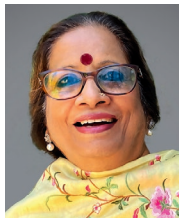




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Offering Protection and Care to Societies' Uncredited Contributors

Miss Christine Nathan
President

It is my great honor to once again offer my greetings as ICMC President to our national member organizations, partners, and supporters around the world. It is my privilege to share with you the successes we achieved in 2023, despite the many and grave challenges as ICMC continues to fulfil its mission to serve and protect people on the move.

I am keenly aware that this message comes to you at a crucial moment in economic and social history. In 2023, the world has been confronted with profound and wide-ranging challenges, including the long-range impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic crises, and ongoing yet often ignored or forgotten conflicts, wars, persecutions, inequalities, and injustices.

There is no doubt that the heaviest burdens are shouldered by those who are most vulnerable, including forced migrants, refugees, and informal workers. At the same time, it is incumbent on me to emphasize the strength and resilience of these same populations.

It is the blood, sweat and tears of migrant workers that increase the prosperity of receiving countries and boost the economies of their home countries. Yet in many instances they are exploited, both where they travel to and when they come back home. Refugees, migrants, internally displaced persons, and survivors of human trafficking are not looking for luxuries, but rather to live in dignity and without fear. Societies in which they are welcomed, protected, promoted, and integrated benefit greatly from their many and needed contributions. The mistreatment of these sisters and brothers is an affront to their human dignity and rights, and to the principles of social justice in which our faith is rooted. As people of faith, we must play our part in promoting and enabling their contributions to host communities and offering protection and care to those making them.

2023 continued previous years' trends of unprecedented levels of worldwide displacement. More than 114 million

people are now living in situations of forced displacement, 50 million of whom are children, having left their homes in the context of ongoing emergencies or been prevented from returning, often for generations, due to protracted conflict.

I am immensely proud of ICMC's ongoing contributions to the protection and dignity of displaced people. In 2023, as in previous years, our global protection work has spanned humanitarian assistance, access to healthcare, prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, building the capacity of governments, and our long-standing role in facilitating resettlement for the most vulnerable. ICMC has continued to provide displaced children with opportunities for education and play, and to ensure their safety by building child protection awareness and capacity within communities.

I must also reflect on ICMC's continued support for Church and Catholic-inspired organizations supporting those affected by conflict in Ukraine. We have together ensured humanitarian, mental health, psychosocial, and spiritual support for hundreds of persons affected by the conflict, bringing hope and healing to a situation of great sorrow.

I offer once again my heartfelt gratitude for the faith you have placed in me to lead our efforts to mitigate the suffering of migrants and refugees. The inspiration we draw from our faith must not be diminished by the challenges we face, and we will together continue to build toward a world in which rights and dignity are enjoyed by all.

Cover photo: A young girl from Iraq on her last day in Istanbul, Türkiye, before being resettled to the U.S. with support from the ICMC-run Resettlement Support Center.
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Right: A woman from Afghanistan and her 2-year-old son at Malakasa Camp, Greece.
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"Jesus asks us to be the voice of those who have no voice. The voice of the innocent children who have died for lack of bread and water; the voice of those who cannot find work or who have lost their jobs; the voice of those forced to flee their lands in search of a better future, risking their lives in grueling journeys and prey to unscrupulous traffickers."

Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi message, 25 December 2023



Supporting the Choice to Migrate or to Stay

Msgr. Robert J. Vitillo
Secretary General

The year 2023 again tested the fortitude, persistence, and adaptability of ICMC's governing bodies, staff, volunteers, and supporters, as the world faced ongoing war, economic crises, climate shocks, and unprecedented worldwide displacement. Despite these challenges, our collective creativity and commitment enabled ICMC to make steady progress in fulfilling our three 2022-2026 Strategic Directions of **Serving More People on the Move; Advocating for Rights and Dignity; and Network Building.**

As the need for resettlement reached an all-time high, the number of refugees resettled to the U.S. through ICMC's Resettlement Support Center in Türkiye and Lebanon increased fourfold compared to the previous year. Through our global deployment scheme, ICMC deployed legal and protection experts in nearly 30 countries to support the UN Refugee Agency with identifying an increased number of vulnerable people needing resettlement.

Our ICMC Regional Working Groups provided our members with a platform to exchange experiences and expertise and to collaborate on solutions to protect and uplift migrants and refugees. At the national level, our targeted support to build the capacity and skills of several of ICMC's national members further solidified the strong foundations already created by their unshakeable resolve and commitment, which is firmly based in Gospel and humanitarian values.

It is with particular pride that I look back on the many partnerships and joint projects undertaken with our members in countries spanning Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Haiti, Honduras, India, Côte d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, and Trinidad and Tobago. These initiatives ensured access to lifesaving basic needs, healthcare, shelter, and psychosocial assistance for people on the move and those returning to rebuild their lives and communities

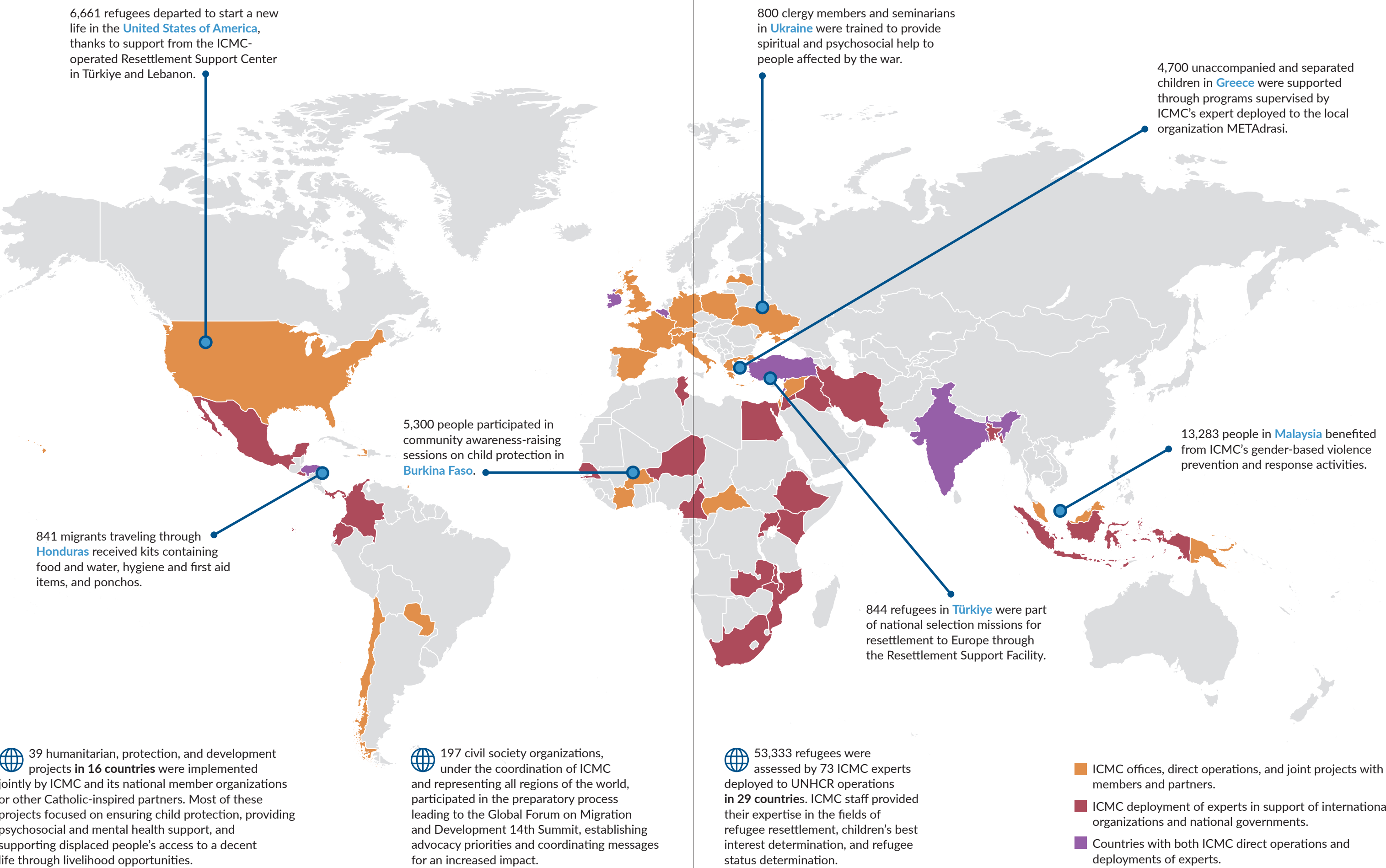
following prior displacement. In a year in which more than 50 million children were forcibly displaced from their home communities, I am especially heartened by the many children and young people for whom our joint projects ensured crucial assistance, accompaniment, and a secure future.

