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**A PATH
OF DIGNITY
AND SHARED
HUMANITY**

To all JRS friends, staff, volunteers, partners in mission, this Annual Report is for you. In times like these, we are grateful that you have chosen to stand with the forcibly displaced – even when many governments look the other way.

For over four decades, JRS has upheld the principles of compassion, solidarity and accompaniment. Together, we can continue to work with some of the world’s most vulnerable communities to build just relationships, founded on mutual care and grounded in the fundamental dignity of the human person.

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Gracia is a child with disabilities who lives with her grandmother in Bambari, Central African Republic, where JRS provides support to launch income-generating activities.

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Pope Francis meets with refugees and JRS during his visit to Indonesia in September 2024.
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INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S LETTER

WALKING IN DIGNITY WITH REFUGEES TO BRING ABOUT MEANINGFUL CHANGE

Dear Friends,

Our central learning of 2024 was clear and consistent. It is reflected in the call issued by Pope Francis to “step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all.” As we mourn the loss of his leadership, we remain determined to keep his legacy of fraternity and justice alive.

It is only by recognising the centrality of human dignity that we can bring about meaningful change. We learn this lesson every day from those we accompany – from Cecilia, a young woman in a Kenyan refugee camp who, through sustained support, is pursuing her dream of becoming her community's first female surgeon; and from the refugees on the Colombia-Venezuela border who pursue justice and embrace reconciliation and peace amid violence.

It is also a lesson carried forward by local communities that welcome people in need of protection and work with them to build a shared future. In France and many other countries, our Communities of Hospitality stand as clear and enduring examples. It is a privilege to witness the power of fraternity embodied by JRS staff who, in increasingly hostile conditions, work tirelessly to uphold the rights of displaced people.

As I write, we are witnessing a fundamental shift – particularly by states – in the commitment to humanitarian aid and to the practice of protection. Coupled with a growing narrative of division, this threatens to create a fragmented world where the logic of force prevails. Refugees are among the first to feel the impact, with potentially devastating consequences for millions already forced to live on the margins. In the end, we will all bear the cost of living in increasingly divided societies.

Acknowledging our shared humanity is now more fundamental than ever – and will serve to give us direction as we move forward.

In this Annual Report, you will read many success stories – stories of individuals who, given the chance to thrive, have enhanced their communities. We are proud that we were invited to share their lives in a meaningful way. And we are grateful that you have chosen to accompany these individuals as brothers and sisters, as partners on the way to a future that is worth living.

As we head into more volatile times, characterised by uncertainty and fragility, it must be with a shared, robust commitment towards the recognition of the neighbour, towards solidarity, and towards protection. Let us not look away – for our own sake and for the sake of the forcibly displaced. The future which is worth living will require the support of friends old and new – a community that comes together around the understanding of human dignity as a basic value and of fraternity as a fundamental practice.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who have already joined us on this journey.



Br Michael Schöpf SJ
JRS International Director



2024: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FORGOTTEN CRISES AND A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

Almost 45 years since JRS was founded, the challenges we were born to address have not gone away. From South Sudan to Ukraine, from Myanmar and Gaza to Afghanistan, 2024 was underscored by multi-year conflicts that showed no sign of abating and continued to drive record levels of displacement.

Some faded from our newsfeeds, others resonated ever louder. In the Middle East, the scale of destruction escalated, with airstrikes and armed confrontation spilling over into Lebanon. Over a million people were displaced. Your outpouring of solidarity allowed JRS to mobilise quickly in Lebanon and Syria, providing vital assistance to the most vulnerable among them.

Faced with these challenges, we drew inspiration from Pope Francis as he embarked on 'personal journeys' to see, listen and welcome. In 2024, he visited JRS offices in Belgium and Indonesia. "When he looked me in the eyes and thanked me for all the work JRS has been doing, I felt his complicity and encouragement to continue" said Fr Alberto Ares SJ, Regional Director of JRS Europe. With his encouragement and your steadfast support, we have continued to strengthen our commitment to walk in dignity with refugees, and to build inclusive societies.

It is in this spirit that, over the course of 2024, we embarked on the development of a new global "Strategic Framework 2025-2029" for JRS. Many of you provided key contributions to this collaborative process.

The previous framework has served our mission well. Over the past five years, JRS has doubled both its operational budget and the number of people served - a testament to the success of our approach and to a fast-growing need. This would not have been possible without your overwhelming generosity and the tireless engagement of JRS staff and volunteers around the world.

The new framework represents a bridge to the future. It recognises the core strengths of our work, while accounting for factors likely to influence access to refugee protection in the coming years. Education, access to livelihoods, psychosocial support and advocacy remain key cornerstones of our work. Climate change has also emerged as a focus area, and JRS has made significant strides in identifying best practices to mitigate our environmental footprint, adapt programmes to respond to climate-induced displacement, and advance resilience.

As we look ahead, it is with a renewed desire to build partnerships that reinforce our dedication to those we serve and empower collective engagement. In the face of unprecedented challenges to rights-based societies, we must follow in the footsteps of Pope Francis, and support displaced people not only in words, but also in action.

