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A Collective Approach to Improving Lives

Ms. Christine Nathan
President

I am deeply honored to offer my first greetings as ICMC President to our national member Episcopal Conferences, partners, and supporters. I am delighted to share with you the successes we achieved in 2022, and the challenges we faced while implementing our mission and mandate to serve and protect people on the move.

2022 saw the world continue its efforts to build back from the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. These impacts continue to be felt most

keenly by migrant workers in the Global South, many millions of whom experienced job losses, poor living and working conditions, and wage theft, all without access to basic labor rights or any means of justice or redress. Many more remain unable to access mainstream public health and welfare measures that should protect them against the pandemic's ongoing impacts and future global health and climate-related emergencies.

ICMC's policy and advocacy efforts in 2022 continued to focus on adherence to international agreements, to ensure that migrants and refugees could access their rights, regardless of their status or country of origin. As an active trade unionist of more than 40 years' standing, I know we must look to collectivism as the key approach to incentivize employers to act. This means ensuring that workers are empowered to organize and collectively bargain for their rights, wages and working conditions. COVID-19 showed us how crucial migrant workers are to our societies, and it is incumbent on us, as civil society and people of faith, to ensure they are protected and included.

2022 also saw the continuation of unprecedented levels of refugee movements around the world. More

than 100 million people are now living in situations of forced displacement, from ongoing major emergencies such as those in Ukraine and Venezuela, to protracted situations around the world in which generations remain displaced for decades.

As the first ICMC President from Asia, I am immensely grateful both for the confidence placed in me by ICMC's national member Episcopal Conferences and for the opportunity it provides to bring the realities of migration in my region, as well as all other regions of the world, to the forefront of global migration discussion and action.

As you, I am inspired by my faith, which urges all of us to compassionately and effectively respond to the suffering of migrants and refugees and to acknowledge

their strengths and contributions to countries and communities which welcome them. They have faith in the Church to assist and support them, and I believe ICMC has a grace-filled opportunity to respond to this faith and take the lead in recognizing, promoting, and ensuring their rights and dignity.

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Cover photo: A young boy points the camera back at the photographer at the Malakasa refugee camp in Attika, Greece.
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Right: Internal migrant workers Monica Singh and Manoj Kumar lost their jobs in Delhi, India, due to the COVID pandemic, and were unable to feed their family. Thanks to the ICMC/Conference of Catholic Bishops of India's joint project, the couple bought a pushcart to sell vegetables on the street, which allowed them to get back on their feet.
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“Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”

Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo
Secretary General

Even before Pope Francis released the above-mentioned theme for the 2022 World Migrant and Refugee Day, the governing bodies, staff, volunteers, and supporters of ICMC were putting it into practice! As COVID lockdowns eased, we were deeply grateful to leave our remote stations and once again meet the migrants and refugees we serve face-to-face, communicating through the language of warm and reassuring smiles. ICMC never needed to be convinced of the key role of migrants and refugees in building the future – we saw it play out before our eyes ever since we were founded in 1951.

2022 brought increased demands, from the governments of the U.S.A., and several EU countries, for help to facilitate resettlement for refugees in Turkey and Lebanon. We also increased our deployment of experts to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the UN Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and some national governments, providing legal and protection expertise for increased arrivals of refugees from Afghanistan and other long-standing, often forgotten conflicts. We advocated for governments to provide safety and just consideration of requests for asylum presented by people fleeing persecution, and for policies that assure safe and regular migration pathways for persons seeking access to educational and job opportunities unavailable in their countries of origin, due to poor resources, corruption, abject poverty, and lack of the rule of law. In European countries where essential job positions often remain unfilled due to population aging, we joined efforts to facilitate regular migration. We also strongly promoted increased development in the Global South so that migration could truly become a voluntary choice rather than be forced by the impossibility to survive and thrive in one's country of origin.

This year saw the regrettable, upscaled invasion of Ukraine in February. ICMC quickly joined forces with other international Catholic-inspired organizations to form the Catholic Response for Ukraine. With the help of generous Catholic foundations and other donors, ICMC partnered with local structures of both the Ukrainian Greek and the Roman Catholic Churches to support emergency, mental health, psychosocial, and pastoral support to the massive numbers of internally displaced persons in the country.

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ICMC also strengthened its partnerships with its national member Catholic Bishops Conferences by initiating a series of regional meetings with their representatives from every part of the world, with

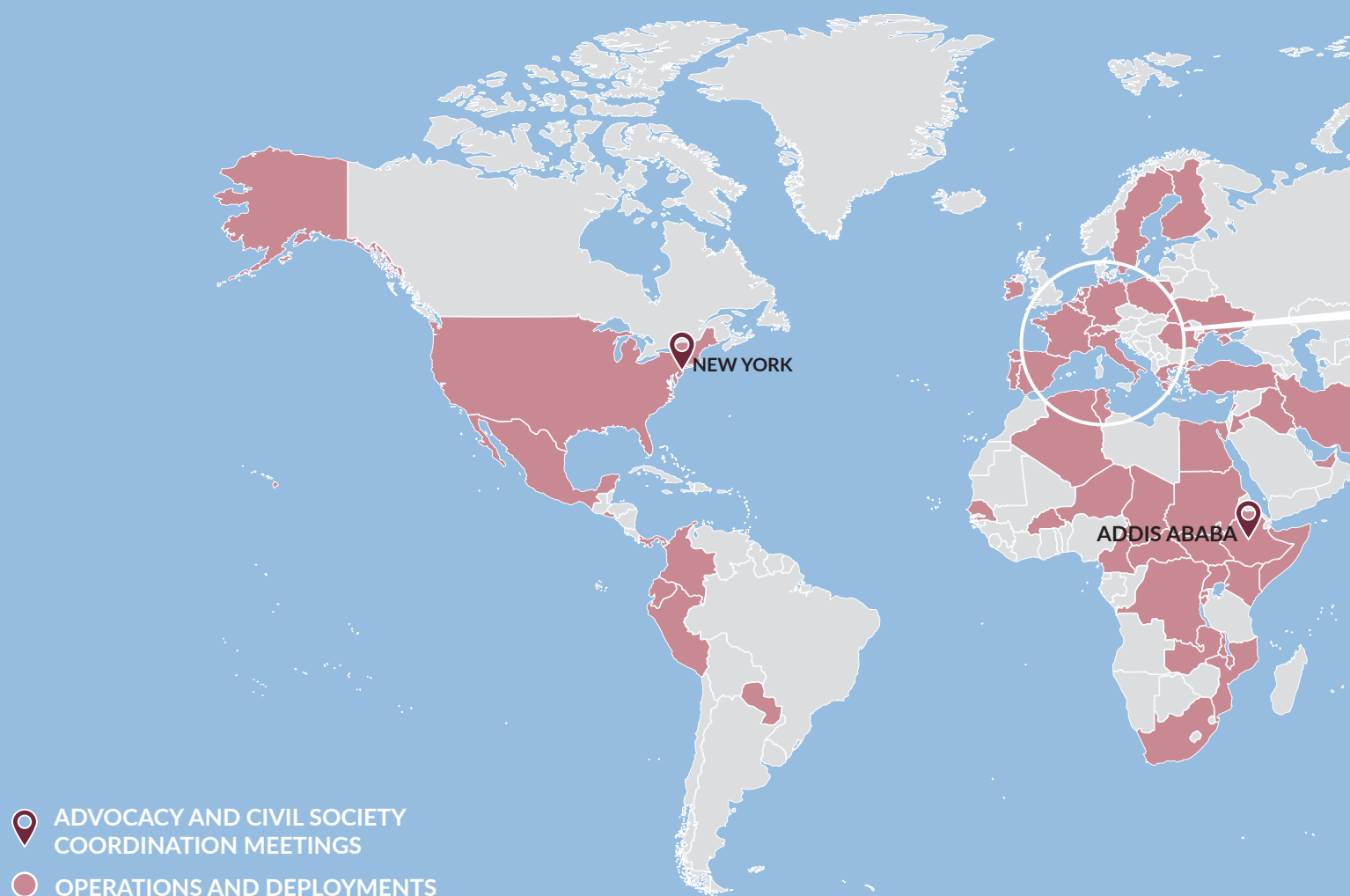
the aim of sharing challenges and successes in their efforts to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants and refugees into their local communities. We established two funding mechanisms to support the first responder efforts of our members, allowing them to offer life-saving assistance and to build their capacity to provide mental health, psychosocial support, and protection to the most vulnerable displaced persons.

