". It provides a great opportunity to enhance this strategic reflection and helps develop more standardized approaches for identifying and gathering the necessary socio-economic data, as well as for analysing, storing and sharing it. The project foresees:
 - The mapping of the ongoing multilateral initiatives and strategic partnerships aimed at fostering complementarity, synergies and cooperation between humanitarian, development and other relevant actors
 - To document the initiatives taken by UNHCR and others towards bridging the gap between humanitarian and development and analysing the concrete progress and efforts towards a more coordinated response to forced displacement

- A set of recommendations (including innovative approaches, tools or training opportunities) for UNHCR as well as other key stakeholders to strengthen their collaboration while preserving the humanitarian principles
- Yearly reviews of the different processes and approaches that UNHCR has put in place to operationalise the humanitarian-development nexus and document the progress and achievements realised towards bridging the gap and the challenges faced

emergency.lu

- With its project emergency.lu, Luxembourg offers a global satellite communications system allowing a rapid response to natural disasters and humanitarian missions, through a mobile satellite telecom solution that can be deployed by air within two hours of receiving an alert in the event of a humanitarian disaster emergency. The platform, designed and developed as a public-private partnership, aims at re-establishing the communication means in a crisis situation, thus contributing innovatively to the efficient coordination of emergency efforts on the ground
- The communication platform was deployed in 2012 to support UNHCR's response in Venezuela
- In 2017, Luxembourg has deployed ICT equipment in support of UNHCR's operation in Diffa in Niger for six months
- Thanks to the financial support of Luxembourg, UNHCR carried out the website version of UNHCR Emergency Handbook, officially launched in 2015

JPO Programme

Luxembourg funding: USD 102,409 in 2016

- The first JPO sponsored by the donor joined UNHCR in 2005
- To date, three JPO positions have been funded by Luxembourg