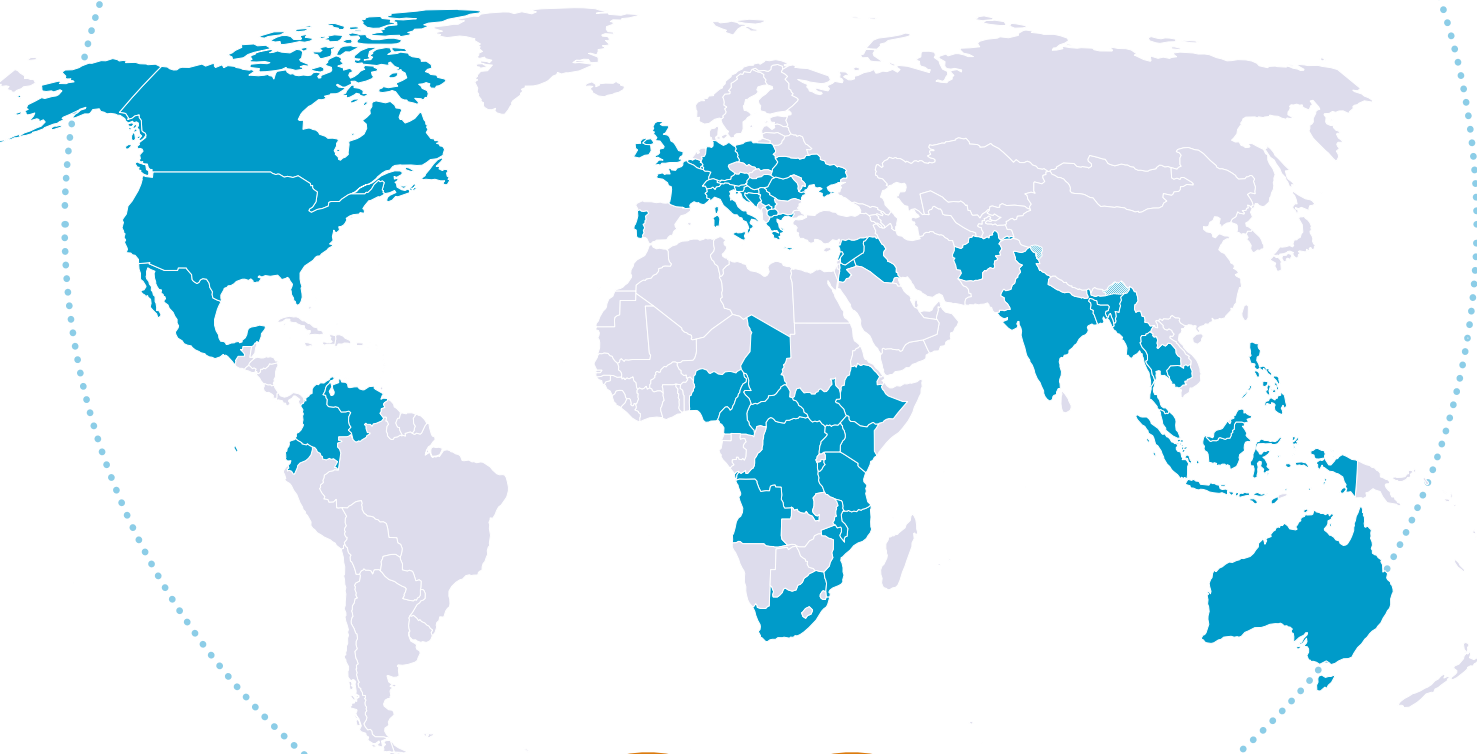
Thank you for walking with us on this path of hope and dignity!



JRS distributed emergency aid to thousands of families in Lebanon displaced by the escalating conflict in the Middle East.

ACCOMPANYING FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

1,154,535
people served
in
58
countries



Thanks
to over
11,500
Global Staff

Employees,
Religious, Refugee
Staff Members,
Volunteers
and Interns

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▶ Colombia	▶ Kenya	▶ Portugal	▶ Venezuela
▶ Croatia		▶ Romania	

YOUR IMPACT

BUILDING A JUST AND INCLUSIVE WORLD, TOGETHER



In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, JRS runs a Child Protection Centre where unaccompanied minors can access support, educational, and recreational activities.

The Power of Compassion and Collective Action

Your support over this past year has, once again, been crucial in helping displaced people rebuild their lives and realise their potential.

Thanks to your unwavering generosity, in 2024 we reached 1,154,535 people, providing education, mental health support, livelihood opportunities and much more. We have witnessed extraordinary resilience: young women pursuing their dreams in the face of adversity; communities embracing reconciliation in the midst of conflict; and staff working tirelessly even under the most challenging conditions.

The stories you will read in this report are a testament to this resilience, and we hope they will inspire you to continue to strive for a more just world, as they inspire us and give us the strength to carry out our mission.

All this would not be possible without you. In a world increasingly marked by division, your solidarity reminds us of the power of compassion and collective action. Thank you for standing with us as we build a more inclusive world—one where the dignity of each individual is the foundation of every just society.

People served by programme



401,593
Education
in Emergency
Situations



205,156
MHPSS
(Mental Health &
Psychosocial Support)



131,516
Emergency Aid,
Relief & Assistance



111,343
Protection
& Legal Advice



90,327
Peace Building
& Reconciliation



67,055
Advocacy
& Communication



44,489
Health Care



66,522
Livelihoods



36,534
Pastoral

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED

1,154,535

EDUCATION

TOGETHER, WE ADVANCE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE.

Our programmes include all levels of formal education, vocational training, teacher formation, and a focus on girls and children with special needs. Learning provides stability and restores trust and hope for the future.



Cecillia, a brilliant STEM student, is inspiring her fellow refugee students to pursue their education.

Inspiring Girls to Follow their Dreams through STEM in Kenya

Cecillia is a 19-year-old student living in Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya. Her commitment to pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) is nothing short of remarkable.

Born in South Sudan, Cecillia's early life was marked by displacement, hardship, and resilience. Against all odds, her passion for education and science never wavered. "I want to learn and do something great," says Cecillia, "Through STEM, I see my dream taking shape".

Her journey took a positive turn when she joined the JRS-managed Lifeworks Tumaini Girls Secondary School. The school's emphasis on STEM and strong mentorship allowed Cecillia to thrive: "Having someone to guide you, to tell you that you can do it, makes all the difference," she says. "Through mentorship, I have gained the courage to dream bigger and work harder." She became an active member of the STEM Club, participating in national competitions including the Young Scientists Kenya (YSK) event in Nairobi, where she presented an innovative project.