Finally, ICMC held a quadrennial meeting of its highest governing body, or Council, in late May 2022, which included the election of its President, Ms. Christine Nathan of India, the appointment of regional representatives for its Governing Committee, and the approval of its new Strategic Framework and Work Plan for 2022-2026. This plan challenges ICMC to: *Serve more people on the move; Advocate for Rights and Dignity; Expand its Partnerships and Networking.*

“Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.”

Pope Francis, message for the 2022 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

OUR ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION, AND PREVENTION

ICMC's operations and joint projects with its members and other partners provide direct aid to migrants and refugees in need, help increase displaced persons' resilience and self-reliance, and help protect them from ongoing and potential harm. In 2022, these activities included, among many others, special nutritional support for hospitalized malnourished children in famine-struck regions, skills retraining and support for starting small businesses for migrants who lost their jobs during the pandemic, and awareness-raising activities to prevent sexual and gender-based violence among children and adults.

- Burkina Faso
- Central African Republic
- India
- Jordan
- Malaysia
- Paraguay
- Somalia
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Ukraine

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT

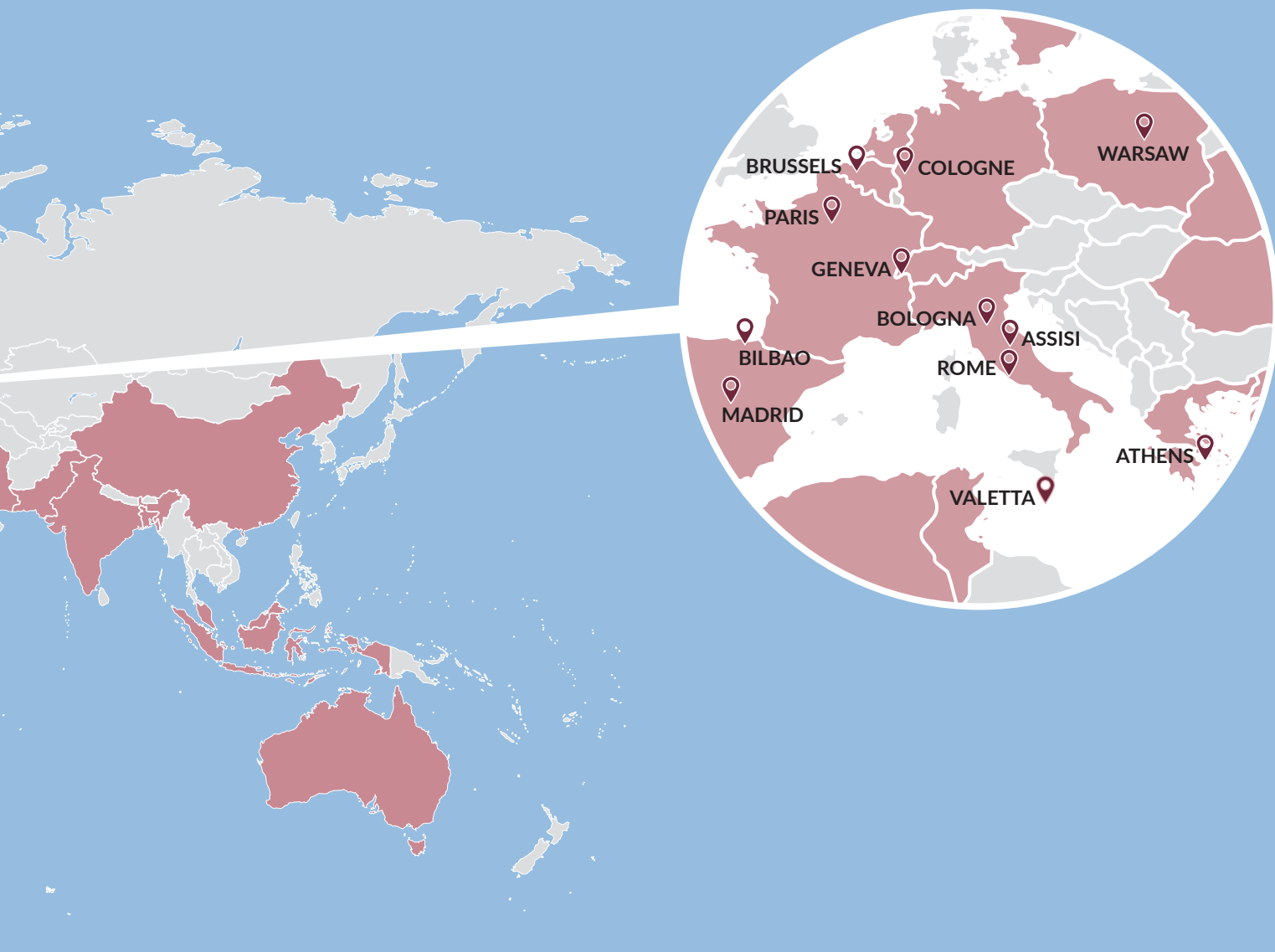
Refugees who can neither safely remain in the first country where they have sought refuge nor return to their country of origin may qualify for resettlement to a third, safe country. ICMC's offices in Turkey and Lebanon provide technical assistance and facilitation to the U.S.A. and several European governments in their efforts to resettle refugees. This list includes both the countries of departure and the arrival countries of refugees whose resettlement process was facilitated by ICMC.

- Finland
- Germany
- Italy
- Lebanon
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Romania
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- U.S.A.

CAPACITY BUILDING

In 2022, ICMC partnered with its national members and other partners in their capacity-building efforts, with a focused effort on child protection, psychosocial support, and refugee and migrant integration.

- Belgium
- Burkina Faso
- France
- Greece
- Poland
- Spain
- Ukraine



DEPLOYMENT OF ICMC EXPERTS

UN organizations, governments, and grassroots organizations routinely call upon ICMC's rosters of experts in refugee resettlement, refugee status determination, sexual and gender-based violence protection, child protection, and anti-fraud prevention. In 2022, ICMC experts were deployed to 45 countries.