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine saw the population there endure yet more suffering. In the face of such inconceivable loss and sadness, ICMC continued to coordinate response efforts of Catholic organizations in Ukraine and neighboring countries, focusing strongly on health and psychosocial support, and acted to strengthen the capacity of both Greek Catholic and Latin Catholic dioceses across the country to respond to those affected by the conflict.

From October, we witnessed with great sadness the impact of missile attacks on migrants and asylum seekers living in southern Israel, many of whom were left unable to provide for the basic needs of their families. In the midst of such a devastating conflict, I am immensely grateful that our partnership with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, ICMC's member organization in the Holy Land, enabled many children to maintain their access to education and ensured access to food and healthcare for affected families.

It is my firm belief that our work in 2023, to assist people on the move, support reintegration after displacement, and build community resilience, embodied the spirit of 'Free to choose whether to migrate or stay,' the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 2023 edition of World Migrant and Refugee Day. I offer my sincere thanks to our generous institutional and private donors who enabled us to serve the many thousands of forcibly displaced people in need, and my courage as we continue to face the challenges ahead.

OUR ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE



AFRICA

In 2023, ICMC supported its members to address the needs of internally displaced and returning refugee populations in Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, and Côte d'Ivoire, in the areas of child protection and access to education, birth registrations, social and economic reintegration, shelter, and the capacity of professionals to support psychosocial wellbeing.

ENSURING CHILD PROTECTION AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Throughout 2023, ICMC supported its members in Burkina Faso and the Central African Republic to ensure protection and access to education for children affected by conflict and displacement.

From January to December 2023, ICMC support enabled the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees in **Burkina Faso** (CEPMR) to provide psychosocial support and education for 353 children between the ages of 3 and 6 at three Child Friendly Space (CFS) facilities in the towns of Bourzanga, Karangasso, and Bama. New mobile CFS units visited three villages every week, reaching on average nearly 300 more children.

Four project social workers, ten Church volunteers, and five staff benefited from psychosocial support training. 5,300 people participated in community awareness-raising sessions on child protection and violence prevention, parenting skills, childcare, hygiene, and child rights.

In the **Central African Republic**, ICMC support enabled the Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Refugees (CEMIR) to address the challenges for school education created by the past decade's multiple political, economic, and security crises.

A 12-month project beginning in August 2023 re-engaged 200 children aged 5-15 in mainstream school education. Drawn from displaced, returnee, and host communities in four affected localities, re-enrolled children

received support for school fees, uniforms, and equipment. To address the lack of training for schoolteachers in the country, from November 2023 ICMC further supported CEMIR to begin a 9-month training program for 80 teachers. Modules implemented in 2023 covered language, reading and writing, psychosocial support, art and sports education, and safeguarding.

SUPPORTING REINTEGRATION FOR YOUNG MIGRANTS

To build the reintegration capacity of former child soldiers in the **Central African Republic**, from November 2023 ICMC support enabled CEMIR to begin a 12-month action to facilitate their access to education and vocational training. Targeting 40 such young people across three provinces, the project aims to improve security by stabilizing former child soldiers, and offering pathways to formal employment.

From March 2023 in **Côte d'Ivoire**, ICMC and the Episcopal Sub-Commission for Migrants, Tourism, the Apostolate of the Sea and People on the Move (part of the Episcopal Commission for Migrants in Côte d'Ivoire) implemented a 12-month project to support the social and economic reintegration of returning young migrants. The project facilitated parent groups supporting youth to reintegrate with their families, and collaborated with local authorities and families to obtain foster placements. 35 young migrants were supported to access psychosocial support, while 83 completed accounting and basic

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This workshop taught me a lot. I didn't know that with 0 francs, you could invest and create income. The training taught me that it's not just money that makes money. With the potential you have within you, you can generate money. It awakened something in me.

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Nicole, a participant in the ICMC/ Episcopal Commission for Migrants in Côte d'Ivoire project to support the social and economic reintegration of returning young migrants.

management training and 17 full professional vocational training.

In **Burkina Faso**, community mobilizers held 32 awareness-raising sessions on the importance of obtaining children's birth certificates for access to education and public services. A local theatre group was also recruited to raise awareness about the dangers of statelessness. The play it produced reached over 1000 people through five performances.

BUILDING SHELTER AND RESILIENCE

In the **Central African Republic**, 30 returning refugee families (15 in Bangui and 15 in Zémio) moved into new houses, the construction of which was made possible by an ICMC grant to CEMIR provided in late 2022, marking a significant step in providing stable and secure living arrangements and supporting their reintegration.

To further strengthen the resilience of communities affected by conflict,






ICMC supported a short-term project, implemented by CEMIR in May-June 2023, that provided 123 teachers, educators, and community, religious, and association leaders in four localities with training in mental health and psychosocial care. The project's participatory approach provided trainees with the tools for future replication of the training they received.

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND STRATEGIC CAPACITY

Throughout 2023, ICMC supported several short-term interventions to respond to identified capacity-building needs amongst its members in Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, and Côte d'Ivoire.

Interventions addressed areas including organizational planning, financial management, building partnerships, and project monitoring and evaluation. ICMC additionally

engaged an expert consultant to develop a training program on child protection, mental health, and psychosocial support for use by members in Burkina Faso.

-  5,300 people participated in community awareness-raising sessions on child protection in Burkina Faso.
-  240 people whose homes were destroyed by war were provided with newly-built houses in the Central African Republic.
-  203,000 people in Côte d'Ivoire learned about the dangers of irregular migration through in-person sessions and radio broadcasts.