Cecillia's leadership extends far beyond the lab. As vice president of her school, she encourages other girls in her community to join STEM clubs and challenge societal norms: "I want to be the first female surgeon in my community. I haven't heard of one yet, but I know that with determination and support, I can make it happen. And if I can, so can you".

With a strong focus on Gender-Responsive Education, JRS programmes support young girls like Cecillia through scholarships, STEM programmes, mentorship, and safe learning spaces – ensuring that they can overcome barriers to education and unlock their full potential.

The school's gender club and career-shadowing programmes have been instrumental in shaping young girls' aspirations. They are proof that, when given the right support, girls can thrive and inspire others to do the same.

48% of people served in education across the JRS Eastern Africa Region were women and girls.



Children Bring Hope amid Afghanistan’s Forgotten Crisis

In a JRS Early Childhood Development class in Herat, Afghanistan, a five-year-old boy hands in his notebook, pointing at the barely visible lines etched onto the paper: “I did my homework, but my pen had no ink. Please look again; I have written!”

Moments like these are a testament to how your support can empower people to overcome staggering odds and become agents of change in their communities.

“Resources do not always restrict a person from achieving their goal. These children’s resilience helps me keep hope alive despite the challenges around me”, reflects a JRS volunteer.

JRS Afghanistan provides opportunities for empowerment, social cohesion, vocational training, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and safe spaces for internally displaced people (IDPs) and returnee communities in Kabul and Herat. We offer continuity of support to some of the world’s most vulnerable people. In a context of growing insecurity and forgotten suffering, these services make all the difference to people’s lives, especially for children.

“Working with children has opened a new world for me. Every moment I spend with them, I realise how love and education can create a brighter future for my country. Education can make children grow into responsible and honest members of society,” says a JRS Early Childhood Development volunteer.

Young children attending JRS classes in Afghanistan.



Charting a Course for Community Education in Chad

The opportunity to attend a JRS language programme set Tadjadine on a new path – one that led him to establish his own community centre that provides instruction to other refugee students. “The efforts and services from JRS Chad are remarkable,” he says. “Most people in my community do not get these same chances, but they deserve to”.

JRS has been present in Chad for two decades, supporting refugees like Tadjadine through education, livelihoods, protection, and MHPSS. Over the past two years, with thousands of people fleeing across the border from Sudan every week, the need for assistance has surged. In 2024, Chad received 238,589 new arrivals, bringing the total number since the conflict began to 734,413.

In one of the world’s poorest countries, access to quality education remains a major challenge for refugee children and youth. JRS serves as UNHCR’s lead partner for education response, delivering a wide range of services in 19 refugee camps.

Today, our vital programmes, which provide support to tens of thousands of people, are under threat as a result of cuts in US foreign funding.

Refugee women attend accelerated learning programmes in Chad.



LIVELIHOODS AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION

OUR LIVELIHOODS AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMMES BRING TOGETHER DIFFERENT VOICES

to support displaced people in developing skills, securing employment, and starting businesses. These improved opportunities lead to economic self-reliance and promote social and economic integration within host communities.



In Cameroon, Assiam tends to a vegetable garden that helps her community prosper.

Sowing the Seeds of a Sustainable Future in Cameroon

In Dilga, northern Cameroon, your generosity throughout 2024 has transformed the JRS-supported fishpond and vegetable garden into a lifeline for the local community.

Life in the area was already challenging, made even harder by the inter-community conflict. Many families were forced to flee, finding refuge in neighbouring Chad. Upon their return to Cameroon, JRS partnered with the community to build a foundation for a sustainable future – one strengthens social cohesion, fostering peace.

Assoua Simona, a member of the fishpond management committee, shares how fish production has improved their lives – providing food, income, and even funding for teachers and clean drinking water. “Those in the surrounding area also benefit from it,” he says.