- Algeria
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Chad
- China
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- France
- Greece
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Lebanon
- Malawi
- Mexico
- Mozambique
- Niger
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Peru
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- U.S.A.
- United Arab Emirates
- Uganda
- Zambia

ADVOCACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY COORDINATION

ICMC advocates for migration and refugee policies that promote the dignity and respect the human rights of all people on the move. In 2022, ICMC was represented at global and national fora on three continents. ICMC's Geneva office was actively engaged in efforts to advocate with governments, intergovernmental organizations, and UN agencies at the global level, and coordinated the advocacy messages on global migration governance of hundreds of civil society organizations. The ICMC Europe office in Brussels focused on the promotion of refugee integration, especially in rural communities, and regular pathways for migration in EU Member States and Institutions.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE & DEVELOPMENT

In 2022, ICMC continued to support shelter, livelihoods, and employability for refugees, migrants, and host communities. We also focused on healthcare, entrepreneurship, and food assistance for children. We supported our members around the world, enabling them to respond quickly and effectively to emergency situations.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN JORDAN

In 2022, ICMC's multisectoral program in **Jordan** continued to address the needs and aspirations of both refugees and members of host communities. Just under 20,000 individuals benefited from ICMC's programs in Jordan, including refugees from Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Palestine, and Egypt.

Just under 650 adults completed ICMC Arabic and English literacy courses, improving their language skills and building their confidence to become more active members of their communities. ICMC also focused on employability, with 150 adults graduating from ICMC Vocational Training Courses. Graduates attended a financial literacy and employability class to support their future entrepreneurship and formal employment, and received a tailored vocational kit.

ICMC cash assistance programs addressed poverty and the risk of homelessness among households in Jordan. Our Cash for Rent Assistance program provided 280 households with assistance equivalent to three months of rental payments, reducing their risk of eviction. A further 775 households benefited from ICMC's Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance program, structured to ensure families can make independent decisions about their needs.

STRENGTHENING OUR PROJECTS WITH MEMBERS

In **India**, ICMC and the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) continued to assist internal migrants forced to return to their homes in northern India due to unemployment caused by COVID-19. Many such workers were employed in precarious, low-paid work and were disproportionately affected by pandemic-related job losses. Over 500 migrants took part in ICMC-CCBI's outreach projects, which provided information on income-generating activities and funding, COVID-related social security and food schemes, and education opportunities for children whose families were affected by COVID. 236 participants were also provided bereavement support, and 220 benefited from healthcare advice. More than 300 persons benefited from entrepreneurial training, and 200 accessed start-up funding.

In **Burkina Faso**, where food insecurity increased dramatically, affecting more than 600,000 people nationwide, the Child Friendly Space in Bourganza, established by ICMC and the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees (CEPMR) in 2020, provided food support to 130 children.

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As refugees, we acknowledge the high standard of care and respect for our rights during the emergency [but] we would prefer to receive tools, equipment, and seeds so we can ensure our own food security and reduce our dependence on others.

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Issa Malissava, a Central African refugee and resident of the Gado-Badzere refugee settlement in Cameroon, which hosts over 29,000 people.

SUPPORTING EMERGENCY RESPONSES

2022 saw an unprecedented increase in acute migration-related emergencies worldwide. ICMC launched an Emergency Fund to provide seed funding and technical assistance to help our members respond to emergencies, enabling them to react quickly while developing longer-term solutions. In 2022, the fund supported ICMC members' emergency responses in several countries.

In **Somalia**, the ICMC Emergency Fund enabled the diocese of Mogadishu and Caritas Somalia to procure nutrition supplies for Mother and Child Health Centers, as well as severe acute malnutrition treatment in Mogadishu.

In the **Central African Republic**, a period of relative calm in the ongoing war led to the voluntary return of over 446,000 refugees. The Emergency Fund supported a joint initiative by ICMC and the Episcopal Commission



Refugee women carrying wood for cooking across fields next to the Gado-Badzere refugee settlement, East Cameroon © Emily Pinna/CIFOR 2021

for Migrants and Refugees (CEMIR) to reconstruct and repair houses for 30 families in the country's south.

In response to the large numbers of Venezuelans fleeing to **Paraguay**, the Emergency Fund is supporting the provision of healthcare for Venezuelan migrants and refugees implemented by ICMC and the Paraguayan Episcopal Conference's Human Mobility Pastoral, agreed in late 2022.

ICMC also provided emergency support to on-the-ground partners in Ukraine. For more information, see page 20 of this report.



19,934

vulnerable individuals were assisted through ICMC's programs in Jordan.



2,694

undocumented children in Burkina Faso were identified and assisted to obtain birth certificates where needed.



306

persons received entrepreneurial training in India.

MEMBER STORY

PROMOTING REFUGEE SELF-RELIANCE IN THAILAND

Various ethnic and minority groups in Myanmar have been subjected to discrimination and outright persecution for more than 50 years, forcing many to flee from their homeland and producing one of the most protracted refugee situations in Asia. Refugees from Myanmar first arrived in Thailand during the early 1980s; since then, they have been confined to nine closed camps along the Thai-Myanmar border. In 2022, just over 91,000 refugees lived in the camps, more than 35% of whom were children.



Refugees from Myanmar at a refugee camp in Mae Hong Son, near the Thai-Myanmar border ©Seipoe/Shutterstock

The Catholic Office for Emergency Relief and Refugees (COERR), established by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand in 1978, is the only Thai NGO operating in all nine border camps. COERR's Border Program provides assistance for persons identified as extremely vulnerable, monitors the situation of children in the camps to ensure their protection, promotes livelihood skills through small-scale organic farming in the camps, and implements community-based environmental protection and risk reduction measures. In 2022, the program employed 276 refugees living in the camps, who worked alongside a team of 69 Thai COERR staff in a range of roles, including community social workers, child and environmental protection specialists, and expert community trainers.

PROTECTION & PREVENTION

In 2022, ICMC continued to prevent sexual and gender-based violence, and assist its survivors, promote child protection, and build safer, more resilient communities. We strengthened our Child Friendly Spaces network, supported children and parents, facilitated regularization efforts for undocumented children, and promoted child protection awareness and safeguarding capacity among our members and partners.

COMBATING SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

In 2022, ICMC continued activities to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) among refugees and asylum seekers in **Malaysia**. ICMC provided direct case management assistance to over 2,000 survivors of SGBV, including safe shelter placement and relocation, access to medical treatment, psychosocial support, access to safe reporting, and legal, cash, and material assistance. Awareness training on SGBV and child safety carried out by ICMC's Community Engagement Team reached over 11,000 beneficiaries, and ICMC maintained a Refugee Protection Corps of 12 members throughout 2022.

In **Jordan**, 113 girls and young women survivors, or at risk of, child marriage participated in ICMC Life Skills Groups in safe spaces, sharing experiences and planning for the future with their peers. ICMC's Men and Boys action reached 31 local male changemakers, building their capacity to address inequality between boys and girls/men and women in their daily lives.

BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

In **Jordan**, ICMC's multisectoral program continued to build community resilience throughout 2022, addressing the needs of both refugees and members of host communities. 350 adults and children accessed ICMC psychosocial counseling services and were supported to develop positive coping strategies to heal from trauma. 22 adults participated in training provided by ICMC Local Community Committees to build their capacity to contribute to social protection.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, PROTECTING CHILDREN

In **Jordan**, ICMC's Positive Parenting Course provided five sessions for mothers and fathers from refugee and local host communities. The sessions covered healthy parental and family relationships, communicating with children, child development, disability, and non-violent discipline, and aimed to build the confidence of mothers and fathers as caregivers. Over 3,600 individuals took part in ICMC's Positive Parenting, Intergenerational, and Youth Empowerment Groups, enabling them to build soft skills, form new social connections, and reduce isolation.

ICMC's Child Friendly Spaces ensured that more than 5,000 children in **Jordan** benefited from age- and developmentally-appropriate educational and recreational activities. They collaborated with their peers

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I didn't know how to handle him and did not realize I was hurting his feelings. I modified my communication with him after attending the course's behavior guidance session. I can now support him morally, understand his anguish and offer him a more appropriate atmosphere.

