

Jesuit Refugee Service/USA Update

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2023

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Your generous support of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA's Greatest Need Fund has provided crucial assistance where—and when—it was needed most. Gifts designated for the Greatest Need give us the flexibility to respond and help families in areas of emerging crises; in 2023, for instance, around Ukraine and in the Middle East.

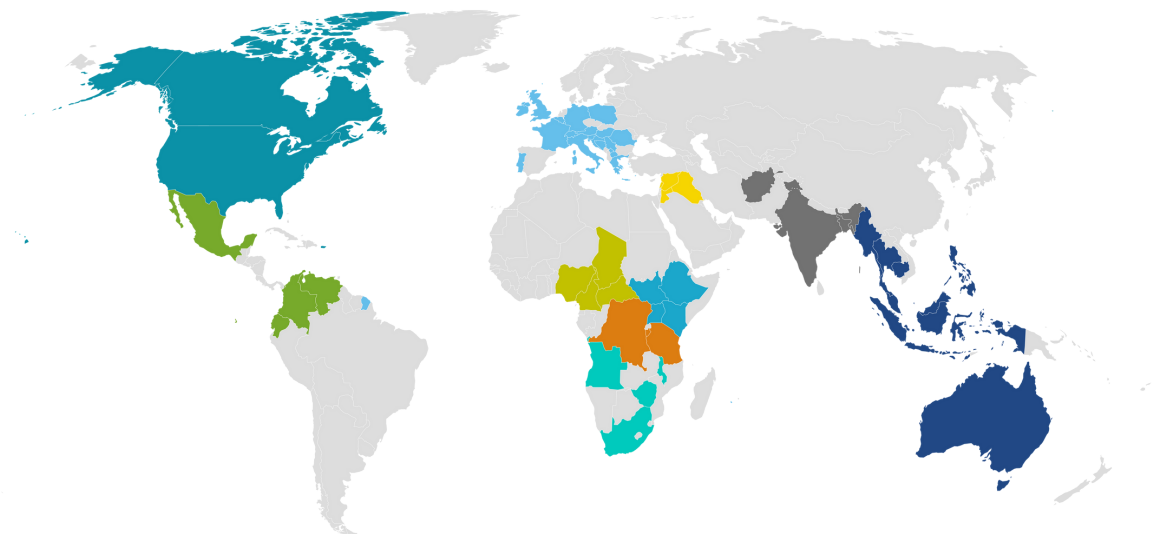
With your support, JRS teams walk alongside, accompany, and offer hospitality to the most vulnerable, giving priority to situations of great need, in places where a more universal good may be achieved, and to needs to which others are not attending. Greatest Need funding enables JRS offices to improve their capacity, efficiency, and response speed, thereby raising the confidence of international partners and donors to join us for program collaboration and expansion.

The JRS mission is built on our faith in God who is present in human history, even in its most tragic moments. We are inspired by this faith and by core values that inform all the work we do. **Thank you** for joining us to give **hope**, **dignity**, and **agency** to the people and families we serve.

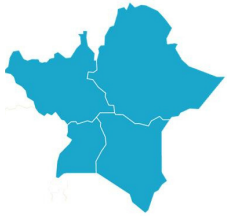
In 2023, your support helped around the world:

JRS Regions Served:

1. \$300,588
2. \$54,433
3. \$331,162
4. \$179,354
5. \$98,206
6. \$222,632
7. \$236,961
8. \$141,920
9. \$100,000



Eastern Africa



JRS East Africa: (\$92,427) - JRS EAR invested in strengthening staff to promote JRS's responsiveness, financial accountability, reporting, and efficiency. This included staff salaries, travel across the region, and the hiring of a new Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) specialist.

JRS Ethiopia: (\$25,000) - JRS Ethiopia strengthened its organizational capacity and staff support. The funding increased JRS Ethiopia's ability to provide managerial, technical, financial, and programmatic support to project offices, and allow JRS Dollo Ado to sustain its ongoing interventions by maintaining key managerial and project support.