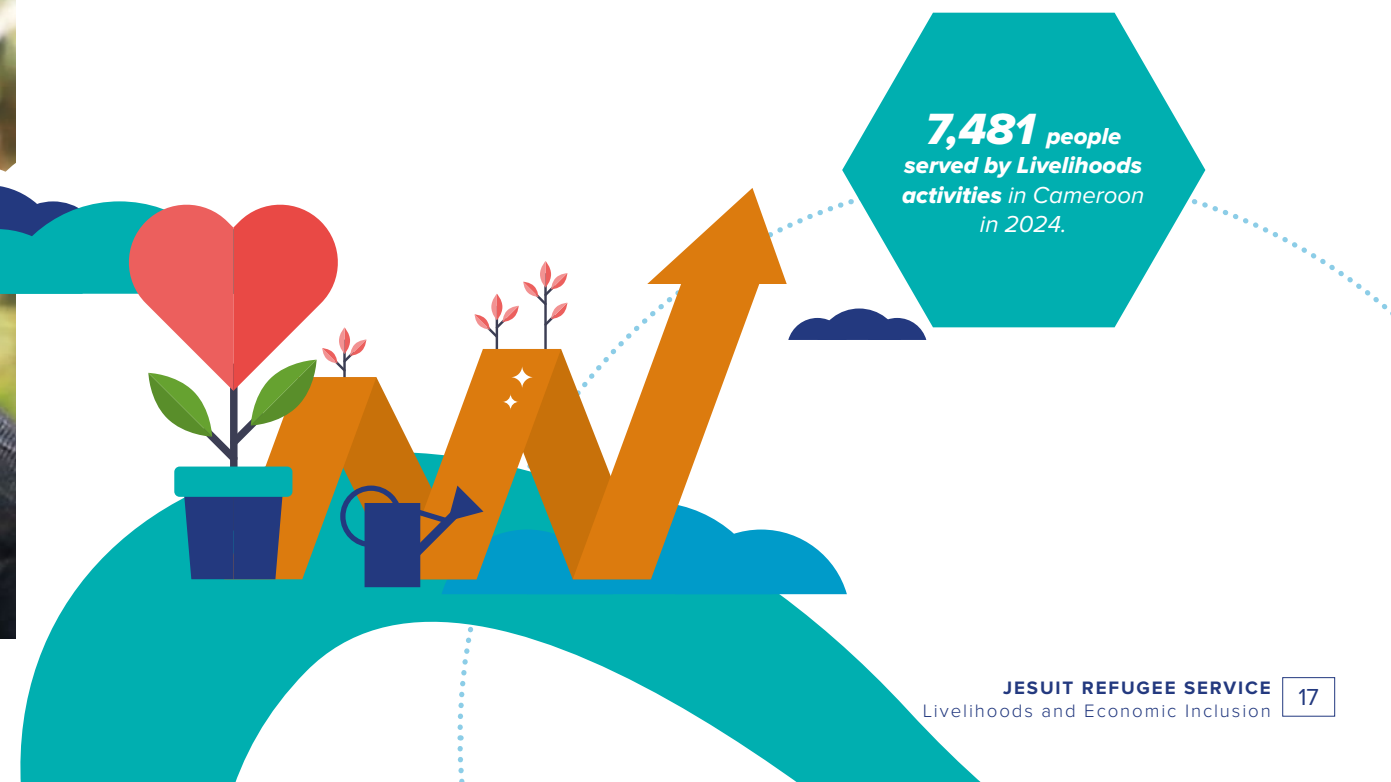
When the fishpond was installed, it also brought a water supply the community could use to grow vegetables: “You can also see how the women have worked on the vegetable gardens. Before, we used to buy everything at the market”, says Assoua.

For women like Assiam Djamba, the new vegetable gardens mean more than just fresh produce – they offer financial independence.

“When they installed the water for the fish farm, we took advantage of that. It’s with this water that we’re growing the garden. We’re happy to have it, because that’s how we make our money,” she says. They can now earn a little money to buy essentials like soap and medicine for children.

Thanks to the water from the fishpond, the gardens continue to flourish. Yet the community still needs seeds and additional water resources to expand. Your continued support can help empower local communities and private enterprise to work together so that families in Dilga can strengthen their resilience and secure a sustainable future.

7,481 people
served by Livelihoods
activities in Cameroon
in 2024.



Opening Pathways to Happiness in Italy

JRS Italy/Centro Astalli accompanies thousands of forced migrants as they shape new lives within their communities. To open pathways towards sustainable employment, with support from *Fondazione BNL - Gruppo BNP Paribas*, in 2024 we provided training opportunities that strengthened both professional and personal skills, including digital literacy, driving license theory, business Italian, IT, and financial education.

Some participants gained hands-on experience through training placements and vocational courses, such as the pastry-

making programme that changed the course of Hope's* life.

"The course lasted three months. I walked into that kitchen every afternoon and breathed in that scent of home. It filled my heart and gave me hope," she told us. "I learned many techniques, discovered new recipes, trained for the job I had dreamed of doing since I was a child."

Hope now works in a pastry shop in Rome. "I am happy again", she says.

*Name has been changed to protect identity.

Transforming Communities through Economic Inclusion in Colombia

In Colombia, your support has enabled refugees, migrants, internally displaced people, and vulnerable members of local communities to access opportunities for socio-economic inclusion. Through vocational training, entrepreneurship and financial inclusion, JRS livelihoods and community integration programmes have created lasting, transformative change for the families they serve.

One clear example has been the success of collectively run businesses like *Sabia Comadre* in Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca. In addition to offering community-strengthening support, JRS helped the group consolidate its production facility for food and drinks such as *papa-china*, *cocadas*, and *viche*.

This has improved product quality and market viability while creating new employment pathways. "We now have more opportunities to employ young people from our community, helping them develop their skills and increasing our production capacity", says Gloria, a community leader from Bajo Calima, Buenaventura.

