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First person: Volunteer story

This fall, I'm off to Thailand for the first time to visit the Tham Hin refugee camp, located along the Thai-Myanmar border.

The camp has been home to Myanmar refugees for over 30 years, most of whom are of the ethnic Karen minority. With a population of about 8,850, Tham Hin is one of the smallest refugee camps in the world and is widely known to have the worst camp conditions in Thailand.

I'm both humbled and excited to meet some of the refugees on whose behalf I work for daily in Ottawa. As this visit opens my eyes—in real time—to the trauma and challenges experienced by refugees, I will have the chance to reaffirm my dedication to refugee protection and to UNHCR's work.

I look forward to sharing my experiences in the next issue of *With You!* 🏠

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Your gift helps ensure refugees and other displaced people around the globe are safe. Donations also allow our Emergency Response Teams to be the first ones on the ground, whenever an emergency or disaster strikes, as well as sustain our humanitarian work, wherever necessary... even in the aftermath of a crisis.

From Syria, to Central African Republic, to the Philippines, to Thailand, the most pressing needs that uprooted people face are being met, thanks to your contributions.

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Reporting back: A special message from Furio De Angelis

The Syria situation is the **single largest displacement crisis worldwide** and in UNHCR's history.

After reviewing arrival rates to Syria's neighbouring countries, we anticipate the Syrian refugee population will hit nearly 3.6 million by year-end.

This is based on the fact that since January 2014, over 100,000* refugees every month are being registered in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and Turkey.

That's why we're working nonstop to help protect, provide basic needs and other forms of assistance to Syrians who are fleeing conflict.

Thanks to the generosity from governments and donors like you, international funds have been mobilized. The overall appeal, however, is only 30%* funded.

Urgent demands for humanitarian assistance are growing: 1.7 million* Syrian refugees still require food assistance, while another 2.4 million* Syrians need our help to prepare for the winter ahead. 🏠

* At press time



Furio De Angelis
UNHCR Representative in Canada

Voices from the field

They've found safety, but need to eat.
Refugee daily food rations are significantly reduced.



Since January, security, logistical and funding challenges have forced cuts of up to 60% in daily food rations for nearly 800,000 refugees in nine African countries.

The daily ration of 2,100 Kcal/day was reduced to a mere 850 Kcal/day. As of mid-June, nearly 30% of all refugees in

Africa, dependent on food assistance, had been affected—with ration cuts taking the heaviest tolls in Chad, Central African Republic (CAR) and South Sudan.

Unlike refugees who escaped fighting in CAR and are staying in camps in Chad's more fertile south, Sudanese refugees living in the dry, eastern desert camps, cannot grow their own crops to compensate for some of the food shortfall.

"We have been here a long time, but we have been unable to be self-sufficient," says Zacharia Ismael Nahar, a Sudanese refugee in Chad's Touloum camp. "It's a big problem we have in our hearts, but we are trapped by the climate and the environment."

More often than not, hundreds of thousands of long-term refugees in our

camps and other sites across Africa solely depend on international aid and a sometimes precarious food pipeline.

We're eager to promote refugee self-sufficiency, as early as possible, especially when a new crisis emerges, to help reduce long-term dependency. Your support today will help offset the food shortage setbacks that African and other refugees encounter regularly. 🏠

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Canada: Involved & Informed

Student group proactively supports Syrian refugees



Samir Mourani and Mariam Hamaoui visit UNHCR's Ottawa office to present their generous gift.

For the past year, York University student-led group, *RefugeAid*, has been **actively fundraising for Syrian refugees.**

Executive Director Samir Mourani and President Mariam Hamaoui launched this initiative when they heard their peers on campus talking about how they wanted to make a difference in displaced Syrians' lives. What's more,

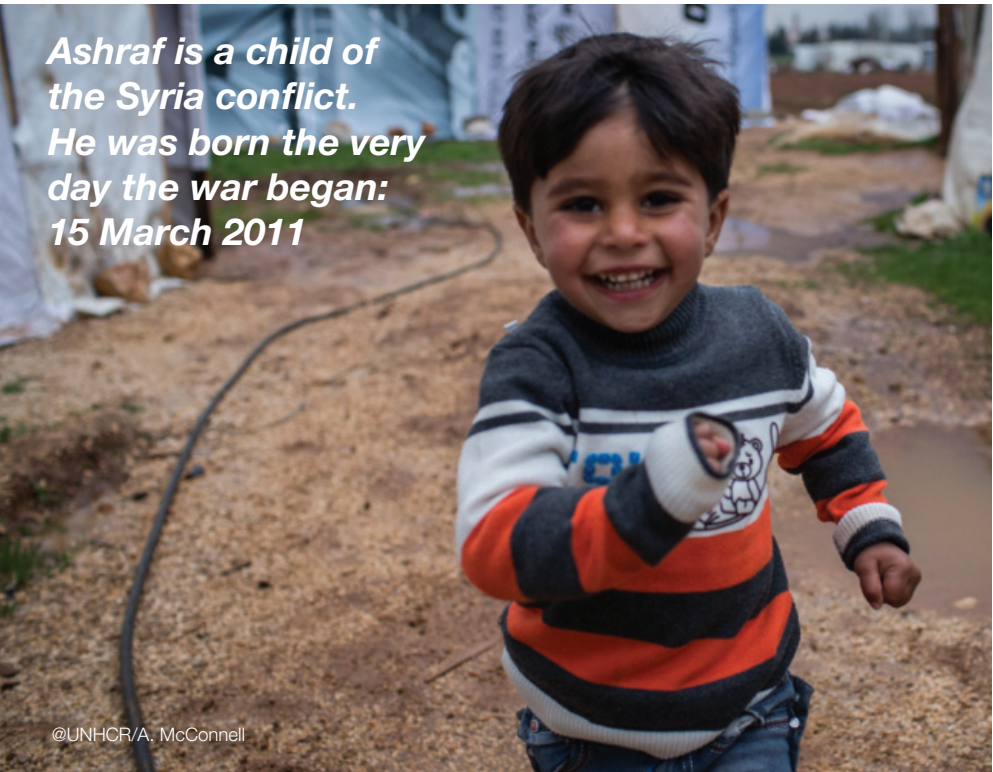
RefugeAid encourages other individuals and groups to rise to the occasion and do the same.

"If students, who work and go to school," said Mourani, "could get together and create a project, raise this kind of money, putting aside all political and religious division, then anyone can."

Thank you, *RefugeAid*, for your generosity! 🏠



RefugeAid raising awareness for Syrian refugees at a local conference.



Ashraf is a child of the Syria conflict. He was born the very day the war began: 15 March 2011



A look back—and ahead

On 08 November 2013, the Philippines was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan. Winds of up to 235 km/hr wiped out entire communities, killing at least 6,200 people.

Thanks to you, UNHCR responded immediately to assist typhoon survivors, providing more than 600,000 displaced people with emergency shelter, relief supplies and protection services by the end of 2013.

Since the disaster, we have moved from providing immediate emergency relief to aiding recovery operations. We have worked with the Philippine Government and local authorities to (re)issue birth certificates and other forms of civil documentation—mandatory if Filipinos are to access basic services.

UNHCR also encouraged the Philippine Government to set up protection mechanisms for people uprooted by natural disasters, notably the Act Protecting the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, scheduled to be passed into law this year. 🏠