JRS Kenya: (\$47,308) - The goal of this project was to increase access to education for girls and boys of secondary school age in the Kakuma refugee camp. The funds contributed to covering project staff salaries—including teachers and interns, country director, finance officer, program officer, and human resource officer's salaries.

JRS Burundi-Tanzania: (\$30,000) - JRS BND-TZN covered funding gaps in operational capacity, and meal system strengthening. The goal of this project is to strengthen JRS BND-TZN programs through operational support, enhancing its MEAL system, and improving the security of its offices. The funds will contribute to pay for staff salaries—including country staff, project staff, support staff, a lawyer for legal service support, IT equipment, and added security.

JRS Uganda: (\$37,369) - The goal of this project was to increase the resilience of the most vulnerable refugees through aid delivery in Adjumani and Kampala via emergency assistance and psychosocial support. The funds requested covered food support, non-food items (i.e., mattresses, mosquito nets, clothes), shelter construction support, medical support, and rent support.

JRS South Sudan: (\$68,484) - The aim of the project is to optimize and sustain the country office's operational efficiency by providing efficient and reliable support to country and field program operations in Maban and Yambio. In addition, more than 1,000 refugees from Sudan were served through education and MHPSS programs. Assistive walking devices for children were also funded.

Great Lakes Africa



JRS DRC: (\$54,433) - JRS DRC strengthened quality secondary education and MHPSS services targeting 1,370 displaced youth, 270 teachers, and 600 parents in Mweso, Kitshanga, Mugunga, and Minova, by funding gaps in education services, staff salaries, and administrative costs. The program covered examination fees, school rehabilitation, school supplies, uniforms and sports equipment for students, and teacher supplies.

Western Africa



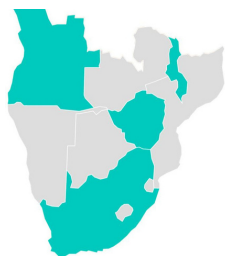
JRS Cameroon and JRS CAR: (\$35,754) - JRS Cameroon and JRS CAR covered gaps in education, protection, psychosocial support, and livelihood projects. The project improved access to education, promoted livelihoods, and reduced protection risks in Bambari, Bria, Lobaye, and Ombella M'poko districts in CAR and Younde/Doula in Cameroon.

JRS Chad: (\$35,400) - The Greatest Need Fund directly helped JRS Chad attract and retain trained MHPSS staff and supported JRS Chad's response to the crisis in Sudan.

JRS Nigeria: (\$239,720) - JRS Nigeria was able to fill funding gaps from UNHCR project in Taraba state, salaries for key staff in the field and country offices, and an essential workshop for 40 government officials on humanitarian law, refugee rights, and protection legal framework.

JRS West Africa: (\$20,288) - This project strengthened MHPSS and compliance activities and ensured the Regional Office provided quality individual, family, and community-based services.

Southern Africa



JRS Southern Africa: (\$108,654) - Greatest Need funding strengthened operations in the regional office, not only providing much-needed office supplies and equipment, but also providing salary support for key positions including the Deputy Regional Director, Education Coordinator, Regional Human Resources Officer, and Information Technology support. Funding also expanded the office capacity by providing stipends for a Health Volunteer and an intern in the Finance Department.

JRS Mozambique: (\$44,350) - JRS needed to establish a presence in Cabo Delgado province to assist displaced host community populations, helping them to coexist peacefully and gain resiliency. Greatest Need funding supported just about every aspect of the new program—hiring a logistics/security officer, human resources officer, and finance officer; and covering utility costs, communication materials, equipment, and travel to project sites—so that the program could more effectively deliver services for the refugees there including the building of a water tower, providing clean water for the schools

JRS Malawi: (\$26,350) - Students needed water and power in their JRS-run classrooms, and Greatest Need funding provided a solar power unit—so students can use their tablets in class—and a pump for clean water, resulting in greater hygiene and dignity. Funds also supported telecommunication costs (airtime and data), school office equipment, and partial salary for the Senior Finance Officer.