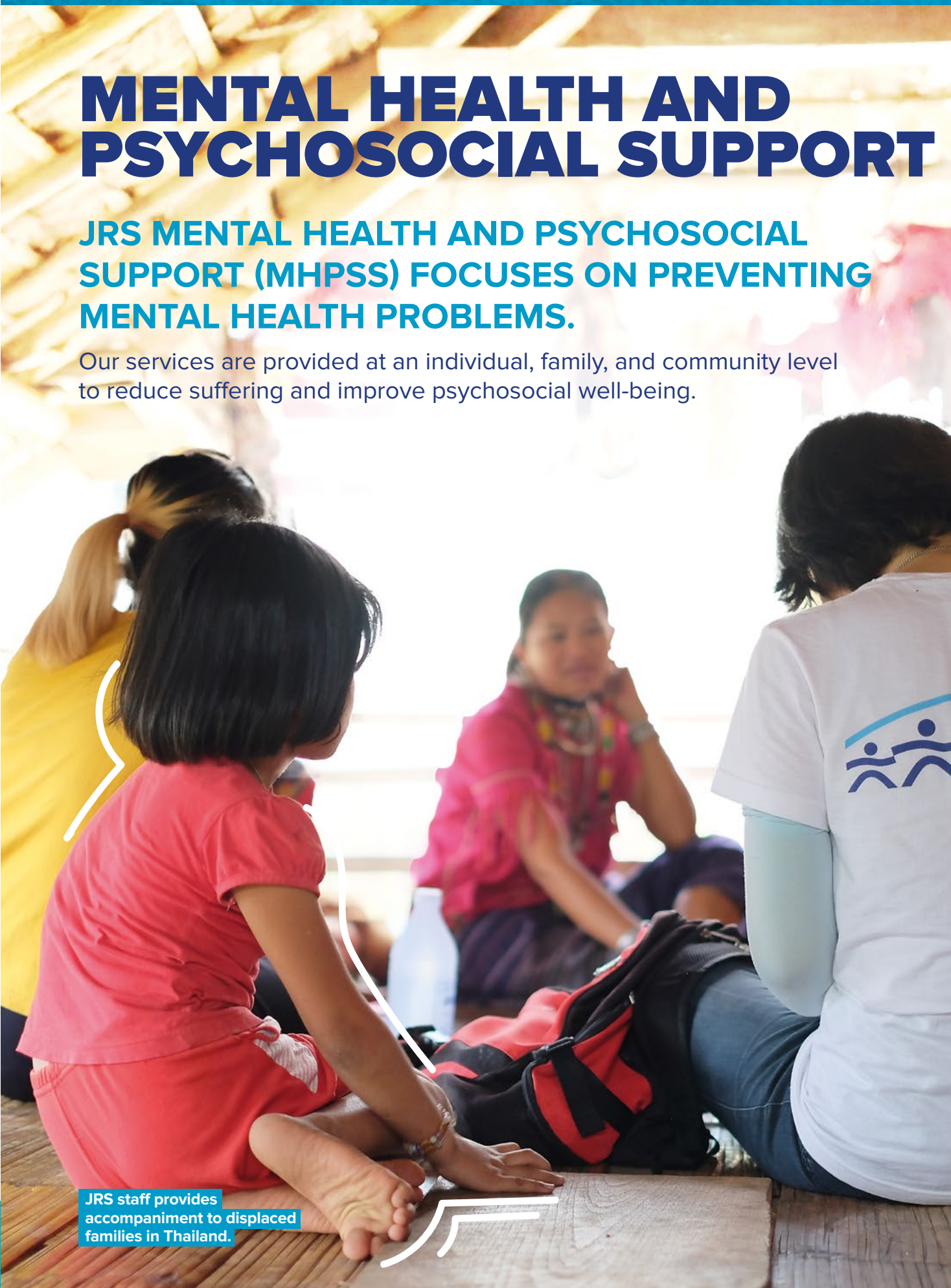
JRS livelihood and community integration programming helps displaced families to thrive.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

JRS MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS) FOCUSES ON PREVENTING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

Our services are provided at an individual, family, and community level to reduce suffering and improve psychosocial well-being.



Embracing Hope through Community Engagement in Thailand

Abdullah* arrived in Thailand in 2019 with his family, carrying with him the hopes of a better future and the weight of uncertainty. He soon found that, since the country does not officially recognise refugee status, accessing work and essential services can prove challenging.

Amid these difficulties, Abdullah learned about the Jesuit Refugee Service. JRS organises structured community-based psychosocial activities in public parks, where refugee families can connect, engage in sports, and share their experiences. Meeting other refugees who understood his struggles provided emotional support and renewed his sense of strength. “We may come from different nationalities, but we share similar experiences. The interaction among us is good and positive. It makes me feel different, in a good way”.

The impact on Abdullah’s children has been just as profound. “Before, they would ask, ‘Why are we here? What do we do here?’ But after joining JRS activities, they became more active and engaged. They talk about everything they see and experience in the park”.

Looking back, Abdullah sees how far he and his family have come. “Before, I was always tense. Now, I feel more relaxed, happier, and hopeful. I look forward to the next JRS activities and hope for more”.

His story is one of resilience – a testament to the power of community, connection, and psychosocial well-being. Your generosity enables families like Abdullah’s to regain the strength to move forward, embracing hope and rebuilding their lives, one step at a time.

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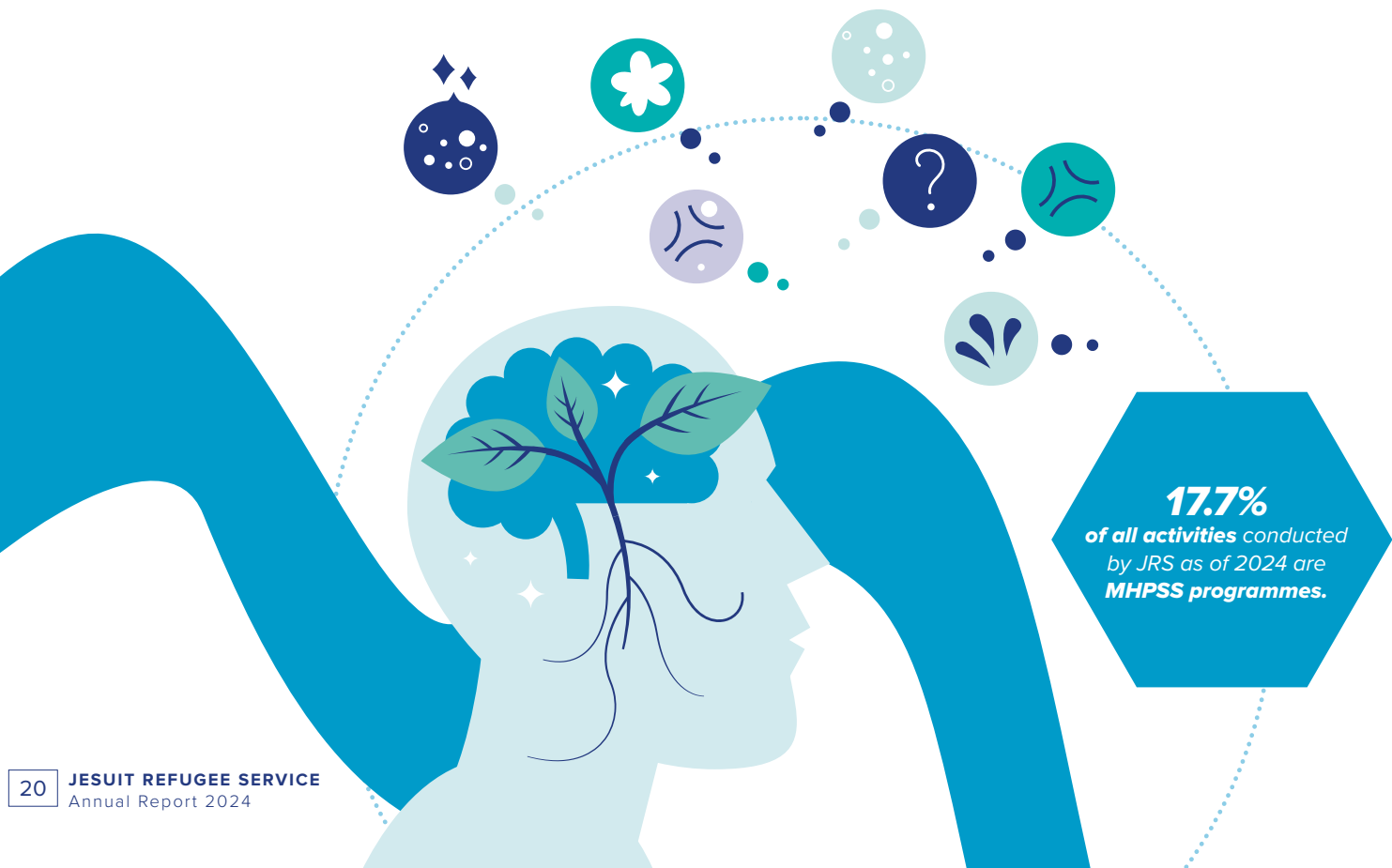
Strengthening Social Ties amid War in Ukraine

