The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) is a United Nations organization with a mandate to protect refugees and seek durable solutions for them.

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Jung Woo-sung meets refugees around the world
World Refugee Day, an UN-designated international observance dedicated to raising awareness of the global refugee issue, and encouraging international support for and engagement with people forced to flee their homes. UNHCR organizes a variety of cultural and sports events to celebrate this special day that originally began in 2001 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the 1951 Refugee Convention (Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees). UNHCR’s 2019 campaign #StepWithRefugees encourages people across the world to walk, run, and cycle the distance that refugees cover every year on their treacherous journey to safety, as a sign of our sympathy for their hardships and solidarity with them. The campaign is joined by local communities, schools, and faith groups in more than 50 cities around the globe, including Seoul (Korea), Bangkok (Thailand), Beirut (Lebanon), and Yerevan (Armenia).
Jung Woo-sung visited Bangladesh’s Kutupalong refugee camp, one of the world’s largest refugee settlements, in May 2019. The fresh outbreak of violence against ethnic Rohingya groups in Myanmar’s Rakhine State in August 2017 drove more than 740,000 people out of their homes and forced them to flee over the border to neighboring Bangladesh in search of safety. Including the refugees who have moved to Bangladesh since the 1990s, the total number of refugees at the camp goes well beyond 910,000. On his second visit to the settlement following the first in December 2017, Jung was reunited with some of the refugees who were more than delighted to see him again.

Rohingya refugee story #01
The Zohra family
Zohra, a Rohingya refugee woman, met the GWA for the first time about two years ago at a refugee transit center. She now lives at Kutupalong Camp 4 with her two daughters and a granddaughter. She was forced to flee Myanmar with her family after losing her husband and her son to violence. During her first encounter with Jung almost two years ago, she was largely silent, with her eyes telling all too vividly the tale of her suffering.

This time, sitting face-to-face with the Korean guest from nearly two years ago, Zohra smiled at him as he perspired non-stop under the scorching hot weather. She said she also had to take a shower several times a day at the common shower area because of the heat. Her concerns about the future for her daughters and granddaughter were evident even as she bantered about her life at the settlement.

Jung Woo-sung, shaking hands with Zohra, a Rohingya refugee woman, in a reunion over one and a half years. Zohra lives with her daughter Khaleda and granddaughter Eisha at the Kutupalong refugee camp.
Rohingya refugee story #02

The Nurisha family

Jung also had a reunion with Nurisha, a Rohingya woman whom he first met at the transit center in 2017, along with her family. Her two daughters, Morva and Fatima, seemed to have grown up really quickly in the meantime. When she saw the GWA again, an emotional Nurisha almost wept out of gratitude for the guest from a faraway country who returned to visit her. At the time she first met him, she had not been in contact with her husband for more than half a year as she had to flee from Myanmar’s military persecution against her people in August 2017 with no time to spare. Fortunately, her family later made it to the Kutupalong settlement, and they could reunite, thanks to the help from UNHCR. This highlights how crucial UNHCR’s refugee registration program is as it makes it possible for unaccompanied underage refugees to be reunited with their parents and relatives. Nurisha met her husband again, but that did not put an end to her suffering. She has to make a living for the family, and her two young daughters in contact with her husband for more than half a year as she had to return to visit him when she first met him, she had not been in contact with her husband for more than half a year as she had to flee from Myanmar’s military persecution against her people in August 2017 with no time to spare. Fortunately, her family later made it to the Kutupalong settlement, and they could reunite, thanks to the help from UNHCR. This highlights how crucial UNHCR’s refugee registration program is as it makes it possible for unaccompanied underage refugees to be reunited with their parents and relatives. Nurisha met her husband again, but that did not put an end to her suffering. She has to make a living for the family, and her two young daughters.

A visit to the UNHCR education center

After the reunion with refugees, the GWA visited the Kutupalong camp’s on-site education center. More than 440,000 Rohingya refugee children in Bangladesh are currently denied access to school education because of the Bangladesh government policy and the restraints that come with their refugee status. UNHCR is providing them with basic education at this center. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a diploma or other official certificates even on completion of the course - the children educated at this center will have great difficulty pursuing higher education, whether in Bangladesh or Myanmar. Education has always been a crucial issue for Rohingya refugees. It might be the key to the future of the whole community as well as that of individual children.