MEMBER STORY

RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY IN SOUTH SUDAN

By the end of 2023, war in Sudan had forced more than half a million to cross the border into South Sudan, in addition to the more than 750,000 South Sudanese refugees who, since 2017, have chosen to return but are often unable to access basic services. This surge in arrivals has overwhelmed border transit centers, causing severe overcrowding and highly limited access to food, shelter, water, sanitation, and healthcare.

From mid-2023, ICMC member Caritas South Sudan launched a series of rapid response emergency projects covering the main entry points along the border, providing emergency food assistance for 1,100 food-vulnerable households (5,500 persons), shelter and essential non-food items for 1,000 returnee households (5,000 persons), and onward transport from the border areas for 4,000 refugees and returnees.



Caritas South Sudan staff conduct a registration exercise among displaced people from Sudan. Since April 2023, over half a million people have sought refuge in South Sudan, creating a large-scale humanitarian crisis. ©Caritas South Sudan

AMERICAS

In 2023, ICMC supported its members across Latin America and the Caribbean in their efforts to help displaced people meet their needs for food, shelter, healthcare, and access education, decent employment, and legal support.

SUPPORTING MIGRANTS, RETURNEES, AND COMMUNITIES

In 2023, ICMC supported members in Honduras, Haiti, and Chile to meet basic needs among migrants and returnees, and build individual and community resilience.

Honduras is a transit country for migrants traveling through Central America. In May 2023, ICMC supported the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility (PMH) and the Association of Scalabrinian Sisters to establish a 10-month project to address basic needs and build awareness and response to migrants within local communities. 841 migrants traveling through Honduras received kits containing food and water, hygiene and first aid items, and ponchos. Through visits to migrant shelters and community events, the project supported the development of Church responses to migrants in transit.

In **Haiti**, 2023 saw increased displacement due to heightened gang violence and mass deportations from neighboring Dominican Republic. In the border area of Ouanaminthe, ICMC supported the Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Itinerant People (CEMI) to implement a five-month project to support migrants, returnees, and community responses. The project distributed food and hygiene kits, assisted 35 individuals by financing income-generating activities, and provided community-based training on the needs of migrants and returnees.

In northern **Chile**, the town of Arica remained a major entry point for

the significant numbers of migrants arriving in the country in 2023, largely from Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru. In September 2023, ICMC support enabled the Chilean Catholic Migration Institute (INCAMI), an organization of the Episcopal Conference of Chile, to establish a 12-month project to holistically address the diverse range of needs among new arrivals by providing humanitarian assistance, counseling, emergency temporary shelter, legal and labor support, community integration, and cultural exchange. In 2023, the project provided in-person and remote assistance to just over 200 people, indirectly benefiting more than 640 people.

FACILITATING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

In **Paraguay**, ICMC's member, the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility (PMH), identified access to healthcare as a key issue for migrants and refugees, the majority of whom are Venezuelan. Throughout 2023, with ICMC support, PMH implemented a 12-month project to facilitate healthcare access and promote awareness related to vulnerable migrants and refugees in the capital city of Asunción, including families with multiple health challenges, young women who gave birth during migration, young couples and single women with children, and those managing depression. 125 families received medical care, medicine, and nutrition support, and 100 families

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Perhaps the support we can offer them is small, but I know that [our migrant brothers and sisters] are very happy when we deliver them kits. At that moment [...] we have a small conversation with them. This exchange is precious, because they feel important, they feel cared for, welcomed.

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Marta Cubas, pastoral agent for the ICMC-supported Pastoral Care of Human Mobility of Honduras' Ecclesial Migrants' Table

participated in 8 community events promoting preventative health measures and providing information on how to access healthcare in Paraguay.

ENSURING EDUCATION FOR UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN

Since 2020, approximately 50,000 Venezuelan refugees have arrived in **Trinidad and Tobago** by sea. The vast majority are undocumented. Their status creates barriers to accessing mainstream services, which for undocumented children included the prohibition of enrolment in formal education.

From August to November 2023, ICMC supported the Archdiocesan Ministry for Migrants and Refugees (AMMR) to implement activities and build capacity at five existing Child Friendly Spaces.

The project provided educational and recreational materials, basic literacy



Migrants in transit in Danli, Honduras. ©International Organization for Migration. Photo by Erick Escoto.

and numeracy education, as well as funding for expert facilitators, participant transport, and children's meals. The project benefited 400 children aged 5-17 and their families. Child Friendly Space staff and volunteers participated in project training and capacity-building covering migrant backgrounds and vulnerabilities, protection against sexual exploitation/abuse, and gender-based violence.



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640 people benefitted from humanitarian assistance, counseling, emergency temporary shelter, legal and labor support, community integration, and cultural exchange in Chile.



400 Venezuelan refugee children attended educational and recreational activities at Child Friendly Spaces in Trinidad and Tobago.

MEMBER STORY

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PERSONAL SECURITY

Throughout 2023, ICMC members in the Americas raised their voices in opposition to policies and actions endangering the safety of migrants and refugees.

Bishops in Guatemala and Mexico expressed outrage at a fire in a Ciudad Juárez immigration detention center in which 40 detainees died, calling for more dignified and safe approaches to managing flows of migrants transiting through Mexico. Mexican bishops also condemned the intrusion of the Ciudad Juárez municipal police onto cathedral grounds in order to violently arrest migrants, while Guatemalan bishops expressed grave concern that restrictive new reception policies endangered Church-run shelters assisting thousands of migrants transiting through the country.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops continued to express grave concerns about many aspects of U.S. asylum and immigration policy, including proposed screening procedures at the U.S.-Mexico border that restrict access to asylum, and the increasing number of unaccompanied migrant and refugee children suffering abuse and harm after being released into the care of sponsors.



A staff member of the Church-run Casa del Migrante in El Ceibo, Guatemala, listens to the story of a newly arrived migrant. © UNHCR/Nicolo Filippo Rosso

ASIA AND OCEANIA

In 2023, ICMC provided services, training, and capacity-building interventions addressing gender-based violence, psychosocial wellbeing, and child protection in Malaysia. ICMC supported its members in India and Papua New Guinea in their efforts to provide shelter, basic services, and livelihoods for populations affected by conflict, violence, and COVID-19.

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN MALAYSIA

In 2023, ICMC **Malaysia** assisted 350 survivors of gender-based violence, the majority of whom were women and girls, including 176 survivors of domestic violence. ICMC assistance included shelter placement, rapid emergency funding to access legal, medical, and shelter services, cash assistance, financial support to keep children in school and childcare, and psychotherapy (including play therapy for children).

To build community awareness of gender-based violence, ICMC's two-hour gender-based violence awareness session, delivered by refugee volunteers, reached 5,508 participants, mostly from the Rohingya community. To further increase community sensitivity and knowledge, 47 refugee community representatives from Myanmar and Somalia participated in ICMC's gender-based violence Training of Trainers program.

PROVIDING SHELTER AND SAFETY FOR DISPLACED POPULATIONS

For more than four decades, conflict in Indonesia has displaced many thousands of people to neighboring **Papua New Guinea**.