“During sessions with students, we talk about emotions and learn to identify them. Art-based activities help children share their experiences and reduce the anxiety associated with the ongoing war in Ukraine.” – Viktoriya, JRS Ukraine Psychologist.

2024 marked the second anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. With no sign of the conflict abating, there remained an urgent need for psychosocial support for internally displaced people who had lost their homes and were living with ongoing uncertainty, anxiety, and fear for their lives. In response, JRS Ukraine expanded its MHPSS efforts, focusing on high-quality, long-term care, tailored to specific needs.

Over the course of the year, JRS Ukraine’s MHPSS activities reached more than 1,762 people. They included psychological support for pensioners, mothers, and women with disabilities from eastern Ukraine; integrated recreational activities for internally displaced children and adults; and individual consultations to improve psychosocial well-being.

Amid continued displacement, your contribution to “The One Proposal” - the coordinated, unified response from the Society of Jesus to the Ukraine crisis - has made a vital difference, strengthening resilience and social cohesion when it’s most needed.



Offering Shelter and Support at a Time of Conflict in Lebanon

“After months of conflict, we are beginning to witness the full impact of this ongoing crisis, with uncertainty weighing heavily on many”. - Michael Petro, Project Director, JRS Lebanon Migrant Centre

In September 2024, the conflict in Lebanon escalated, displacing 1.2 million people. In Beirut, the Arrupe Migrant Centre at the Jesuit Church of Saint Joseph opened its door to migrants who had been denied access to collective shelters. Meanwhile, JRS schools in the Bekaa Valley were transformed into emergency hubs and distribution points.

The impact on mental health was profound and is likely to have lasting consequences. Trained JRS teams provided Psychological First Aid (PFA), individual counselling

sessions, and structured psychosocial activities for children. Noelle, JRS Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional MHPSS Officer, also highlighted the urgency of caring for staff caught up in the crisis: “We forget that we too are human beings and need support. Sometimes we feel exhausted. We feel burnt out”.

Our teams on the ground are deeply grateful for your outpouring of solidarity. Your support has enabled us to continue offering vital assistance and accompaniment in the midst of a war.

Activities for children at the Arrupe Migrant Centre in Beirut, Lebanon.



RECONCILIATION

IN THE SPIRIT OF PROMOTING PEACE AND BUILDING MORE UNITED SOCIETIES,

our reconciliation work aims to create right relationships among the refugees we serve, between refugee and host communities, and among our teams around the world.



Refugees, migrants, and local communities coming together at the JRS Cross-Border School of Citizenship.

Bridging Cultures on the Colombia-Venezuela Border

In 2024, on the Colombia-Venezuela border, the Cross-Border School of Citizenship became a space for learning and encounter for 37 forcibly displaced people.

By offering an experiential space for self-reflection, the school – a JRS initiative – promoted acceptance, solidarity, and interculturality. It equipped participants for external action, empowering civil society organisations to advocate for displaced communities.

This project recognised and strengthened the identity of the border region by valuing its biocultural heritage, fostering intercultural dialogue, and promoting respect for human rights. Participants reflected together on what it means to live at the border and to become cross-border citizens—individuals who build bridges across cultures and contexts marked by displacement, violence, and migration.

In the words of Elena, JRS Latin America and Caribbean Reconciliation Coordinator: “They transformed discourses of xenophobia, exclusion, and discrimination—putting into practice the principle of our shared humanity”.

Alongside leaders of organisations and host communities, participants engaged in building life projects rooted in healing, reconciliation, and social transformation.

Maritza, from Arauca, Colombia, captured the essence of this transformation: “To be a better citizen, I am committed to building or rebuilding life projects, strengthening knowledge, healing and reconciliation processes where we can live in harmony and peace, breaking down borders so that everyone who migrates does not encounter cultural barriers and satisfies their needs for coexistence”.

Thanks to the project, many forced migrants have sustained and grown community projects that enhance their quality of life. By taking a step beyond the violence they have experienced, they are now actively engaging with reconciliation and justice. Thank you for walking alongside them on this journey.