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Ahmad, a Syrian refugee and graduate of ICMC Jordan's Positive Parenting course, speaking of his relationship with his son Ibrahim, who suffers from leukemia.

to build knowledge and confidence, and gained skills to enhance their own protection. Approximately 4,500 participating children received ICMC Educational Recreational Kits, equipping them for school education and reducing the associated financial burden for their families.

BUILDING CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES AND SERVICES

In 2022, ICMC and the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees of **Burkina Faso** (CEPMR) expanded their child protection work in response to the large numbers of internally displaced persons fleeing violence in the north of the country.

ICMC and CEPRM continued to operate a Child Friendly Space in Bourganza, providing recreational activities, awareness sessions, non-formal education, basic literacy, and food support to 130 internally



Syrian refugee boy in Mafraq, Jordan.
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displaced children. They also held capacity-building sessions to promote child protection and build resilience. The two organizations also launched a project to help parents obtain birth certificates for unregistered children, needed to access services such as education and healthcare. The project's community mobilizers identified and assessed more than 2,600 children potentially in need of regularization.

In **Trinidad and Tobago**, ICMC partnered with the Archdiocesan Ministry for Migrants and Refugees (AMMR), allowing approximately 850 displaced Venezuelan children to benefit from educational and recreational activities at AMMR's Child Friendly Spaces. CFS staff were trained on migrant backgrounds and vulnerabilities, sexual exploitation and abuse, and gender-based violence.

ICMC's work also helped protect displaced Ukrainians. For more information, see page 20 of this report.

11,272



people were reached by the ICMC Community Engagement Team's awareness training on gender-based violence and child safety in Malaysia.

3,686



individuals in Jordan participated in Positive Parenting, Intergenerational, and Youth Empowerment Groups.

6,025



children across three continents benefited from educational and recreational activities at Child Friendly Spaces.

MEMBER STORY

COOPERATING ACROSS BORDERS TO PROTECT MIGRANT WORKERS

The South African mining industry employs thousands of migrant workers from Mozambique. Large numbers cross into South Africa clandestinely, without obtaining visas or work permits, and many are at high risk of human trafficking. Many children born to migrant workers in South Africa remain unregistered and hence stateless, and unable to access services such as health and education.

Throughout 2022, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), comprised of Bishops of South Africa, Botswana, and Eswatini, and the Episcopal Conference of Mozambique began to collaborate to better support migrants working in South Africa's mines. In 2022, the partnership between SACBC and the bishops of Mozambique facilitated a series of awareness-raising workshops on registration, visas, and the risk of trafficking for migrant workers in South Africa and Mozambique. Partners also coordinated a pastoral visit to migrant miner communities in South Africa, and collaborated with the South African government to provide practical assistance for registration and regularization.



Mozambican miner in the diocese of Rustenburg, South Africa. ©SACBC

RESETTLEMENT & COMPLEMENTARY PATHWAYS

In 2022, ICMC made a significant contribution to global refugee resettlement. We continued to facilitate refugee resettlement to the United States, building back capacity as COVID-19 restrictions eased. We worked alongside key partners to expand European resettlement capacity. In Europe, ICMC took a lead role in actions to expand higher education pathways and community sponsorship for refugees.

FACILITATING REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TO THE U.S.

For over four decades, ICMC has partnered with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), conducting refugee resettlement processing and providing associated services, such as cultural orientation and medical examinations, for refugees being considered for resettlement to the U.S.

In 2022, ICMC continued to serve as a key resettlement processing partner for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program in **Turkey** and **Lebanon**. As health and travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic eased and global resettlement activities resumed, ICMC worked to increase its capacity to provide case management assistance to more refugees.

The number of new case submissions continued to rise throughout the year. ICMC staff conducted pre-screening interviews for just under 6,500 refugees and presented more than 1,800 cases to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Officers for interview. ICMC staff coordinated 4,183 medical examinations and facilitated travel to the U.S. for 1,681 refugees approved for resettlement.

EXPANDING EUROPEAN RESETTLEMENT CAPACITY

Working in partnership with the European Union Asylum Agency (EUAA), ICMC has since 2019 facilitated the resettlement to the EU of thousands of refugees. The ICMC-operated Resettlement Support Facility (RSF) in Istanbul, **Turkey**, is a crucial component of the EUAA's coordinated refugee resettlement activities across European countries. ICMC provides logistical support to State delegations conducting missions to interview refugees referred by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) for resettlement to the EU.

Throughout 2022, ICMC provided facilities and expert personnel to support RSF operations, facilitating 13 selection missions to interview more than 2,000 applicants. ICMC facilitated medical screenings, selection interviews, pre-departure orientation, and medical missions carried out by delegations, and coordinated refugee attendance at scheduled resettlement activities. The RSF additionally supported three pre-departure orientation missions for 524 refugee applicants.

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Dear ICMC employees, I am always following my case progress through emails and phone calls, but now I want to thank you with all my heart [...] for taking time for me. I ask God to always put a smile on your face, and I thank you again on behalf of myself and my family.

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Khoresh*, an Iranian refugee father fleeing religious persecution, whose family was supported in their resettlement to the U.S. by ICMC's Resettlement Support Center in Turkey.

*Name changed to protect identity.

EXPANDING REFUGEE PATHWAYS TO EUROPE

In 2022, ICMC Europe worked to expand complementary education pathways for refugees. In partnership with the University of Bologna and Caritas **Italy**, ICMC Europe co-organized a conference on universities as sponsors and tertiary education pathways for refugees, attended by more than 90 participants from European countries and Canada. The conference formed part of a broader effort by the ICMC Europe-led Share Network to mobilize stakeholder support and cooperation for higher education pathways, which included the launch of a manifesto supporting higher education pathways for refugees in Europe.

Cities and regions also play an increasingly important role in European refugee sponsorship programs. In June 2022, the Share Network worked with the Basque Government to host a conference in Bilbao, **Spain**, to share lessons



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learned from regionally-governed and/or regionally-organized sponsorship programs, such as those in Spain, Ireland, and France. The event was attended by over 60 participants including regional and local authorities, civil society, volunteer sponsors and refugees from nine European countries. Participants discussed engaging municipalities and regions in multistakeholder sponsorship partnerships and explored community-based approaches to providing housing and hosting Ukrainian refugees.

In October 2022, the Share Network and the Irish Refugee Council co-organized a roundtable on philanthropy and innovative financing for refugee sponsorship in Dublin, **Ireland**. More than 30 participants, drawn from foundations, the private sector, and civil society across Europe, explored how philanthropy and innovative funding can help make community sponsorship more sustainable and scale up future sponsorship efforts.

6,443



refugees in Turkey and Lebanon attended ICMC-conducted pre-screening interviews for resettlement to the U.S.

2,059



refugees participated in European resettlement selection missions coordinated by ICMC in Turkey.

4000+



stakeholders in 27 EU countries have engaged with the Share Network's activities for better welcome and integration in Europe since its creation in 2012.

MEMBER STORY

MOBILIZING THE CHURCH TO HOUSE UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, just under 70,000 Ukrainians arrived in Ireland in need of accommodation and support. The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference led dioceses and parishes across the country in a nationwide effort to accommodate Ukrainian refugees.

In March 2022, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, called on Irish priests and bishops to offer available parochial properties, unused homes, and spare rooms.