In March, ICMC supported the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands (CBCPNGSI) to launch a 12-month project in response to needs among West Papuan refugees living in

informal camps in Port Moresby. In 2023, the project oversaw the installation of water tanks and sanitation facilities, and provided medical assistance, cash support targeting elderly and vulnerable refugees, and financial, life skills, and entrepreneurial training.

From July, ICMC supported a nine-month project to improve living conditions and build proper shelter for 11 West Papuan asylum seekers residing in makeshift houses in the informal Blackwara refugee camp in Vanimo. The first phase of the project secured and cleared land, and purchased building materials, food, and a water tank, setting the scene for shelter construction in 2024.

In **India**, intercommunal violence in the state of Manipur caused thousands of people to be internally displaced from May 2023. In June, ICMC helped the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) to purchase and distribute essential items for 350 internally displaced persons living in an isolated temporary camp. 200 camp residents and 150 families received food, clothing, and sanitary items.

ASSISTING PANDEMIC RECOVERY IN INDIA

In 2023, ICMC continued to support CCBI's work to assist migrant and refugee communities in recovering from the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic. CCBI provided bereavement and psychological support to 204 internally displaced persons, migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. 219 internal migrants benefited from access to healthcare

Originally from Bhagalpur, Shohba has been living in Delhi for over 25 years. Her small stitching and tailoring business contributed to the support of her family of five, but the pandemic obliterated her earnings.

Thanks to ICMC/CCBI's joint project, Shohba received entrepreneurship training and financial support, which allowed her to restart and expand her shop.



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and awareness-raising on the prevention of COVID and other communicable diseases. 125 persons completed a one-day entrepreneurship training, of whom 104 received seed funding and support to re-establish or start new livelihood activities.

BUILDING CAPACITY TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH IN MALAYSIA

Since 2016, ICMC **Malaysia's** Child Safety Program has built the capacity of teachers working with refugee and asylum-seeking children to educate on personal safety. In early 2023, the program was expanded to add a focus on children's mental health and psychosocial needs and create a staff manual to ensure consistency and quality. In October 2023, ICMC staff were trained to use the new content and resources.

To build the capacity of both ICMC staff and refugee interpreters working at Refugee Processing Centers,

ICMC Malaysia partnered with the Malaysian Mental Health Association (MMHA) to facilitate two two-day training events on mental health first aid, in October (13 ICMC staff) and December 2023 (14 refugee interpreters).

To respond to the rapidly expanding use of digital devices among refugee communities, 143 refugee educators participated in ICMC training on child safety and cybersafety. ICMC additionally worked with the Women's Centre for Change to develop a Child Cyber Safety Program, developing topics and toolkits to train teachers to support their pupils in this context, to be rolled out in 2024.



13,283 people impacted by gender-based violence prevention and response activities in Malaysia.



200 West Papuan refugees living in camps in Papua New Guinea gained access to sanitation facilities for the first time in 16 years.



125 migrants and refugees in India benefited from entrepreneurship training.

MEMBER STORY

ENSURING THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

The potential for a better standard of living attracts many workers from neighboring countries to move to Thailand. The country hosts between 1 and 2.5 million irregular migrant workers, who face particularly significant challenges in accessing public services such as healthcare and education.

Approximately 35% of children with an irregular status in Thailand are unable to enroll in school, and many end up working in factories, agriculture, and seafood processing to help support their families.

Since 1987, the National Catholic Commission on Migration (NCCM)—established by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand—has provided human development assistance and pastoral care for migrants in Thailand. NCCM's programming focuses strongly on access to education for migrant children. NCCM contributes to 15 migrant learning centers across Thailand. Most of the children who attend these centers are from migrant families who come from Myanmar.

In 2023, NCCM's programming allowed over 1,300 migrant children with irregular status in Thailand to access education at Migrant Learning Centers.



Migrant children attend a training at an NCCM Migrant Learning Center. ©National Catholic Commission on Migration

EUROPE

In 2023, ICMC employees supported UN and government activities for refugees and asylum seekers in Greece. ICMC also continued crucial support for Church responses to the conflict in Ukraine, and ICMC Europe continued to build European capacity and support for welcoming and including refugees and migrants.

DEPLOYING EXPERTS TO SUPPORT REFUGEE PROTECTION IN GREECE

In 2023, just under 50,000 people arrived in Greece to seek asylum, approximately one quarter of whom were children. The majority arrived by sea to Greek islands in the Aegean and eastern Mediterranean Seas, where reception facilities continued to be overwhelmed.

Via an agreement with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), in 2023 ICMC continued to recruit and deploy experts to **Greece**, to support the activities of both UNHCR and the Greek government.

30 experts were deployed to UNHCR Greece in 2023: 20 to UNHCR's Athens office, and ten to locations in Thessaloniki and on the islands of Lesbos, Chios, Kos, and Crete. Experts supported a wide range of UNHCR activities, including refugee protection, durable solutions, communications, child protection, and integration.

Furthermore, seven experts were deployed by ICMC via UNHCR to support the Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum's refugee response activities. Deployees supported activities focusing on reducing sexual and gender-based violence and racist violence, child protection, human rights, statelessness, and communications.

Since November 2021, ICMC has deployed a Child Protection Expert to the Greek NGO METAdrasi, which works to support migrant children in Greece via guardianship, foster care, supported independent living, and cooperation with national

authorities. In 2023, the METAdrasi child protection programs overseen by ICMC's expert assisted 4,700 unaccompanied and separated children, provided dedicated child protection training for 10 METAdrasi and 25 municipal staff, and partnered with the Hellenic Olympic Committee on the Together in Sport II program engaging asylum-seeking children in organized community sports.

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC-INSPIRED RESPONSES IN UKRAINE

Throughout 2023, ICMC continued to partner with both Greek Catholic and Latin Catholic dioceses across the country to support responses to those affected by the war in **Ukraine**.

In early 2023, members of the Catholic Health Association of the United States donated a container of essential medical equipment and medicines to Ukrainian hospitals in response to acute shortages caused by the war. To ensure their delivery, in May and June, ICMC worked alongside the Knights of Columbus in the U.S. and in Ukraine to fund shipping and logistics and distribute the donated items to hospitals and medical facilities throughout Ukraine.

In partnership with the Knights of Columbus, ICMC implemented several projects addressing the psychosocial, health, humanitarian, and spiritual needs of displaced populations. These included the provision of emergency support to purchase food and medicines in the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk, a series of

residential psychological rehabilitation workshops for 15 Ukrainian veterans and their spouses, and the purchase and distribution of Holy Mass kits to priests also acting as medical chaplains in local hospitals in Odesa, Kherson, and Mykolayiv oblast (regions). An ICMC grant provided to the Odesa Exarchate additionally facilitated the renovation of chapels at four State-run hospitals in the Odessa region.

During the summer, ICMC supported Caritas Spes in running two 2-week residential rehabilitation camps for 30 internally displaced children with physical disabilities, taking place in the city of Zhytomyr, and providing physical and psychosocial rehabilitation and support for children and their parents/caretakers. In **Latvia**, ICMC support enabled Caritas to facilitate a series of group integration activities for a total of 234 Ukrainian and Latvian youth, in the 13-18 and 19-30 age groups.