Working Together to Reconnect Fractured Communities in Syria

With you by our sides, JRS has been accompanying displaced people and local communities in Syria since 2008. We offer emergency assistance, educational activities, MHPSS, and healthcare services. In December 2024, nearly 14 years after the start of the war, the Assad regime fell.

This marked a key turning point, bringing renewed hope for a peaceful future and highlighting the importance of working together to recreate right relationships

between fractured communities. Fr Vincent De Beauhoudrey SJ, JRS Syria Country Director, offers a glimpse into what your continued support can achieve: “We engage in community-building and social cohesion activities, offering people with different stories the opportunity to listen to each other, share, and discover that they can rely on one another. In this way, we hope to help promote a peaceful way of living together, as the country is in desperate need of it”.

Building Friendship through Sports in Ethiopia

At the Gofa Mebrat Haile Condominium in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – home to thousands of Eritrean refugees – sport has proved to be a powerful tool in bringing people together. In 2024, with support from the German Federal Government via ifa/ zivik, we accompanied two inclusive sports associations, building bridges between refugees and host communities.

Joint reconciliation training and friendly tournaments served as spaces of encounter, where youth started to build trust. “In the past, refugees and locals trained separately, with limited interaction. So, we decided to train together, and this created a bond and friendship between us”, says one participant.

These sports activities helped to break down common stereotypes and to dispel misconceptions that had previously strained relationships. Alongside other reconciliation activities that JRS conducted at the condominium, sport became a powerful pathway to social cohesion. “I have found a good friend among the refugees. Our friendship grew on the sports field. Now I visit his house, he visits mine, I’ve met his parents, and I can truly call him a friend I found through sport”, shares another participant.



ADVOCACY

OUR ADVOCACY TAKES PLACE AT A LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO CHALLENGE UNJUST LEGAL FRAMEWORKS.

We strive to change public opinion, help to generate sustainable and durable solutions, and empower forcibly displaced people to exercise their human rights.



Catholic organisations united to address gender-based violence in conflict situations.

Uniting in Rome to Fight Conflict-Related Sexual Violence

In November 2024, JRS, in partnership with the UK Embassy to the Holy See, hosted an international symposium in Rome to address the urgent issue of conflict-related sexual violence. The gathering brought together representatives of faith-based organisations, institutions, experts, and women survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) to raise awareness and share educational programmes aimed at preventing and responding to SGBV in conflict settings.

With over 612 million women and girls living under the shadow of war, conflict-related SGBV has become an urgent crisis, disproportionately impacting displaced and vulnerable communities.

“We are living in a very broken world. Who could have imagined that, in this 21st century, we would still be struggling with damaging and devastating conflicts, and we would still wrestle with a vast scale of inhumane treatment toward others?” Victor Setibo, JRS Country Director in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), asked in his keynote address.

“The root causes of sexual violence, and its consequences, are still spread all over the world. So let us work together through education and community-based programmes to prevent and respond to SGBV. For a better world; a world where everyone’s voice is heard, and human dignity is respected”.

Victor shared the impact of JRS’s innovative projects to support survivors in the DRC, where the use of sexual violence has reached alarming levels. JRS provides tailored psychosocial support and economic empowerment for survivors and affected households, while actively involving communities in combating SGBV, with a focus on promoting positive masculinity and effective, responsible community leadership.

At the conclusion of the symposium, representatives of faith-based organisations signed the Declaration of Humanity by Leaders of Faith and Leaders of Belief, which unites faith communities in a shared mission to prevent conflict-related sexual violence, denounce the stigma faced by survivors, and affirm their value and dignity.

Over 61,000
women and girls
were served by JRS
protection activities
worldwide in 2024.

Paving the Way Towards Climate Resilience in the Asia Pacific

In 2024, JRS presented the first regional report of the five-year Research and Advocacy for Climate Policy and Action (RACPA) project, which examines community adaptation to a high risk of displacement due to climate change, disasters, and the related policy environment.

The report focused on three communities in Indonesia and the Philippines – two archipelagic countries among the most vulnerable to the adverse impact of climate change. Drawing on lived experience, the findings revealed how strong family ties and dependence on local livelihoods can become barriers to relocation, even as climate risks increase. Strengthening both individual and household resilience – particularly in women-headed households, which face a higher risk of displacement – is essential to ensuring that people have viable options to move to safer areas when necessary.

Communities also identified investing in education as a key resilience strategy. Younger generations are more likely to secure diverse livelihoods beyond their immediate environment, making voluntary relocation more feasible.

Through advocacy efforts informed by this improved understanding, RACPA hopes to pave the way for more responsive policies that support coastal and island communities in building long-term climate resilience.

New Partnerships Advance the Right to Education for Refugees

In line with our commitment to strengthen partnerships, in 2024 JRS organised a number of joint initiatives. These included the “Refugee and Migrant Education: Pathways for Hope, Understanding, and Meaningful Integration” international conference, co-hosted with the Refugee & Migrant Education Network, the Scalabrini International Migration Institute, and the Villanova University Strategic Initiative for Refugees and Migrants.

Around 150 participants gathered in Rome: migrant and refugee students, JRS experts from across the globe, representatives from universities, UN agencies, faith-based and humanitarian organisations. Together, we shared learnings, best practices, and concrete experiences on advancing the education and integration of refugees and migrants in societies.

Refugee participation in the conference showed how giving voice to lived experiences can shift the narrative and acknowledge them as agents of change. “We need to address the real needs to ensure better access to education for refugees and migrants. This space provided an opportunity to engage directly with students, universities, NGOs, and those who can bring these voices to policymakers,” shared Mahdia, an Afghan refugee student who spoke on one of the panels.

JRS Conference participants at the Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome.



