



Community Fundraising FAQ's

I'd like to organise an event to raise funds for UNHCR's international humanitarian work. Where do I start?

It's easy. All you have to do is complete a Community Fundraising Registration and Proposal form (both available on our website). This gives us the information we need to consider your plans and gives you some guidelines to help you plan your event.

If you're not fundraising online, you'll have to wait for our approval before you can start asking your networks to support you. This is just so supporters know that funds are getting to the right place. Once you've submitted your fundraising event application form, we'll review your application and once approved, we'll issue you with an Authority to Fundraise certificate.

Because we're required by law to be accountable for the fundraising activity we must issue an Authority stating our approval and the conditions under which you can fundraise. In addition, in some states of Australia the fundraiser must also apply for permission to fundraise from their state authority. Again, this is just to make sure that all funds are getting to the people that need it most!

Can I raise money for a specific project?

We raise funds to support many projects around the world and direct funds to where they are needed most. For details of our current appeals please check out our website. If there's a particular emergency or project you want to fundraise for, just let us know and we'll do our very best to make it happen.

Can I use Australia for UNHCR's logo?

You must have our permission to use our logo in any promotional materials. If you want to incorporate our logo into your own artwork, please send these to us before you get started with your fundraising. .

What materials/support can Australia for UNHCR provide?

We produce a limited amount of printed materials, including newsletters. Because of our limited resources, we're not able to assist with promoting your event. However, please contact us at any time to discuss what help we can give you. If you're planning to promote your fundraising event in a public capacity, please contact us prior to the issue of any media releases about the event as they'll need to be approved by our Communications team.

Will my fundraising event be covered by A4UNHCR's insurance?

Unfortunately Australia for UNHCR cannot allocate funds to cover insurance for this purpose nor does our public liability cover community fundraising events.

Do I have to make a separate application each time I fundraise?

Yes, in general the Authority will only cover a specific event. We want to make fundraising easy for you, so give us a call if you're hosting multiple events!

Can expenses be deducted from funds raised by the event?

Yes, 'proper' or 'reasonable' expenses may be deducted but some legislation gives a strict limit. At least 50% of the total income from your project should be allocated to Australia for UNHCR. Please note that commissions or fees for the fundraiser are not considered a reasonable expense and should not be submitted.

Can Australia for UNHCR issue tax-deductible receipts?

We can issue tax receipts for donations but only to individuals or organisations that make a donation without receiving a product or service in return. Under ATO legislation, Australia for UNHCR cannot issue tax receipts for donated services like set-up or entertainment.

Can Australia for UNHCR accept donated goods?

Unfortunately we're not able to accept material goods as we don't have the resources or systems to convert them into donated funds.

Any other questions?

Please give us a call on 1300361288 at any time to speak to our Community Fundraising Manager.