Since March 2022, ICMC has convened the Catholic Response for Ukraine

“In the first days of the war, we were able to evacuate our children to Italy and Poland. In their place, we began to take in internally displaced people. The biggest problem was for people with disabilities. No one wanted to accept them, and there were no specialized facilities for them.”

Tetiana Dubyna, director of the ICMC-supported Chortkiv House of Mercy in Ukraine



A staff member of the Chortkiv House of Mercy with some children supported by the facility. ©Andrey Gorb/ICMC

Working Group (CR4U), which coordinates the efforts of Catholic-inspired organizations in Ukraine and neighboring countries. In 2023, ICMC actions implemented in the CR4U framework focused firmly on providing health and psychosocial support, and building associated capacity.

Via a series of short-term projects, ICMC grants supported the services of specialized psychologists and social workers at centers assisting and accommodating internally displaced adults and children, as well as physical rehabilitation professionals supporting children with psychological, behavioral, and developmental challenges, dedicated child psychologists, and therapists and social workers specialized in addressing trauma caused by war. To build local capacity, ICMC grants facilitated workshops on trauma and resilience for Ukrainian psychologists and social workers, and provided specialized training on addressing war trauma in the context of spiritual care for seminarians and clergy across Ukraine.



4,700 unaccompanied and separated children in Greece were supported through programs supervised by ICMC's expert deployed to local organization METAdrasi.



800 clergy members and seminarians in Ukraine were trained on providing spiritual and psychosocial help to people affected by the war.



150 people participated in the first-ever European Refugee Sponsorship Convention organized by ICMC Europe/Share Network and Caritas International.

CHURCH STORY

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ASYLUM

In 2023, ICMC members and other faith-based organizations in Europe directed advocacy efforts toward ensuring a continued right to access safe and dignified asylum.

In the UK, bishops in Scotland, England, and Wales voiced strong opposition to the proposed Illegal Migration Bill, criticizing measures to restrict access to asylum and enforce removals of asylum seekers, and calling for rights-based reforms of the asylum system and the establishment of safe routes to protection.

Similar demands were echoed in Italy, where bishops reacted to the Cutro shipwreck in which 94 migrants lost their lives by calling for a new policy approach that prioritizes safe pathways, reduces the use of detention, and supports integration. Bishops in France added their voices to widespread national opposition to a new national immigration law, noting in particular the threat to human dignity of those seeking protection posed by planned measures to restrict access to healthcare.



Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, speaks with migrants detained in Napier Barracks, Kent. ©CBCEW

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If we want to learn from lived experience, we cannot solely focus on ‘good news’ success stories, but must instead seek out accounts that tell us something valuable about how to improve what we are doing. That’s really what makes participation [of migrants and refugees in EU policymaking] meaningful.

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ICMC Europe’s Anna Coulibaly, on her priorities following her election as a civil society representative of the European Migration Forum



Anna Coulibaly at the 8th meeting of the European Migration Forum. ©ICMC Europe

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR RESETTLEMENT AND COMPLEMENTARY PATHWAYS

Throughout 2023, ICMC Europe’s Share Network continued to foster the creation of safe pathways, welcome, and inclusion for newcomers across Europe, with a particular focus on resettlement and complementary pathways.

In January, 77 policymakers, practitioners, and refugee beneficiaries from 25 countries in Europe, North America, Africa, and the Middle East participated in the online Share workshop on identification, referral, matching, and pre-departure preparation of resettlement, complementary pathways, and community sponsorship. A subsequent best practice report emphasized the importance of multistakeholder partnerships including NGOs, and highlighted how refugee and host

community-sensitive matching and pre-departure preparation can positively influence the integration and future capacity to receive additional refugees.

In February, ICMC Europe and Citizens UK co-facilitated the online workshop Autonomy and Empowerment: Effective Boundary Management in Sponsorship, at which 90 practitioners benefited from training on managing boundaries between sponsorship groups and beneficiaries, and best practice approaches to support autonomy, empowerment, and transition planning.

In April, ICMC Europe and Caritas International-Belgium co-organized the first European Refugee Sponsorship Convention, bringing together 150 sponsorship stakeholders in Brussels to celebrate European sponsorship achievements, and reflect on policy, practice, and lessons learned. Key recommendations from the convention included better

recognition of the sponsorship contributions of volunteers, obtaining support from local and national authorities, better involvement of refugee communities, and learning from the European Ukraine response.

EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE ON SAFE PATHWAYS AND INTEGRATION

From January 2021, ICMC Europe led a consortium of European partners implementing Strengthening and Expanding Social Orientation & Integration for Newcomers in Rural Areas (Share SIRA), a two-year, EU-funded project to improve and strengthen social orientation and integration for migrants and refugees in ten rural regions in **France, Greece, Poland, and Spain**. In March, ICMC Europe published Share SIRA Pilot Actions, a report on the implementation and impact of ten pilot actions implemented in these rural areas in 2022, supported by SIRA seed funding and capacity building.

April saw ICMC Europe’s publication of Resettlement & Community Sponsorship across Europe, a Share infographic brochure detailing community sponsorship and humanitarian corridor programs in **Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and the UK**, and a series of community sponsorship country evaluations conducted by external researchers, for **Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland, and Spain**. In June, the Share publication Policy Recommendations for Enhancing Community Sponsorship Programmes in Europe: Key lessons from cross-country evaluations drew on these national evaluations to present recommendations for sponsorship in five key areas of governance and sustainability, pre-departure, arrival, program phase-out, and impacts for host communities.

From December 2022 to June 2023, an ICMC Europe-commissioned external evaluation of the Share Network assessed its ongoing effectiveness and relevance, and captured best practices and lessons learned for dissemination to a broader European audience. The evaluation found a high degree of effectiveness across Share’s core activity areas, covering training and capacity-building, knowledge production, advocacy, network and partnership building, and the meaningful involvement of refugees.

ADVOCATING FOR REFUGEE PROTECTION AND INCLUSION

Throughout 2023, ICMC Europe continued to join with other civil society and faith-based organizations across Europe to advocate for strengthened pathways, policies, and protection for refugees and migrants in Europe.

In September, ICMC Europe was one of 36 signatory organizations of a joint statement welcoming the decision of the Justice and Home Affairs Council of the European Union to extend temporary protection for Ukrainians fleeing the conflict in their country for an additional year, until March 2025. To limit discrimination against other vulnerable groups, the statement called for this protection to be extended to all refugees fleeing Ukraine, regardless of nationality.

Ahead of EU Member States submitting national pledges for the EU resettlement scheme on 15 September, ICMC Europe joined a coalition of 46 civil society organizations presenting Seven Priorities to Expand Resettlement and Safe Pathways to Europe. The joint statement called for an ambitious expansion of European resettlement, alongside streamlined procedures, increased investment,

better involvement of refugee communities, and legislative progress. In November, ICMC Europe joined a coalition of Christian organizations in Europe calling on legislators to promote equal treatment and integration in revisions of two major labor migration directives.