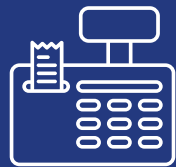
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Qamar, a teacher at the JRS Community Refugee Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, with Heran, an Eritrean refugee who is passionate about drawing and painting.
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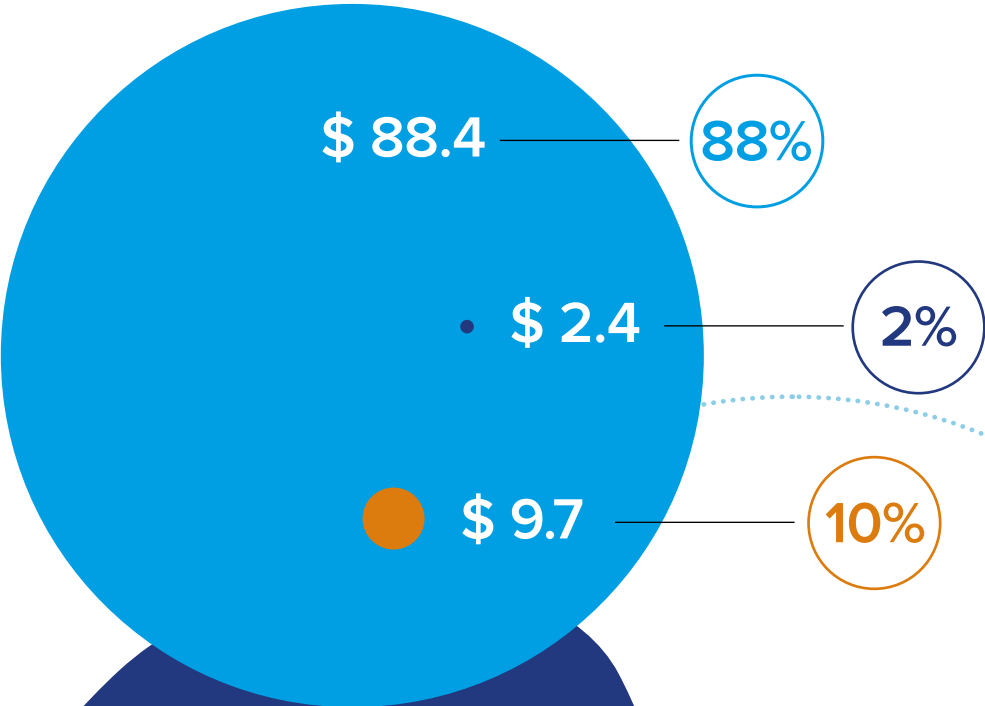
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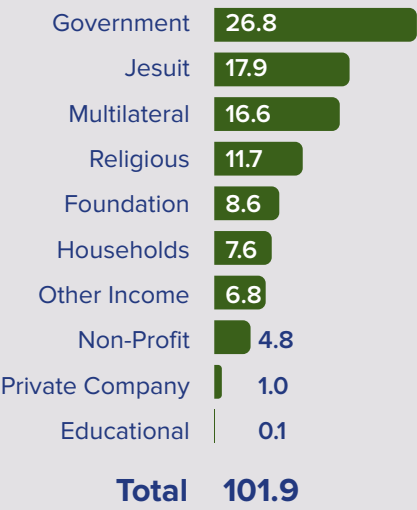
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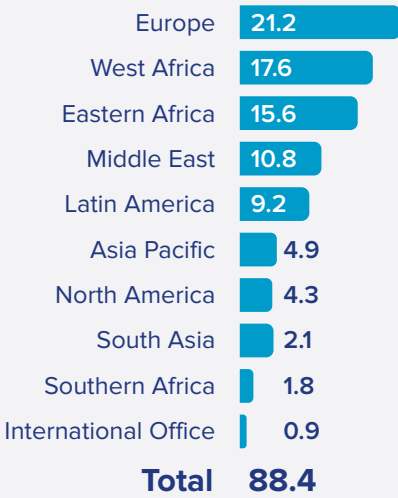
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Fatimatou teaches a JRS vocational training course in Eastern Cameroon aimed at female students like Aminatou, 20 years old.

TAKE ACTION

Turning Empathy into Impact



When I visited Malaysia last year, I had the privilege of meeting Hafsa*, a young woman from Myanmar. Her story, like that of many other displaced people I have met over the years, was harrowing. She had faced unspeakable hardship, including traffickers who tried to separate her from her mother. Many of her fellow travelers did not survive.

We met at a JRS digital skills training programme in Kuala Lumpur. There, despite everything she had been through, Hafsa remained determined to build a new future—for herself and for her family. Her courage and resilience were undeniable. Her commitment to pursuing an education and reclaiming a sense of agency was inspiring.

Listening to her, I struggled to comprehend what she had endured, but I was also in awe – not only of her strength, but of how much she had accomplished by seizing the opportunity that JRS programmes provided.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed in a world where humanitarian systems are strained, governmental support is waning, and crises are forcing millions from their homes. It's easy to wonder: where do we even begin?

I urge you to start with Hafsa. Let her journey ground you. Reflect on the moments in your own life when silence simply wasn't an option – when you felt compelled to speak out, to take action.

That moment is now.

Faced with mounting challenges, we cannot afford to remain passive. Real change begins when we choose to act—together. With collective effort – through advocacy, accompaniment and service – we can shift the trajectory of one life, then another, until entire communities are transformed.

At JRS, we work every day to turn empathy into impact. Will you join us?

Madelaine R Kuns

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International Director of Communications and Fundraising

*Name has been changed to protect identity.

*Madelaine Kuns,
JRS International Director
of Communications
and Fundraising,
meeting with JRS
Malaysia Digital Skills
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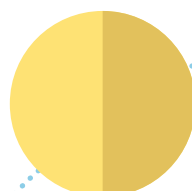


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