A journey to Djibouti, a small African country across Yemen

In November last year, prior to the mission to Bangladesh, the GWA visited Djibouti to meet Yemeni refugees. The small East African nation, situated right across Yemen with a population of 975,000, was one of the first transit points for tens of thousands of Yemenis as the civil war that began in 2015 drove them away from their homes. Even as one of the poorest countries in the world, it currently hosts nearly 30,000 refugees, including 4,500 Yemenis who find themselves stuck there for now, with no hope of returning to their homeland in the near future.

Djibouti, a small port city in northern Djibouti, is characterized by very poor living conditions, with temperatures reaching well beyond 50°C in summer. As the city became too crowded with refugees and conditions deteriorated, the government tried to move the refugee settlement to other places. However, the residents welcomed the refugees into their community, generously sharing what little resources they had with these people forced out of their homeland. Jung Woo-sung visited Obock’s Markazi refugee camp to meet the Yemenis there.

Yemeni refugee story #01

Loza, a 19-year-old refugee girl

Loza lost her cab driver father during the civil war. Her mother, determined to keep her children out of harm’s way, fled, along with her kids, from the Yemeni capital Sana’a in 2015 to Djibouti’s Markazi refugee settlement. Loza endured some of the most harrowing difficulties that children can possibly experience – losing her father and forced out of her home at a young age. However, she tells us, with a striking aura of serenity, that no sorrow or hardship lasts forever, and that happiness is waiting once the hard times are over.

The small house that Loza shares with her mother and four siblings is filled with books. Driven away from home with no belongings whatever, refugee children like Loza gain precious knowledge from books that will help them work toward their dreams. The dire living conditions in Djibouti do not dampen her passion for learning; she is teaching herself English and Norwegian through books. Her bright eyes tell us about her dedication toward studying and achieving her goals.

“I heard Koreans are kind and generous people. Please tell them this when you go back home: None of us left Yemen by choice. We Yemenis share a dream – to go back to our homeland once peace is restored. Until that day comes, I want to study, work, and dream about the future.” - Loza, a Yemeni refugee girl -
Yemeni refugee story #02

Fawaz, a Yemeni father of three

Fawaz came to Djibouti’s Markazi refugee camp with his wife and three children after surviving two deadly situations by sheer luck. He could just stand it no more; he witnessed a parked car exploding right in front of his eyes. Children could die like this, at any time, for no reason. He packed up and set off the next day.

Fawaz is now teaching a Yemeni father of three children a 10-day course on hairdressing. He thanked the Djibouti government for accepting him and his people, and called for more international attention and support to address the difficulties facing their host country.

Meet Yemeni refugees in Malaysia

The Goodwill Ambassador’s next destination in his itinerary covering Yemeni refugees’ harrowing journey last November was Malaysia. The Southeast Asian country is neither a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention nor does it have its own laws on refugees; the refugees are issued a UNHCR card after going through its review process upon their arrival in Malaysia. Its government does not recognize anyone as refugees, at least not officially. However, the country is still home to some 162,000 refugees of various nationalities, all enjoying de facto social acceptance as long as they have the UNHCR card.

Life as a refugee in Malaysia: Abdulsalam and his family

Abdulsalam and his family of six left Yemen to live as urban refugees in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital. They fled their home when their neighborhood fell into the hands of the Houthis rebels, a Shia Islamic insurgent group, and barely made it to safety across the Yemeni-Saudi border. They were the only thing they could rely on. “When Koreans say ‘we,’ it often means that we are not deprived or poor weaklings. They are just like us. They once led a normal life in a country of their own.” He also emphasized a more globalized outlook: “When Koreans say ‘we,’ it often means ‘we’ recognize anyone as refugees, at least not officially.”

GWA’s comment: “Refugees are just like us”

Jung Woo-sung, the UNHCR GWA, can recall vivid memories of all refugees he met during his UNHCR missions: “Refugees are not deprived or poor weaklings. They are just like us. They once had an ordinary life, and their foremost dream is to go back to their home country once peace is restored. We cannot prevent conflicts, but we can protect and support those forced out of their homes due to conflicts and civil war. Join us and our GWA now in our endeavors to protect refugees.”

The story of GWA Jung Woo-sung’s visit to the Rohingya refugee camp is based on the reporting by Korean daily Chosun Ilbo, and that of his visits to other camps in Bangladesh is based on the Kyunghyang Shinmun.