ICMC Europe continued to promote the achievements and expertise of European resettlement and complementary pathways at a global level in 2023, leading a workshop on financing complementary pathways at the July 2023 global Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways, an annual multilateral event led by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), and a side event on European humanitarian, labor, and education complementary pathways at the December Global Refugee Forum.

December also saw the eighth annual meeting of the European Migration Forum (EMF), a platform for dialogue between European civil society organizations and EU institutions on immigration, asylum, and migrant integration, take place in Brussels. ICMC Europe led a workshop on vulnerable migrants, and ICMC Europe’s Anna Coulibaly was elected as a European civil society representative on the EMF Bureau for 2024-25.



Maher Zaza, who arrived in Italy via the country’s humanitarian corridor program, shares his story at an ICMC Europe-organized side event on complementary pathways to protection during the 2023 Global Refugee Forum. © Corinne Brodeur/ICMC

MIDDLE EAST

In 2023, ICMC continued to support the U.S. and the EU in their refugee resettlement activities, contributing to the resettlement of over 6,700 people who sought refuge in Türkiye and Lebanon. Following the devastating February earthquake in Syria and Türkiye, ICMC mobilized to respond to the ensuing humanitarian crisis. From October, ICMC supported its member in the Holy Land in responding to the needs of migrants and asylum seekers who lost their livelihoods due to the conflict in that region.

FACILITATING REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

For more than 40 years, ICMC has assisted persons seeking resettlement to the U.S. as a designated partner of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) at the U.S. Department of State. With offices in Türkiye and Lebanon, ICMC's Resettlement Support Center - Türkiye and the Middle East (RSC TuME) conducts refugee resettlement processing, provides pre-departure cultural orientation, and facilitates medical screenings for refugees who can neither safely return to their country of origin nor remain in the country where they sought refuge.

In 2023, the ICMC RSC TuME experienced substantial growth as operations were expanded to support the increased global target of 125,000 refugees to be admitted through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

ICMC RSC TuME staff conducted pre-screening interviews for 17,814 refugees, presented 10,193 persons identified as in need of resettlement to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and coordinated 11,948 individual medical examinations. A further 5,232 refugees selected for resettlement participated in pre-departure cultural orientation classes facilitated by ICMC staff.

6,661 refugees assisted by ICMC in Türkiye and Lebanon departed for the U.S. during the year, an increase of just under 300% on the previous year. Refugees who were survivors of the devastating February 2023 earthquake were prioritized for departure, with 993 people departing in 2023 coming from affected Turkish provinces.

BUILDING EUROPEAN RESETTLEMENT CAPACITY

Since 2019, ICMC has operated the Resettlement Support Facility (RSF) in Istanbul, supporting resettlement efforts of European countries. The RSF is a central component of the European Union Agency of Asylum (EUAA)'s work, and a crucial tool for coordinating European refugee-related activities.

In 2023, the RSF supported ten national selection missions for 844 refugees, six pre-departure orientation missions for 145 refugees, and eight departure missions for 115 refugee applicants. ICMC provided logistical support to 24 delegations from nine European countries conducting missions to Türkiye to select refugees referred for resettlement by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), facilitated medical screenings, prepared refugees for travel, and coordinated departures.

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The resettlement for the refugees that we are working with is a very important thing, because in Türkiye and Lebanon, they simply don't have futures [...] We do something for them, and we actually plant a seed in their minds, which will bloom in the United States.

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Ecem Sekizkardeş Zibeir, Cultural Orientation Supervisor at the ICMC-run Resettlement Support Center in Istanbul, Türkiye.



An ICMC cultural orientation trainer with a family from Afghanistan at the ICMC-run Resettlement Support Center in Istanbul. ©Stefano Schirato/ICMC

SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS IN THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE




From October, ICMC support helped the Vicariate for Migrants and Asylum Seekers of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to implement a six-month project supporting migrant and asylum seeking families unable to provide for their basic needs. In 2023, 22 nursery-age children received tuition fee support, 28 migrant children received food support, and 38 children and youth and five adults received support to ensure ongoing medical insurance coverage.

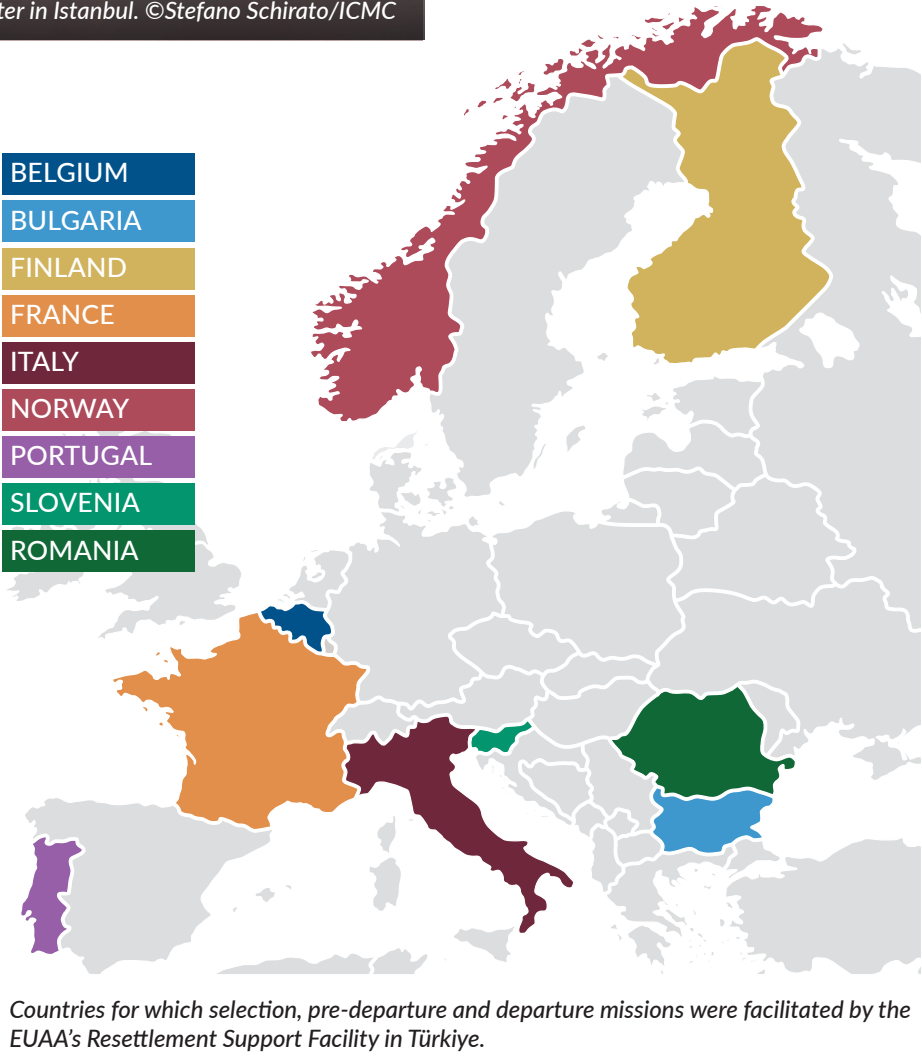
ENSURING POST-EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN SYRIA

In February 2023, two earthquakes of colossal magnitude took place along the Türkiye-Syria border. Within Syria, their impact intensified an already dire humanitarian situation caused by ongoing conflict, violence, and displacement.

