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Dear [Supporter],

Will you give a refugee child a gift this Christmas?

Thank you for the generous support I know you have given to refugees this year. I am directly involved in our work with refugees in Chad, central Africa, and see for myself the enormous difference that help like yours makes to people's lives.

It's why I'm writing to you now.

Could you support our Christmas Star Appeal with a life-saving gift – and help refugee children and families still in desperate need?

Many children will be far from home this Christmas, living in refugee camps, seeking safety from conflict, in terribly harsh conditions – like the thousands of refugee children I work with in Chad. In the extreme heat and with little water, we are still helping more than 200,000 people who were brutally forced to leave their villages in neighbouring Sudan – becoming refugees through absolutely no fault of their own. They were lucky to escape with their lives and arrived with only what they could carry.

Countless children had become separated from their parents. Some had lost them forever, witnessing terrible violence against their mums, dads, brothers and sisters.

Adults and children alike were desperate for basic supplies and support – cans to collect and store life-giving water, for instance, and medical check-ups. Exactly the kind of help we are still trying to deliver day and night to so many more refugees in Chad, and around the world today.

With thousands of refugees still depending on us for the most basic help, could you donate a special extra gift this Christmas?

Your Christmas gift of just \$30 could supply six large blankets to help keep refugee children warm and comfortable, especially during cold desert nights.

A present of \$47 could buy a survival kit to enable badly malnourished children to overcome their ordeal and recover their strength.

A gift of \$80 could pay for an all-season tent to shelter a family of five from the wind, sun and rain – providing not just shelter, but a temporary home this Christmas.



Will you give a refugee child a gift this Christmas?

Each voucher below represents a potentially life-saving present for people in urgent need. Just select the one you would like to give, tear off the voucher, and make a donation for the same amount with the form attached. Then return the voucher to us in the envelope enclosed.

Please write a special message of hope on the back of the voucher. We will collect all returned vouchers to keep a record of your generosity – and display them on special Christmas trees in our offices.

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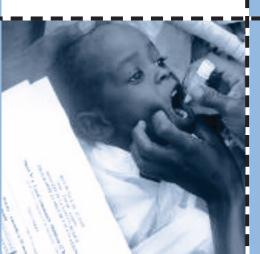
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\$160

Your gift of \$160 could cover the cost of full medica check-ups for 48 refugee children who may be in urgent need of healthcare.



\$30

Giving \$30 could provide six large blankets to keep refugee families warm at night.



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When I was eight years old, and cold and hungry, I was given food and water and I was sheltered. After I had these things I had to ask, where did all these things come from? I wanted to see who this person was. All I wanted to do was say thank you.

Adut Dau Atem, a refugee from Sudan who survived with help from supporters of the UN Refugee Agency

My message of hope for refugee children this Christmas:

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Lyndell Findlay, UN Refugee Agency Job Tit

Working in refugee camps as I do, helping to organise emergency relief, I know just how hard life can be for refugees. I am also extremely aware of the enormous difference that basic help makes in their struggle to survive.

In Chad last Christmas, the camps were battered day after day by powerful sandstorms, turning the air orange with choking, blinding dust. People had nowhere to shelter until we were able to deliver the thousands of tents needed, and they were forced to huddle beneath blankets, desperately waiting for the storms to pass.

The sandstorms will return this Christmas, as they do this time every year, and the winds will tear through the camps once again. There will be thousands more people needing shelter to protect them, and other basic supplies – as there will be in most of the countries where we work.

In my experience it is children who suffer most when we are unable to offer refugees our help. Growing children are so vulnerable when there is not enough to eat, enough clean water to drink, or proper shelter from the weather. Children suffer in another way too. They don't understand why they have become refugees, and have to live in a camp. They can be resourceful and resilient, in ways that surprise and amaze me – for instance making little toys from scrap bottles and cans, playing football with balls made from rags. But they are afraid and asking when they'll finally be able to go home. Games distract them for a while, as they do for children the world over, but the reality is that what they really need are the gifts you could provide.

Our Christmas Star Appeal is for every child unable to go home this Christmas – in particular those who may go hungry, thirsty or without a comfortable place to sleep.

We urgently need to distribute blankets, tents and survival kits to refugees in Chad and all over the world this Christmas. Can you help us by sending your gift to us as soon as you can?

Enclosed with this letter is your sheet of Christmas Star Appeal gift vouchers. Each one represents a potentially life-saving gift for a refugee child and their family. Just choose the gift you would like to give, make a donation using the form attached for the amount of your gift, and return your gift voucher to us in the envelope enclosed.

But before you put your gift voucher in the envelope, we'd very much like you to write your own special message of hope using the space on the back. My colleagues in [name of city] will collect and display the gift vouchers on special Christmas trees in our offices as a reminder of your compassion and generosity. We look forward very much to sharing the results of the appeal with you in the New Year.

Finally, from all of us here, thank you so much for your help, whatever you're able to give. We hope you have a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

With best wishes,

(signature to be supplied)

Lyndell Findlay, UN Refugee Agency Job Title

P.S. We enclose a very small gift to thank you for supporting our Christmas Star Appeal – a card to hang from your own Christmas tree to remind you of the gift you've given refugee children. We haven't provided the piece of cotton needed to hang the card, hoping that you won't mind attaching your own at home.

\$120

Your Christmas gift of \$120 could buy 80 water cans, helping thirsty refugees to collect and store clean, life-giving water for the whole family.



\$200

The gift of \$200
this Christmas could
help to sink a well,
providing vital clean
water to countless
refugees for months,
even years, to come.