South Asia



JRS South Asia: (\$98,206) - The main expenses covered by the funds are project and country office staff salaries, food distribution, supplies, and administrative costs.

Latin America and the Caribbean



JRS LAC: (\$98,539) - The aim of the project was to strengthen the advocacy, knowledge management, security and protection actions in the region, and supplement the salary of an MHPSS specialist.

JRS Mexico: (\$124,093) - The goal of the project was to strengthen JRS Mexico and JRS Venezuela's program, financial, and staff care strategy. The funds requested helped to cover staff salaries (project coordinators, deputy director, finance coordinator, development officer), field and monitoring visits, training, office equipment, and other program-related travel and activities.

Asia Pacific



JRS Indonesia: (\$80,000) - The JRS Indonesia team sought to protect, increase the resilience, and promote the social cohesion of asylum seekers and refugees in Indonesia. Greatest Need funding enabled them to provide greater case management services (including cash-based assistance for basic needs and emergency response), resilience initiatives, MHPSS activities, community development, and livelihood support. With increased capacity, the project team was also able to collaborate more closely with the local advice network, further promoting the human rights of the refugees they service.

JRS Thailand: (\$70,000) - Refugees and asylum seekers in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region needed improved access to education, entrepreneurial, and social integration opportunities. Greatest Need funding bolstered the ability of JRS Thailand office to address these challenges, by underwriting office equipment, transportation, program costs, training and learning materials, and staff salaries.

JRS Myanmar: (\$74,961) - Kayah communities in the southern Shan Plateau states needed reliable access to basic needs, quality education, and livelihood opportunities. Greatest Need funds helped the JRS Myanmar team better serve these crisis-affected communities, teaching strategies for harmonious living and resilience.

JRS Philippines: (\$12,000) - JRS Philippines embarked on a project to empower women and internally displaced youth returning to Marawi City, in the province of Lanao del Sur. Greatest Need funds were used to conduct the projects, which also addressed violent extremism and conflict in their communities.

Europe



JRS Europe: (\$1,920) - JRS Europe Country Offices faced financial limitations assisting migrants and asylum seekers across Europe. Greatest Need funds were applied toward JRS Europe's Hardship Fund, so that each of its 13 Country Offices could serve its refugee families with the items and services they needed most immediately.

JRS Portugal: (\$140,000) - Housing, food, supply assistance for JRS Afghanistan staff resettling in Portugal.

Middle East and North Africa



JRS MENA: (\$100,000) - Syrian refugee students in Bar Elias (Lebanon) needed better learning conditions, and JRS responded by rehabilitating and operating three schools there enrolling students, providing them with basic goods and supplies, and offering any MHPSS services and external referrals the students may have needed. In order to increase awareness of JRS Iraq's humanitarian programming, Greatest Need funds were used to hire a Communications Officer in Iraq, to meet reporting expectations for PRM and other donors.



Displaced Ukrainian children receiving education services from JRS Staff in Romania.



Soccer tournament hosted by JRS Uganda as part of the MHPSS program.



JRS Kenya increased access to secondary education programs.



MHPSS support group through JRS Indonesia.



JRS Lebanon increased their access to education programs and provided materials.



JRS Central African Republic increased access to livelihoods programs.



Emergency assistance for Sudanese refugees in Chad.



JRS Latin America improved their MHPSS programs with additional staff.

Your support and investment makes these programs and opportunities possible. Thank you.



Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization serving refugees and other forcibly displaced people. JRS's mission is to accompany, serve, and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons, that they may heal, learn, and determine their own future. Founded as a work of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1980, JRS today works in more than 58 countries worldwide to meet the educational, health, and social needs of more than one million refugees.

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