In July 2023, ICMC partnered with Pro Terra Sancta, a Catholic-inspired organization assisting the Custody of the Holy Land, to support a project providing health, psychosocial, and educational assistance and support to families in East Aleppo and neighboring areas. The project assisted three community centers providing services to the most vulnerable earthquake survivors, including female-headed households, persons with disabilities, evacuees, and the homeless.

By December 2023, the centers had supported 6,550 persons with educational support, English language tutoring, speech disorder interventions, behavioral therapy for persons with disabilities, individual psychological support, and children's medical services.

-  **6,661** refugees in Türkiye and Lebanon departed to the U.S. through ICMC's Resettlement Support Center.
-  **844** refugees in Türkiye were part of national selection missions for resettlement to Europe through the Resettlement Support Facility.
-  **6,550** survivors of the February earthquake were helped through ICMC-supported centers in Aleppo, Syria.



GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

In 2023, ICMC continued to support global resettlement operations, bring civil society voices to global migration dialogue, and advocate for refugee protection and participation, decent work, and social justice at the global level.

BRINGING CIVIL SOCIETY VOICES TO GLOBAL DISCUSSIONS ON MIGRATION

Since 2011, ICMC has coordinated civil society engagement in the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) process as the secretariat of the GFMD Civil Society Mechanism. In 2023, this work focused primarily on civil society preparation and engagement in the 14th GFMD Summit, held in Geneva in early 2024.

Throughout 2023, the Civil Society Mechanism coordinated a year-long process, launched at the Abuja Forum in Nigeria in early 2023. The Forum brought together more than 50 representatives of African civil society and diaspora. The wide range of subsequent self-organized civil society preparatory events and activities, together coined the ‘Road from Abuja to Geneva,’ enabled civil society representatives around the world to engage in the GFMD process, collectivize priorities to be taken forward at key GFMD preparatory meetings and workshops and at the Summit itself, and ensured the presence of grassroots perspectives in global discussions.

ICMC additionally co-chaired the GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development (with France and the United Arab Emirates), and the 2022-24 GFMD Roundtable on Climate Change and Human Mobility (with Argentina and Fiji), ensuring visibility of civil society leadership and priorities for development and climate change.

ENSURING A GLOBAL VOICE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

Since 2016, ICMC has coordinated the Civil Society Action Committee, the largest global platform of civil society engaged in international migration policy and governance strategizing. In 2023, this coordination focused on collecting and prioritizing civil society inputs.

In close collaboration with the Action Committee, ICMC organized civil society engagement during two sessions of the International Dialogues on Migration, a flagship event of the International Organization on Migration, held in April (New York) and October (Geneva).


Committee members also participated in preparations for the second round of Regional Reviews of the Global Compact for Migration, which will take place in 2024-25, via two Global Stakeholder Consultations facilitated by the United Nations Network on Migration. Civil society stakeholders presented challenges and best practices, recommendations for the 2024-25 Regional Reviews, and insights into the Global Compact for Migration’s impact on the ground.

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We are concerned about the failure of states to provide legal, safe and regular pathways which contribute to trafficking, exploitation and loss of life at land and sea. We are gravely concerned about the non-compliance of states with international human rights, in general, and specific to migration instruments and frameworks.

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Abuja Statement, 1 February 2023



During the Abuja Forum, African civil society representatives and diaspora members discussed GFMD advocacy priorities for the African region. ©ICMC

ADVOCATING FOR GLOBAL REFUGEE PROTECTION

In 2023, ICMC contributed to international advocacy for rights-based refugee protection, focusing on three key priorities linked to ICMC operations.

Resettlement was addressed via ICMC’s membership of the Working Group on Resettlement, part of the annual Consultations on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways, and family reunification via membership of the global Family Reunification Advisory Group. ICMC’s commitment to refugee participation was presented in a pledge at the December 2023 Global Refugee Forum, to “build the capacity of sponsorship and complementary pathway actors across Europe while fostering the meaningful engagement of refugees.”

DRIVING CHANGE FOR DECENT WORK AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Since 2016, ICMC has hosted “The Future of Work – Labour after Laudato si” (FOWLS) Project, in collaboration with the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, the International Labour Organization, and a wide range of civil society organizations. This global initiative facilitates research, reflection, consultation, and dialogue among Catholic-inspired and other faith-based organizations engaged in advocacy for decent and just work and social justice.

In 2023, FOWLS continued to build its global network and foster innovation and action. In February, the project established five regional Working Groups, which together defined core priorities for the project’s future work via a series of subsequent in-person and virtual consultations. At a November meeting, the FOWLS Extended Advisory Committee further

refined these joint priorities to take forward into the project’s Global Consultation, planned for early 2024.

In September, the project coordinators prepared an explanatory note entitled “Care is Work, Work is Care” to promote the project’s core message of dignified work for ‘care of our common home’. In July, FOWLS co-coordinated a one-day event in Chicago on the future of labor in the city’s hospitality industry, producing a values statement to guide future stakeholder advocacy in this area.

2023 saw FOWLS continue to advocate for social justice and decent work at the global level. ICMC President Ms. Christine Nathan addressed the 111th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC), held in Geneva on 5-16 June 2023, calling for the rights and dignities of the world’s most vulnerable workers to be prioritized within global responses. The ILC side-event, Social justice in the world of work and beyond: from common values to common engagement and action,

300 people engaged in “The Future of Work – Labour after Laudato si” project activities to promote social justice and decent work.

57 participants representing African civil society and diaspora organizations attended the January 2023 Abuja Forum in Nigeria.

197 civil society organizations representing all regions of the world participated in the preparatory process leading to the GFMD’s 14th Summit.

GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

SUPPORTING UNHCR TO MEET GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT TARGETS

