

A Partnership for Refugees



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“The principle of giving refuge to those fleeing violence and persecution is a universal value. Let us stand together to protect this fundamental human value, for the millions of people around the world who depend on it. And let us join our efforts to make sure that those who help them are supported by the international community in doing so.”

António Guterres

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

“We acknowledge the plight of millions of uprooted families who flee from war and conflict every day to look for international protection, by joining forces with UNHCR.”

Christian H. Kälin

Group Chairman, *Henley & Partners*





A Global Partnership

Henley & Partners, the global leaders in residence and citizenship planning for wealthy individuals and families, has forged an innovative partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to join forces for those at the other end of the spectrum of global mobility. Through a multi-year agreement *Henley & Partners* will support UNHCR's global refugee registration activities with a contribution of over USD 1 million and further assist UNHCR in raising awareness and much needed resources for the refugee cause.

UNHCR was established in 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The following year the

UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees - the legal foundation of helping refugees and the basic statute guiding UNHCR's work - was adopted. UNHCR is the only humanitarian agency mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees, internally displaced and stateless people.

Since UNHCR was created it has helped tens of millions of people to restart their lives, a task that has been recognized twice with the Nobel Peace Prize. Today, a staff of some 8,600 passionate individuals make a real difference in the lives of refugees every day in more than 125 countries.



UNHCR and the Refugee Situation

UNHCR strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State. It keeps refugees safe by providing protection, life-saving assistance and access to essential services. UNHCR pays special attention to the needs of women and children as they make up the largest percentage of refugees and face the highest risks. In an emergency, UNHCR acts fast and efficiently, being able to mobilize relief supplies and highly trained staff to assist in a matter of 72 hours anywhere in the world. Finally, UNHCR's ultimate goal is to find durable solutions that will allow refugees to rebuild their lives through voluntary repatriation, local integration, or resettlement to a third country.

Today, the number of people forcibly displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, generalized violence and human rights violations, is the highest since World War II and currently stands at over 68.5 million people who have had to flee their homes.

In recent years, forced to face unprecedented large-scale crises and growing numbers in forced displacement, UNHCR has been able to triple resources for program delivery to more than USD 3.3 billion, has reduced staff costs from 41% to 26%, and has shrunk management and administration costs, making it one of the most efficient humanitarian agencies worldwide.



Registration for Refugees

Henley & Partners' support to UNHCR is primarily focused on funding refugee registration and identification documents, the starting point for all humanitarian assistance.

Adults and children fleeing persecution can meet huge barriers in gaining access to a safe place, which frequently means needing to cross an international border. To find refuge, entire families travel sometimes hundreds of miles, often in desperate conditions, sick and injured. Children may be separated from their parents thus becoming at risk of abuse and exploitation. Having being forced to flee unexpectedly, often in the middle of the night, many people do not have proper identification or travel documents, a situation that exposes them to serious risks of becoming victims

of smuggling and trafficking. UNHCR individual registration is the first and most critical step towards ensuring refugee assistance and protection from being forcibly returned to the country of origin. Without documentation papers, uprooted people would lose their identity, and UNHCR and the hosting governments would not be able to fulfil their mandate to protect them, help them access basic services and begin the process of tracing their families.

Sadly, registration is too often perceived as an administrative process rather than as the way to immediately improve refugees' chances of survival and the protection of their rights, and rarely attracts donor funding.





Innovation is the Key

Continual research and identification of new technologies are critical to allowing UNHCR to keep pace with the ever increasing numbers of displaced persons worldwide. Recently, UNHCR has been implementing registration through iris scan technology, an innovative tool that delivers the most effective and efficient assistance program anywhere in the world.

The iris-scanning is a fraud-proof technology using refugees' irises as a form of identification, which ensures that the person entitled to the assistance is the only one benefiting from it. Jordan is the first country in the world to use the iris scan technology to quickly and efficiently process the ever-growing numbers of people fleeing Syria. As of today, around 23,000 Syrian families living in urban areas in Jordan are registered through biometric techniques.



Join our Partnership

Through its multi-year partnership *Henley & Partners* is supporting UNHCR's global refugee registration activities, assuring protection to thousands of families. Beyond its financial support, *Henley & Partners* has also integrated advocacy actions for refugees into its global corporate social responsibility program, by organizing fundraising and engaging its co-workers, partners and clients in international missions to help uprooted people around the world.

Refugees are ordinary people living in extraordinary circumstances. People who are just like us are faced with grim choices: stay and die or risk imprisonment, rape, torture or forced recruitment by armed groups - or flee from their homes.

If you would like to learn more about our partnership with UNHCR and how you could also contribute to make a difference, please contact us at unhcr@henleyglobal.com. If you want to learn more about UNHCR and its mandate, please visit unhcr.org.

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“The registration process is fundamental to all of UNHCR’s protection work. Registration enables refugees to access basic humanitarian services such as shelter, water, health care, education and more. Funding is critical to allow continued development of registration processes, security, and technology, such as the Iris Scan system being used to hugely beneficial effect in Jordan today.”

Amanda Philp

Henley & Partners UNHCR Field Mission Delegate, London

“The registration of the refugees is the very first step to secure their lives, safety and health. Our contribution to the further development of the registration process is not only a noble act, but an urgent act to save the lives of thousands of innocent children and families.”

Slim Habli

Henley & Partners UNHCR Field Mission Delegate, Dubai



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