"We have to take a lead in this to encourage others to free up any empty properties or holiday homes for short term use by the Red Cross for refugees," explained Fr. Paul Byrne of Termonfechin in the diocese of Armagh, one of the first Irish priests to pledge a room in his home. "We can't ask people in the parish to welcome refugees into their own homes if we are not prepared to do the same."



Father Paul Byrne, County Louth, Ireland.
© Termonfechin Parish

23,000 offers of accommodation for Ukrainians in Ireland were received in the month following the invasion, including pledges from all bishops represented on the National Bishops' Council of Ireland.

ADVOCACY

In 2022, ICMC focused its advocacy on ensuring the rights and dignity of refugees and migrants. ICMC was represented in global discussions on migration governance, climate change and human mobility, resettlement, complementary pathways and family reunification. We shared the positive experiences of migrants and refugees integrated into rural areas, and of community-led sponsorship for refugees arriving in Europe and North America. In this regard, ICMC's leadership was recognized by key international migration processes and mechanisms.

LEADERSHIP ON GLOBAL MIGRATION

May 2022 saw the first meeting of the International Migration Review Forum, the global intergovernmental platform to assess progress on the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM). The coordinator of the ICMC-hosted Civil Society Action Committee represented civil society during the Forum, presenting civil society priorities to the UN General Assembly and advocating for expanded civil society participation in the Forum's process. ICMC spoke on behalf of faith-based organizations at the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing, organized by the UN in New York on the day before the Forum.

ICMC leadership also was recognized by the Khartoum Process, a platform for political cooperation among countries along the migration route between the Horn of Africa and Europe. ICMC presented on the protection of people displaced by climate change at an October thematic meeting held in Addis Ababa and attended by States and other stakeholders.

BUILDING REFUGEE PROTECTION

In June, ICMC was invited by the U.S. co-chair of the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) to moderate a plenary session on resettlement and emergency responses. ICMC also was invited by the European Union Asylum Agency (EUAA) to serve as a panel moderator and rapporteur for an expert discussion on resettlement for Afghan refugees, and, in November, to participate in the new EUAA Consultative Forum.

ICMC Europe also was engaged in the EUAA's Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Network Working group on Community Sponsorship and presented the main findings from Share's Quality Sponsorship Network (QSN) research on monitoring and evaluation of different sponsorship programs across Europe. ICMC Europe and its partners continued to advocate for increased engagement in resettlement by European countries, including fulfilling the pledge to admit 40,000 at-risk Afghans in 2021-2022.

Following the activation by the EU of the temporary protection directive for Ukrainian refugees, ICMC Europe's Share Network led an ongoing exchange of successful approaches for hosting Ukrainian refugees, focused on partnerships to provide accommodation and the lessons learned from community sponsorship.

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Migrants and our voices should be at the front and center. We need to lift up our voices as stakeholders in the days ahead and throughout the coming years.

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Colin Rajah, ICMC Coordinator of the Civil Society Action Committee. Preparatory informal hearing for non-governmental stakeholders of the International Migration Review Forum, 16 May 2022

PROMOTING INTEGRATION IN EUROPE'S RURAL AREAS

In 2022, the Share Network's SIRA program continued to strengthen and expand welcome and integration for newcomers in Europe's smaller and rural communities, publishing three policy briefs focused on engaging rural communities in integration, participatory approaches for integration, and challenges for rural communities to access funding. In November and December, SIRA facilitated four national roundtables on integration in rural territories in France, Greece, Poland, and Spain. Also in November, SIRA worked with the International Organization for Migration to bring together over 140 Share Network members for a transnational conference exploring migration and rural revitalization in Europe.



Colin Rajah before the UN General Assembly during the IMRF. ©ICMC

A HUMAN-CENTRED APPROACH TO WORK

In June, ICMC delivered a statement at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference. Drawing on lessons learned from the ICMC-coordinated 'The Future of Work – Labour after *Laudato si'*' project, the statement called for sustainable and equitable work, increased humanitarian assistance, and renewed multilateralism.

In September, the project launched a social media campaign to highlight 'The Economy of Francesco' event taking place on 22-24 September in Assisi, Italy. The event marked the culmination of a global program of work begun in 2019 with an invitation from Pope Francis to economists, changemakers, and entrepreneurs under the age of 35, to engage in dialogue to build a new world economy that is more caring of each other and of nature.

#GlobalCompactMigration

ICMC's Chief Operating Officer delivered the keynote address to the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo's Migration Law Course.

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expert policy briefs on rural integration and community sponsorship for refugees were published by the Share Network.

#RefugeeVoices

Share QSN established the Share Refugee Advisor Programme to ensure refugee voices are present in advocacy on sponsorship and complementary pathways at the local, national and EU level.

MEMBER STORY

ADVOCATING FOR PROTECTION IN THE U.S.

The number of refugees and migrants crossing the Mexico-U.S. border began to surge in late 2020 as people from Mexico and Central America fled economic hardship, gang violence, and environmental disaster. More than 2.2 million people, including nearly 130,000 unaccompanied children, crossed into the U.S. in 2022.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continued to call for comprehensive immigration reform that preserves the rights and dignity of those seeking protection. In June, a legal case, for which the USCCB had submitted evidence, led to the partial repeal of the Migrant Protection Protocols. These were based on a controversial asylum policy established in 2019 that forced asylum-seekers to remain in Mexico, often in extremely dangerous situations, while their asylum cases were under review.

U.S. bishops relentlessly advocated for the end of COVID-era responses that limit asylum, cautioned against the growing politicization of asylum and immigration, and drew public attention to loss of life at the border.



Migrant child living in the Good Samaritan shelter in Ciudad Juárez after being expelled from the United States under title 42.

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CIVIL SOCIETY COORDINATION

ICMC continues to play a lead role in coordinating global civil society advocacy for rights-based policies and practices that improve the lives of migrants and refugees. Activities in 2022 focused on ensuring civil society participation in global migration processes and preparing and coordinating civil society contributions to the first meeting of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF), the global forum to review progress under the Global Compact for Migration.

PREPARING FOR THE IMRF

The first meeting of the IMRF, the global forum to assess the progress and implementation of the Global Compact for Migration adopted in 2018, took place in New York in May. Throughout early 2022, the Civil Society Action Committee, the largest global NGO platform engaging on international migration policy, co-convened and housed by ICMC, continued work begun in 2021, bringing together civil society actors to develop a collective process for civil society engagement towards and during this key event.

The Action Committee mobilized its membership, partners, and allies to provide a collective space and voice for all interested civil society actors, bringing together more than 100 non-governmental organizations, migrants, diaspora representatives, and grassroots organizations from around the world. In March and April, the Action Committee led a series of regional IMRF consultations with civil society and diaspora representatives, a joint preparatory IMRF meeting for civil society representatives from Europe and the U.S., and the second Global Civil Society-Member States Dialogue on the IMRF and the Progress Declaration.

CIVIL SOCIETY AT THE IMRF

On 15 May, directly preceding the IMRF, the Action Committee brought together more than 60 civil society organizations at a Civil Society Preparatory Day. This allowed civil society actors to exchange and strategize ahead of the IMRF. It highlighted inspiring examples of civil society action via in-person and online contributions, and provided crucial key messaging and examples used by civil society delegates throughout the IMRF.

Civil society priorities and recommendations were presented to the UN General Assembly in New York at the opening session of the IMRF, through interventions by Civil Society Member and co-Director of the Migration Youth and Children Platform Elana Wong, and Action Committee Coordinator Colin Rajah.

