

MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

GRASSROOTS APPROACHES TO TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF AT-RISK CHILDREN

Today, worldwide displacement is at an all-time high. And a child away from home is a child at risk. Whether displaced by war, being trafficked for labor, or simply seeking better opportunities, millions of children live in limbo, between cultures and communities. Whether they are migrants, refugees, or internally displaced persons, their path is fraught with instability and danger. En route to new destinations, children—especially those without their parents—are at risk of trafficking, exploitation, hunger, and disease. Even long after families have settled into new landscapes, they struggle to find safe places to live. Refugee and migrant children are less likely to go to school and more likely to work, many under hazardous conditions. Those who do attend school quickly fall behind as they try to adapt to a new culture and language, often in the face of systemic discrimination. We must do more to ensure that these children have what they need to be safe, healthy, educated, and cared for—it's what every child deserves.

86%

of refugees live in developing countries.

65^M

refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons are estimated worldwide.

51%

of the world's refugees are children. In other words, one in every two refugees is under the age of 18.

The Global Fund for Children invests in locally led grassroots organizations around the world that protect and empower migrant, refugee, and displaced children, helping them to regain lives of safety, opportunity, and hope.



SPOTLIGHT: THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Millions of children and families displaced by the Syrian conflict continue to suffer—many lacking even the most basic of necessities as they seek safety. In the midst of this massive crisis, our local partners in Serbia, Turkey, and Lebanon are doing everything they can to protect children displaced by war. We are providing these partners with emergency aid as well as long-term support to help refugee families rebuild their lives. Our partner **Tahaddi** (pictured) supports more than 800 Syrian families living in Hay al-Gharbeh, a shantytown in Beirut, Lebanon. With GFC's support, Tahaddi has been expanding its shelters and adding more education classes to meet the growing need for its services. Tahaddi also offers family-tracing services for unaccompanied children and counseling for children coping with trauma.

Sources: UNHCR



OUR RESULTS: TRANSFORMATION FOR CHILDREN & COMMUNITIES

At GFC, our results are both immediate and long-term. We invest strategically to improve the lives of vulnerable children, while also helping community organizations grow bigger, stronger, and more sustainable. Similarly, our grassroots partners' programs not only address children's immediate needs but also help children to build productive futures as engaged global citizens.

Last year, The Global Fund for Children invested more than \$945,000 in 72 grassroots organizations working with migrant, refugee, and displaced children in 34 countries.



SPOTLIGHT: BURMESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

More than 2 million people have fled from Burma to Thailand to escape civil war and political violence. Whether living in refugee camps or on the streets, immigrant children do not have official legal status and are at significant risk for trafficking, crime, drug abuse, and forced labor. Last year, GFC supported five grassroots organizations that ensure that Burmese refugee children have what they need to thrive, offering shelter, education, healthcare, counseling, and more. **Baan Nana** (pictured) provides undocumented and stateless children on the Thailand-Burma border with housing, food, and school scholarships.

SOLUTIONS FROM THE FIELD

CHIAPAS, MEXICO

Thousands of migrant children work long hours on the streets, selling goods to earn a meager \$2 per day.

Chantiik Taj Tajinkutik helps migrant children break out of poverty by teaching them about their rights and giving them new skills that will allow them to earn a fair wage in the future. A six-month intensive training program—during which stipends are provided in exchange for full-time participation—equips the children with skills in baking, cooking, waitressing, and computers.

JOS, NIGERIA

Widespread displacement in northern Nigeria has made this part of the country a reaping field for traffickers.

Bo Sita MADE organizes weekly outreach activities in more than 80 known brothels in Jos and follows up on leads when tipped off to the location of trafficking survivors who need help. The organization provides comprehensive rehabilitation and recovery support after rescue, which includes psychosocial support, career guidance, and mentorship programs, as well as family tracing and reunification. Last year, Bo Sita reached more than 750 children.

BELGRADE, SERBIA

Serbia is a transit country for refugees and migrants moving into central Europe from the Middle East, including those fleeing Syria.

Asylum Protection Center provides legal, psychological, and other assistance to asylum seekers in Serbia as they navigate the dangerous journey to safer ground. APC also conducts outreach in Belgrade's train and bus stations, distributing humanitarian aid and information to Syrian refugee families. The organization reached more than 34,000 children last year.

GET INVOLVED Your support makes all the difference. With your help, we reach children on the margins of society so they can be safe, educated, healthy, and cared for. To learn more about how you can transform the lives of unaccompanied minors, children who have been displaced by war, and other vulnerable children, visit www.globalfundforchildren.org.