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GWA Goodwill Ambassador
UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Your generous support allows us to protect and support refugees around the globe. Here are some of the positive impacts that your donation has brought about.

(Updates based on UNHCR operations in April-June 2019)

**Venezuela**

We offered protection and support to more than four million Venezuelans who fled the violence, political turmoil, and economic hardship in their home country.

**Yemen**

We launched water supply and irrigation projects in Ma’rib, a region in Yemen, to help returning refugees farm their land and make a living.

**Somalia**

We evacuated hundreds of refugees, confined in refugee detention facilities in Libya amid the ongoing conflict, to safe places in Tunisia and then moved them to neighboring countries, including Italy and Niger, for further protection and assistance.

**Bangladesh**

We issued documentation to more than 250,000 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. The Rohingyas have long endured hardship as a Stateless people in Myanmar.

**Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi**

We evacuated residents in areas affected by Cyclone Idai, delivered relief goods to more than 35,000 people via four cargo aircraft, and provided evacuation in affected areas to prevent disease outbreaks.

**Malaysia**

In a strategic partnership with the Education Above All Foundation, $400,000 has helped 106,000 refugee and internally displaced children enroll in school and receive education in 15 countries around the globe, including Malaysia.

**Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh**

Children make up more than half of the Rohingya people taking shelter in Bangladesh. The Rohingyas have long endured hardship as a Stateless people in Myanmar.

**Mali**

Families in Mali, ravaged by civil war, farm their land and make a living.

**Libya**

We evacuated thousands of refugees and assisted displaced people around the globe, including Italy and Niger.

**Zimbabwe**

We provided vaccine and medical assistance to children in refugee camps and Internally Displaced People (IDP) areas.

Thank you for your support. Your donation has brought about positive impacts around the globe! Here are some of the positive impacts that your donation has brought about.

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Tell your family and friends to donate to us! We offer one of the following gifts for new referrals, for both yourself and the donations raised by you (choose 1 or 2 below):

1. A mug with a eco-friendly bag set
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**UNHCR Donor Referral Program**

Dear donors,

We appreciate your continued support and contributions for our dedicated humanitarian efforts to protect and support worldwide refugees. Invite your family and friends to join our endeavors and make a difference in the lives of the 70.8 million refugees and forcibly displaced people around the globe!

**What you will get**

- **50,000** KRW/month
- **100,000** KRW/month
- **150,000** KRW/month
- **200,000** KRW/month
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**UNHCR News**

**“Awake at Night”**

UNHCR launched the second season of its podcast series “Awake at Night” this May. Hosted by Melissa Fleming, UNHCR’s Head of Global Communications, it features firsthand accounts of UNHCR aid professionals of their unique experiences and the ground work and their life stories. “They [the conversations with refugees] reveal the triumph of humanity amid some of the darkest moments in recent history.” - Melissa Fleming

Podcast available at: unhcr.org/awakeatnight

**UNHCR holds 2nd policy meeting with Korean government**

UNHCR held a 2nd consultation meeting on refugee issues with Korean government delegates in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 2. The two sides have been advancing their strategic partnership since the 1st bilateral consultation in 2016. This year’s meeting was joined by Kwon Hyun-joon, Director-General for International Organizations at Korea’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Kelly Clements, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, as heads of their respective delegations. At the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on the global refugee crisis and UNHCR’s responses available mechanisms and initiatives to contribute to the global efforts to address this issue through UNHCR, and implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. Both sides agreed to hold the consultation on a regular basis.

**UNHCR co-hosts 5th refugee film festival**

UNHCR co-hosted the 5th Korea Refugee Film Festival with the Korea Refugee Rights Network at Seul Cinema in central Seoul on June 15. This year’s festival, with the theme ‘I HEAR YOU, featured Resistance is Life, the story of an eight-year-old Syrian girl named Eivil who characterizes the resistance of her homeland, and Welcome to Germany, which follows Nigerian refugee Dialek Si’s story as he moves into a German family home to live with them and encounters various challenges, including racism from neighbors. Three documentaries (Sanctuary, The Unforgetting, and Limbo) covered the firsthand accounts of Jung Woo-sung, the UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, of his experience in refugee-affected areas across the world. The festival was accompanied by a series of events, including a hands-on art event with refugees, a global-themed open mic, and performance art.