Reflecting on progress related to the Global Compact for Migration, they emphasized the deteriorating situation for many migrants around the world, and the disproportionate impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic on migrant populations. They called for improved access to all aspects of the IMRF process for civil society and migrants, and urged all stakeholders to work together to implement the Compact's vision and commitments.

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The fact that I stand before you today at the IMRF demonstrates that we understand this simple truth: that migrants are experts on migrant issues, and that no decisions on migrants should be made without our meaningful participation.

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Statement of Elana Wong,
IMRF Migrant Community
Representative, to UN General
Assembly during the Opening
Plenary of the IMRF on
17 May 2022

ENSURING A GLOBAL VOICE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

In light of the many challenges faced by civil society to access official IMRF preparatory spaces, the Action Committee facilitated the drafting of a collectively endorsed Open Letter to the President of the General Assembly, sent in March 2022. The letter raised serious concerns about the shrinking space for civil society at the United Nations and, together with advocacy led by the Action Committee membership, resulted in increased civil society access to the IMRF preparatory process and additional dialogues with the co-facilitators.



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PREPARING FOR THE 2023 GFMD

In 2022, as the Coordinating Office of the Civil Society Mechanism of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), ICMC began preparations for the 2022-2024 GFMD Chairmanship held by France. Initial discussions on civil society participation in GFMD preparatory activities were held with the French government, and ICMC represented the Civil Society Mechanism at the June 2022 Friends of the Forum meeting, and at the first GFMD Preparatory Meeting held in Geneva in November.

ICMC stepped forward to co-chair the GFMD Roundtable on climate change and human mobility, together with the governments of Argentina and Fiji, and co-chair the GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development with France and the United Arab Emirates.

STRENGTHENING FAITH-BASED AND SECULAR ENGAGEMENT IN REFUGEE COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP IN EUROPE

Across Europe, churches and faith-based organizations have played a central role in the success of community sponsorship programs for refugees in 2022. Many local sponsor groups were formed by churches or local parishes, and engaged a diverse range of volunteers from different faith and secular backgrounds.



Iftakhar Latif of Waltham Forest Council of Mosques and Msgr. Ansgar Puff, Auxiliary Bishop of Cologne. ©DiCV Köln/Jo Schwartz.

On 25 May, ICMC Europe and the Share Network, together with the Caritas Association for the Archdiocese of Cologne, organized

150+



civil society representatives from around the world attended the IMRF Civil Society Preparatory Day on 15 May 2022

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regional civil society IMRF consultations and dialogues were facilitated by the Civil Society Action Committee co-convened by ICMC

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preparatory GFMD Working Group/roundtable meetings were co-chaired by ICMC

an in-person multifaith community engagement conference on community sponsorship for refugees. The conference brought together more than 50 European stakeholders with experience in community sponsorship and interfaith dialogue from the Catholic, Protestant, and Muslim faiths.

The conference program addressed how to broaden engagement in community sponsorship beyond Christian faith-based groups, highlighting challenges and opportunities for more sustainable involvement across faith and secular actors. Conference conclusions emphasized the importance of strong multistakeholder partnerships and diversity within sponsor groups, and of ensuring migrant and refugee-led organizations are at the heart of conceiving, implementing, and evaluating sponsorship initiatives.

CAPACITY BUILDING & RESEARCH

In 2022, ICMC extended its humanitarian response and assistance work in Burkina Faso, partnering with its national member to increase long-term capacity in response to the needs of internally displaced people, with a specific focus on child protection and building community resilience. In Europe, ICMC continued to collaborate on government policies, at all levels of governance, that are based on research and evidence that demonstrates successful experiences of integrating migrants and refugees into host communities.

BUILDING UP MEMBER CAPACITY IN BURKINA FASO

Throughout 2022, five staff members of the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees in Burkina Faso (CEPMR) participated in several capacity-building sessions focused on incorporating child protection into their work, thus building innate resilience in the children themselves and in the communities that welcome these displaced children. The sessions were designed and implemented by ICMC in collaboration with expert trainers from the International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE).

To support the development of new CEPMR interventions and the expansion of its assistance projects, an ICMC child protection expert was engaged to provide CEPMR staff with training on child protection, children's mental health, and psychosocial services.

In November, ten community mobilizers and relevant CEPMR staff participated in training to build the organization's capacity to identify undocumented children and ensure that their parents gain access to official registration and birth certificates for the children. Taking place in the city of Bobo-Dioulasso, as part of the ICMC-CEPMR joint project on the regularization of undocumented displaced children, the training focused on civil registration processes and procedures,

civil registration information and population statistics, and the project's tools, approaches and schedule.

Also in November, ICMC and CEPMR launched an initiative to strengthen CEPMR's strategic planning capacities for its response to internally displaced people in Burkina Faso. Training for 15 staff members from CEPMR and its Social Pastoral focused on developing knowledge and skills to produce a new three-year CEPMR humanitarian response strategy and action plan, including planning, evaluation, and needs assessments for internally displaced populations.

FOR BETTER INTEGRATION POLICIES IN EUROPE

Throughout 2022, ICMC Europe's Share SIRA program supported ten innovative and participatory pilot actions to strengthen integration in small and rural areas. SIRA pilot actions directly benefited just under 1,500 newcomers and engaged 476 local community members.

In June and September, SIRA organized two "Look and Learn Visits" to Spain and France for 84 stakeholders working on integration in rural areas, focusing on migration and rural revitalization, and synergies between cities and small rural territories.

Throughout 2022, ICMC Europe continued to participate in the consortium of leading European

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Participants gained a better understanding of the concept of resilience and the skills needed to become effective resilience tutors. At the end [of the training course], an action plan was drawn up to increase resilience-building through child protection activities.

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Final ICMC-CEPRM joint project report on building resilience among displaced children in Burkina Faso

researchers, think tanks, and civil society organizations implementing the two-year Sustainable Practices for Integration (SprINg) research program. SprINg aimed to make integration policies at all levels of governance more effective, evidence-based, innovative, transferable, and sustainable.

A PERSON-CENTRED RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL LABOR MARKET

In early 2022, ICMC published a report on the achievements and conclusions of the first phase of The Future of Work – Labour after *Laudato si'* project. Coordinated by ICMC, in partnership with the International Labour Organization and the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, the project seeks to partner with, and build joint capacity of, Catholic and other faith-based organizations in response to the evolving global labor market.



Children are served lunch at the ICMC-CEPMR Child Friendly Space in Burkina Faso. ©CEPMR

The report mentioned 50 international meetings in the project's first phase, attended by 1750 participants from 70 countries, and more than 100 published project research reports. This report was presented at a two-day event in Geneva, Switzerland, in June 2022, during which a delegation of legal and protection experts involved in advocacy and public policymaking for refugees and migrants visited the headquarters of both ICMC and the UN.

219



individual members in 42 countries joined the community of practice established by the SprING research program, implemented by a consortium including ICMC Europe.

1,750



participants from 70 countries have taken part in The Future of Work – Labour after *Laudato si'* project meetings since 2019.

476



local community members engaged in SIRA pilot projects to strengthen integration in small towns and rural areas of Europe.

MEMBER STORY

STRENGTHENING MIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND ASSISTANCE IN CHILE

The Chilean Catholic Institute of Migration (INCAMI), an arm of the Episcopal Conference of Chile, has for the past 65 years welcomed and assisted migrants and refugees in Chile. Since the early 1990s, Chile has become a major economy and migrant destination in Latin America. By 2022, documented migrants made up more than 10% of Chile's population, alongside an unknown but significant number of undocumented migrants.

In 2022, INCAMI's legal department continued to focus on the needs of migrants and refugees throughout the country, providing advice and assistance to 14,008 persons in need of support to regularize their status, obtain residence documents, and access the labor market. To achieve this, INCAMI visited 28 municipalities in six regions of the country, and completed over 112 targeted training sessions on access to visas for migrants in Santiago, the country's capital.



Refugees and migrants outside a reception center wait for a bus in the Chilean border town of Colchane. ©UNHCR/Nicolo Filippo

Also in 2022, INCAMI continued to build the skills and knowledge of those assisting and interacting with migrants across Chile. Over 96 INCAMI legal training sessions reached 150 participants across Chile, drawn from Human Mobility Pastorals teams, civil society organizations, and local and regional government, while 20 companies benefited from INCAMI training on recruiting and employing migrants.

DEPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS

ICMC experts continued to play a crucial role in enhancing global resettlement capacity and assisting emergency responses. Activities in 2022 focused on reinforcing the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)'s ability to achieve global resettlement targets, strengthen child protection measures in complex emergencies, and expand expertise and capacity within protection operations.

SUPPORTING UNHCR TO MEET GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT TARGETS

ICMC continued to deploy experts to field operations around the world to support UNHCR resettlement case processing throughout 2022. The ICMC Resettlement Deployment Scheme, based at ICMC Headquarters in Geneva, deployed 124 qualified resettlement case processing experts and reviewers to UNHCR field operations in 41 countries. 68 experts were deployed to Africa, 38 to the Middle East and North Africa, 15 to Asia, 14 to the Americas, 1 to Australia and 4 to Europe.

ICMC deployees brought expertise in resettlement, refugee status determination, best interests of the child and complementary pathways, strengthening UNHCR's capacity to refer vulnerable refugees for permanent resettlement in third countries when they cannot return to their home countries or be integrated in the countries where they have sought temporary refuge. Nearly 47,500 persons benefited from resettlement assessments conducted by ICMC deployees, of whom 40,291 were identified as eligible for resettlement. Furthermore, ICMC deployees conducted 676 Best Interest Determination assessments for vulnerable children and their caregivers, and 381 Refugee Status Determination assessments.

STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION IN COMPLEX EMERGENCIES

2022 saw the continuation of ICMC's Standby Partnership Agreement with UNICEF's Office of Emergency Programmes, to deploy experts to enhance child protection capacity in complex field operations involving internally displaced populations.

ICMC deployed seven Child Protection experts to support UNICEF's work in Libya, Sudan, South Sudan, and Burkina Faso. These experts played an integral role in strengthening child protection systems, coordinating activities among key actors, and providing training and technical assistance to authorities and other stakeholders, at times while working in dangerous conflict zones.

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The most rewarding aspect of my deployment [has been to serve] young persons who have undergone traumatic events on their way to Europe through the Mediterranean Sea. I feel fulfilled that I managed to change the lives of these people.

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Austine Oindo, ICMC Refugee Status Determination expert deployed to UNHCR operations at the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Nyamata, Rwanda

EXPANDING RECEPTION CAPACITY IN GREECE

Throughout 2022, ICMC deployees continued to strengthen the capacity of both UNHCR and government authorities to receive, register and support people seeking international protection in Greece.

Via its partnership with UNHCR Greece, ICMC identified, shortlisted, and recruited a pool of qualified professionals, deploying 34 experts to support UNHCR Greece's operations and 31 to assist refugee-related functions of the Greek government. These experts helped build capacity in asylum and legal protection, durable solutions and integration, child protection, and protection from sexual and gender-based violence, among others.



Somali refugees Abdulbasit and Zainab relax in their temporary home at the Emergency Transit Mechanism in Nyamata, Rwanda. © UNHCR/Will Swanson

ICMC additionally continued the deployment of a child protection expert to the Greek NGO METAdrasi. The expert has been building the organization's institutional child protection capacity and supporting partnerships and advocacy related to child protection since 2021.

EXPERT ICMC DEPLOYEES ASSIST AFGHANS EVACUATED TO THE U.S.

Since the withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan in August 2021, the government of the United States of America has relocated more than 88,500 Afghan allies to communities across the country through its program "Operation Allies Welcome." A large number of these new arrivals spent three to four weeks at an accommodation center in Virginia before moving to longer term housing.

Given ICMC's experience preparing thousands of Afghan refugees for resettlement via the ICMC-managed Resettlement Support Center for Turkey and the Middle East (RSC TuME), the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) requested ICMC's assistance to provide cultural orientation for these new arrivals.

Five ICMC Turkey expert staff were deployed to the U.S. between March and October 2022, each spending

five to fourteen weeks assisting the implementation of the cultural orientation program.

"This group experienced a rapid and traumatic upheaval before arriving very quickly, and had very little time to adjust to their new reality," explains Ozan, the first ICMC staff member to travel to the U.S. "I directly observed the human adjustment process following cultural orientation, and saw first-hand how the group overcame the challenges their new situation brought."



USAID worker teaches a state affiliation class to Afghan evacuees at Fort Pickett, Virginia. ©John Pearl/U.S. Navy 2022

47,489

persons benefited from resettlement assessments conducted by ICMC deployees.



595

experts in resettlement, child protection, refugee status determination, sexual and gender-based violence, and complementary pathways made up the ICMC-UNHCR deployment roster.



1,289

individuals were trained in protection by ICMC's deployees to UNICEF.



HIGHLIGHT: UKRAINE

The February 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine resulted in the world's largest and most rapidly evolving internal displacement situation in the world. By the end of 2022, more than 5 million people forced to flee their homes remained displaced within the country.



*A resident of the Chortkiv House of Mercy
with Director Tetiana Dubyna. ©Andrey Gorb/ICMC*

BUILDING CHURCH CAPACITY TO PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE

Throughout 2022, ICMC focused on addressing the mental health needs of those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Through its work with both Greek Catholic and Roman Catholic Church networks, ICMC supported a diverse range of Catholic organizations providing psychological assistance.

Beginning in September, ICMC supported the Eparchy of Buchach in providing mental health services at the Chortkiv House of Mercy, a children's rehabilitation center in the western Ukrainian city of Chortkiv. Since the invasion began, the center has been used to house internally displaced adults and children. Working both within the center and in local parishes,

the team ensured that 92 adults and 120 children received therapeutic services in 2022.

In the western Ukrainian city of Ternopil, ICMC supported the Greek Catholic Archcathedral of the Immaculate Conception to establish a play therapy intervention program to address mental health and recovery among children impacted by the war. From October 2022, 35 families received a stuffed Hibuki therapy dog and associated therapeutic support, and 46 families benefited from art therapy. ICMC's support also covered stipends for volunteers, therapists, and social workers, and excursions and social events for families.

Throughout 2022, the clergy in Ukraine saw an increased demand for counseling from those with complex war-related trauma issues, presenting a clear need for training to help them properly recognize the symptoms of psychological disorders and collaborate with trained mental health professionals. Via a partnership with the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Seminary of the Holy Spirit in Lviv, ICMC assisted both Greek Catholic and Roman Catholic seminaries in nine locations around Ukraine to host a series of workshops on providing spiritual and psychological assistance. Aimed at seminarians, the series began in November 2022.

ENABLING HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS

As the conflict progressed, ICMC supported local Catholic organizations' efforts to respond to the immediate basic needs of people displaced by the war.