**UNHCR and Korean government launch “2 Billion Kilometers to Safety” campaign**

UNHCR joined the 7th Diaspora Film Festival at Incheon Art Platform on May 24-28. This year, festival, held under the slogan “Interruven,” featured 64 movies from 30 countries. There were three documentaries sponsored by UNHCR, titled Hope, Passion, and Family, that followed the experiences of Yemeni asylum-seekers who came to Korea last year. Frank Rames, interim head of UNHCR Korea, highlighted the need for understanding and accepting refugees, and sympathizing with them. The event, which commemorates its 40th anniversary this year, was hosted by the National Reconciliation Committee of the Korean Archdiocese of Seoul and organized by the committee’s Peace-Sharing Research Institute.

The UNHCR Korea chief also attended the 2019 Joju Forum as a speaker on May 30, where he encouraged far-reaching efforts to be made toward creating a culture of understanding, rather than fear, for refugees. He spoke at a session titled Asia Towards a Society, the Integration and Tolerance Beyond Hatred and Discrimination, organized by the ASEM Global Ageing Center and hosted by the National Human Rights Commission of Korea.

UNHCR joins Good Neighbors’ International development forum

UNHCR took part in the 2nd Good Neighbors’ International Development and Cooperation Forum on June 11. Held under the theme ‘Refugees and Development: Challenges to Implementing the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework’, the event brought participants from the integration and civil society sectors together to explore ways to promote cooperation. Frank Rames, interim head of UNHCR Korea, delivered a keynote speech on the major elements of the framework and Korea’s implementation of a society-wide vision, and the organizer of the forum, is a global humanitarian and development NGO.

Refugees walk about two billion kilometers every year to flee the conflict and persecution in their homeland and reach safety. This year, UNHCR unveiled the “2 Billion Kilometers to Safety” campaign, designed to promote a culture of understanding and solidarity that can empower refugees, while offering them protection and helping them rebuild their lives. The digital campaign aims to cover two billion kilometers, the distance that refugees endure every year on their journey to safety, by asking participants across the globe to log the distances they walk or run using their fitness apps or the campaign web page. Further details of this campaign are available through the QR code given above.

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**Donor News**

Highlights of Fan’s hit Dong-woon donate to UNHCR to celebrate their idol’s birthday

HIGHLIGHTS: FANS ALWAYS AROUND, a global fan club of Dong-woon’s birthday. Highlight, donated 629,000 Korean won to UNHCR to celebrate band-member Dong-woon’s birthday. The proceeds will be directed to emergency relief operations in Syria. Many thanks to the fans for their meaningful contribution!

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**UNHCR News**
# Children’s Drawing Contest

Please draw the future you want to gift through your donations! Thank you for your unwavering support and assistance. We host the ‘Children’s Drawing Contest’ for UNHCR donors’ families, and we look forward to your interest and participation.

## Eligibility
- Elementary school children under grade 6
- You can participate if you are a UNHCR donor or a member of a donor’s family.

## Theme
Please draw a picture of ‘the future you want to gift to a refugee child through your donations’

## Drawing dimensions
- size 8 drawing paper (272*394)

## Drawing types
- watercolors, sketches, posters, and other creative expressions

## Drawing receipt schedule
- by Friday, August 16, 2019

## Submissions
- Email a photograph or scan of your drawing to UNHCR’s official email address at withyou@unhcr.or.kr
- Please include the following information in the email
  - Email subject: ‘Children’s Drawing Contest Application’
  - Email content: Participating child’s name/Participating child’s date of birth/Donor’s name/Donor’s date of birth/Contact details (Phone number provided in the donation application)/Brief explanation of the drawing

## Announcement
- Early September 2019 (Expected), Announcement on UNHCR’s blog (https://blog.naver.com/unhcr_korea) and individual notifications

## Winner benefit
- Winner to receive a special UNHCR certificate and prize

## Notice
- The copyright of the submitted work belongs to its creator. UNHCR will not use the work without obtaining prior consent of the creator except for the selection procedure.
- The original drawing of the selected work may be requested. Please keep the original drawing safely after its copy has been emailed.
- The selected work may be published on UNHCR “With You” newsletter or blog, printed on UNHCR table calendars, or made into other printed products, and we plan to seek prior consent of the creator in case we decide to modify or use the work.

## Enquiries related to the contest
- Email: withyou@unhcr.or.kr
- Phone: 02-773-7272 (9 am–6 pm)