Actions included the refurbishment of a former youth retreat, in Pidlute, in partnership with the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk. Before the invasion, the center was used as a seasonal retreat center, and was not suitable for year-round use. To ensure its suitability to house approximately 100 internally displaced persons throughout the winter, ICMC supported the installation of an updated heating system to improve living conditions. Via a partnership with the Knights of Columbus, ICMC's Emergency Fund also enabled the purchase of first necessity items, crucial medicines and medical supplies for internally displaced persons in the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv.



Woman brings in wood at Pidlute youth retreat-turned residence for internally displaced. © Irina Bevza/ICMC

COORDINATING THE CATHOLIC RESPONSE

ICMC is an original member of the Catholic Response for Ukraine Working Group (CR4U), which includes the major global Catholic humanitarian organizations active in Ukraine and surrounding countries that have welcomed the majority of Ukrainian refugees.

The group was established in March 2022 and provides a framework to exchange information about existing efforts in Ukraine and neighboring countries, identify gaps in humanitarian responses, and necessary actions in response to these gaps.

At the request of CR4U's members, ICMC acts as the group's convenor, a role that includes compiling and sharing information and data from UN agencies and field updates from group members. ICMC also played a central role in communication and advocacy for the humanitarian response to Ukraine, presenting the CR4U initiative and priorities at European and international meetings.



Displaced child in Ternopil with her Hibuki therapy dog. © Archeparchy of Ternopil-Zboriv



Training of seminarians on psychosocial support. © Vita Yakubovska/ICMC

HIGHLIGHT: BUILDING THE FUTURE OF REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

On 26-27 September 2022, ICMC and the Canadian Embassy to the Holy See co-organized, *Building the Future through Community Sponsorship of Refugees: comparing experiences and learning from each other*, a hybrid in-person/online workshop in collaboration with the Embassies to the Holy See of Germany, Italy, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom.



Paul Gibbard, Chargé d'Affaires, Canadian Embassy to the Holy See.
© Nancy McNally/ICMC

The workshop heard testimony from refugees who had arrived in Europe through sponsorship programs, and from civil society, governments, and international organizations implementing programs. All identified the positive impacts of sponsorship and pointed to the valuable contributions of grassroots volunteers to accompany refugees.

The participants emphasized that governments should design programs that build on existing civil society skills and capacities, and seek to diversify the range and type of sponsors. In her keynote address, U.S. State Department Assistant Secretary Julieta Valls Noyes said "Sponsorship is a new capacity for the U.S., and these experiences show the contribution it can make to harnessing goodwill in support of refugee protection."

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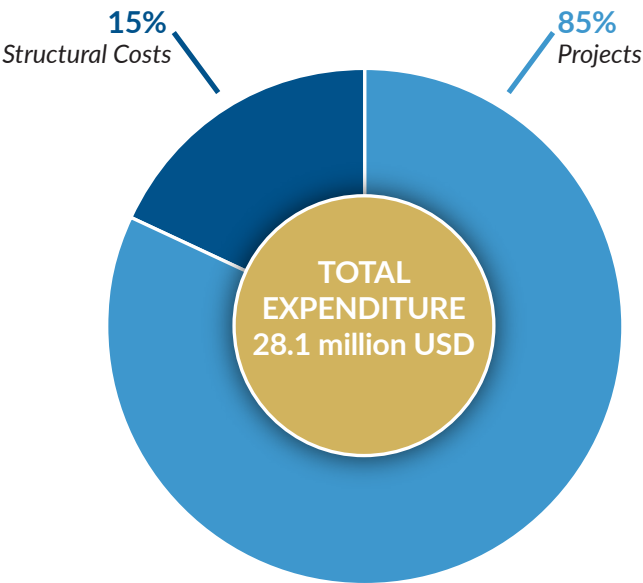
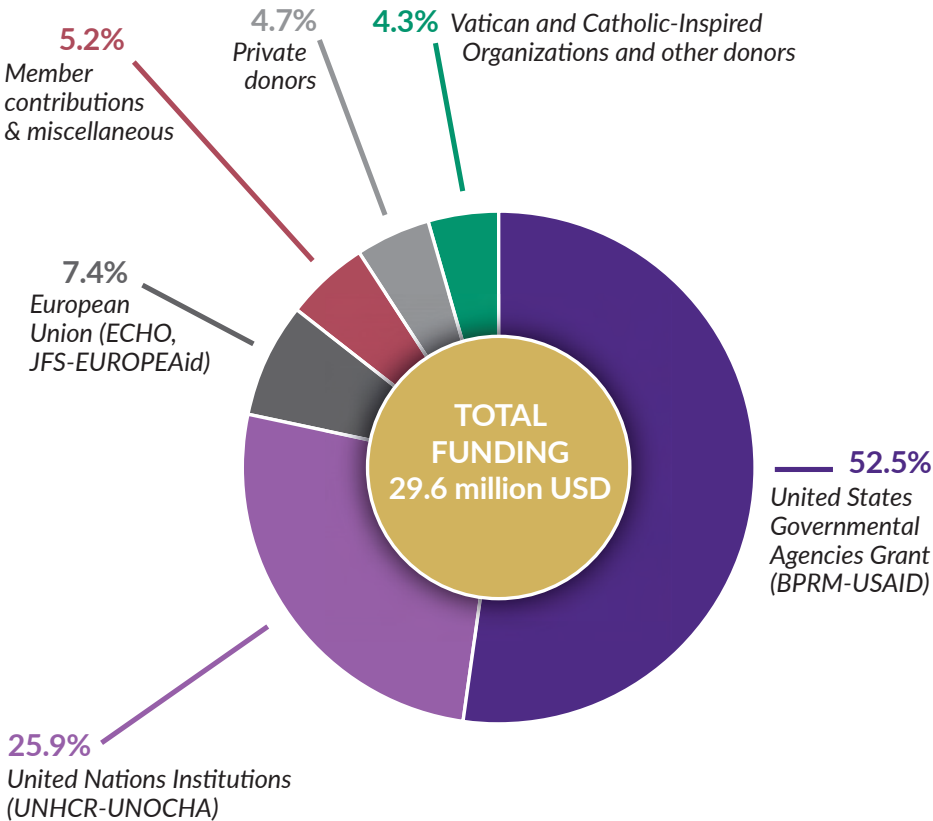
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ICMC's total funding in 2022 was 29.6 million USD. Total expenditure was 28.1 million USD, 85% of which was allocated to programs that directly benefit vulnerable uprooted people around the world, while 15% was dedicated to management, support to field offices, awareness-raising, and fundraising.

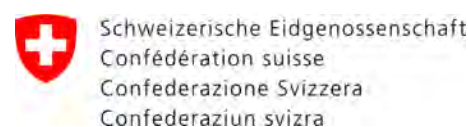
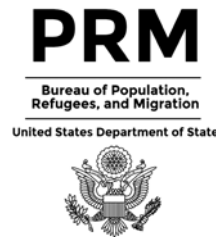




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In response to large-scale and complex migration situations in various parts of the world, ICMC's direct operational programs provide assistance and protection to uprooted individuals, families, and communities whether they are displaced in their home countries, have sought asylum abroad, are in the process of resettlement to a third country, or are voluntarily returning to their countries of origin. ICMC pays particular attention to the most vulnerable migrants and refugees, including unaccompanied migrant children, survivors of human trafficking, and aging or sick and disabled migrants and refugees. ICMC also advocates for international policies that uphold the dignity and rights of refugee and migrant families and are consistent with Catholic Church teaching.

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