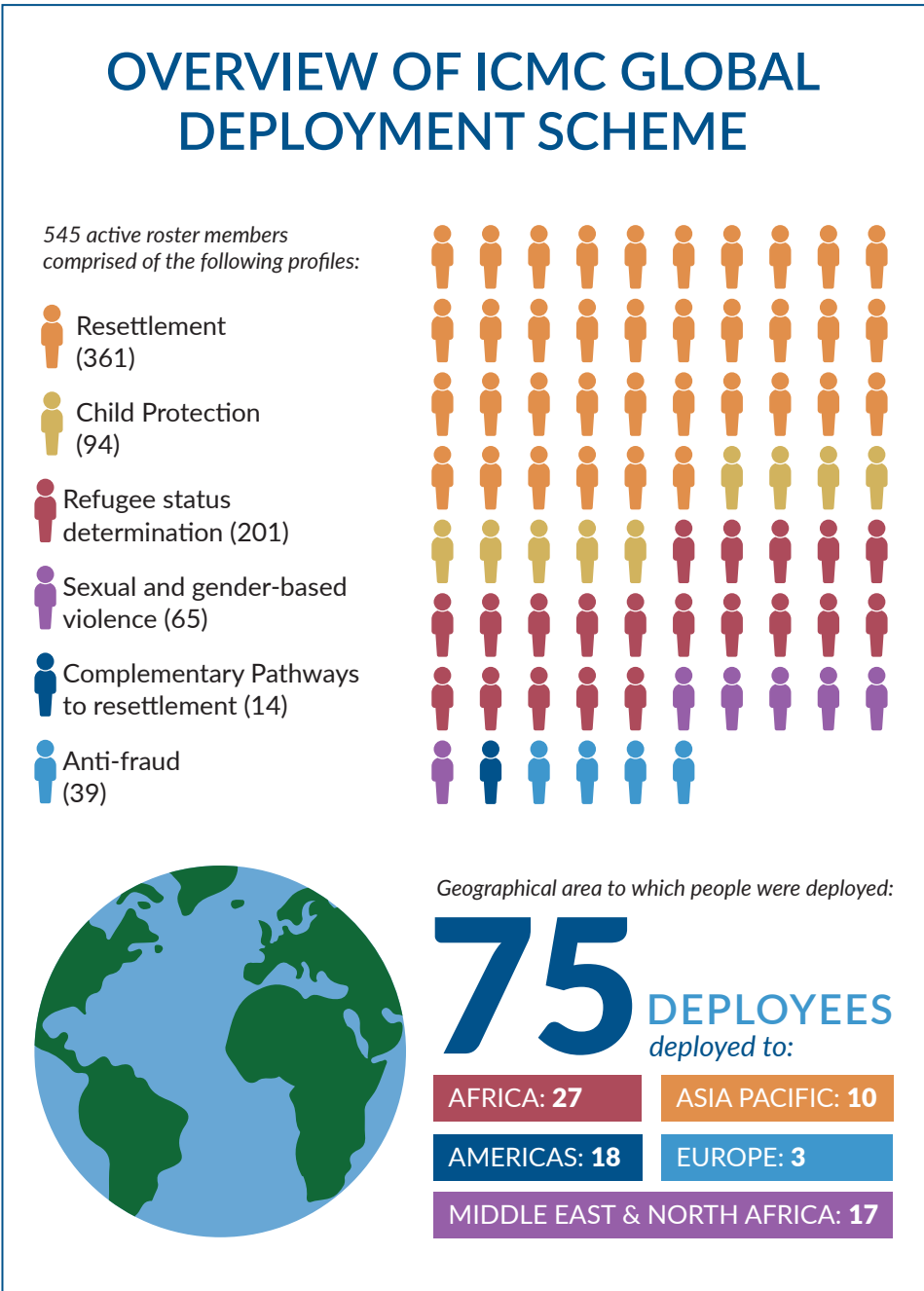
In 2023, approximately 110 million people around the world were living in situations of forced displacement, having fled conflict and persecution in their home countries. The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) estimated that more than 2 million people were in need of resettlement to a third country, being unable to access protection and long-term solutions in countries of first asylum.

For more than 25 years, ICMC has been deploying refugee protection and resettlement experts to UNHCR field operations across the world. The ICMC Deployment Scheme roster includes experts from a diverse range of linguistic and cultural backgrounds, with wide-ranging expertise in crucial areas of resettlement processing, meaning ICMC can match deployee skills and experience to the specific requirements of each field operation. ICMC experts are able to work in challenging situations, across remote or insecure locations, in hardship field operations or uncertain political environments.

Today, ICMC experts prepare more than one-half of UNHCR's annual refugee resettlement referrals, making an essential contribution to meeting global refugee resettlement needs, and ensuring ICMC is one of UNHCR's largest affiliate workforce partners.

In 2023, 545 active roster members comprised the ICMC Deployment Scheme, bringing their expertise in resettlement (361), refugee status determination (201), complementary pathways to resettlement (14), child protection (94), sexual and gender-based violence (65), and anti-fraud (39).

In total, 75 ICMC experts were deployed worldwide. Together, they assessed the needs of 53,333 persons in 29 countries, 48,867 of whom were assessed for resettlement. ICMC deployees also conducted



ICMC deployment scheme experts by area of expertise and geographical region of deployment. 1 icon (👤) = 10 experts, rounded to the nearest 10.

Best Interest Assessments and Best Interest Determinations for 1,466 vulnerable children and their caregivers, and provided Resettlement Status Determination assessments for 3,000 persons, of which 2,690 persons were processed.

73 deployments to UNHCR field offices took place in 2023, resulting in the processing of 10,861 resettlement cases, or 43,613 persons (many cases comprise several family members).

HOW WE PROTECT AND SERVE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Our Strategic Directions

DIRECTION 1

SERVING MORE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE:

ICMC strives to fulfil its role as a major Catholic-inspired agency working to serve migrants and refugees globally, both directly and through its members and partners.

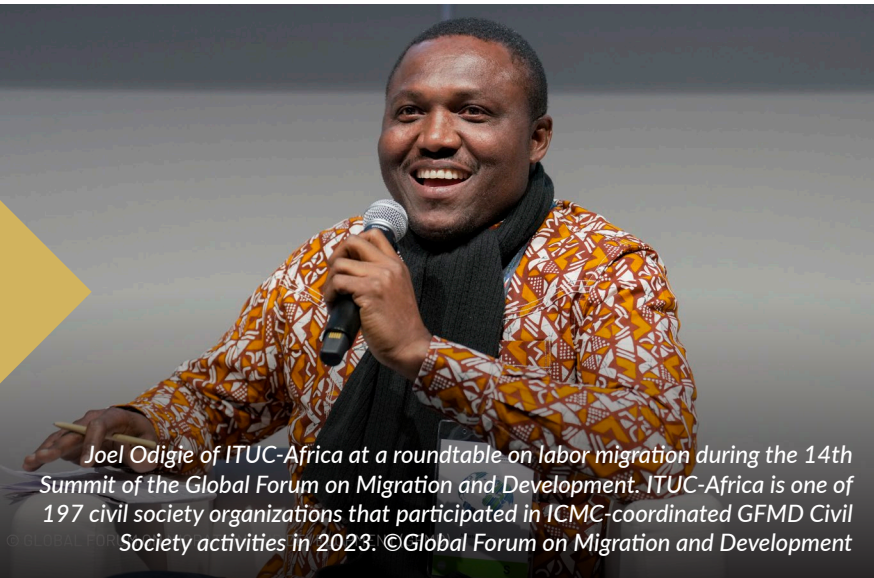


Members of ICMC Malaysia's Refugee Protection Corps provide awareness-raising on sexual and gender-based violence during a visit to a Rohingya refugee family in Kuala Lumpur. ©Viola Berlanda/ICMC

DIRECTION 2

ADVOCATING FOR RIGHTS AND DIGNITY:

ICMC aims to convene and mobilize "whole-of-society" actors, including migrants and refugees, to promote the adoption and implementation of rights-based policies and uphold the dignity of all migrants and refugees regardless of their status. ICMC also endeavors to serve as the collective voice of its members on issues of migration and refugees at the global level.



Joel Odigie of ITUC-Africa at a roundtable on labor migration during the 14th Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. ITUC-Africa is one of 197 civil society organizations that participated in ICMC-coordinated GFMD Civil Society activities in 2023. ©Global Forum on Migration and Development

DIRECTION 3

NETWORK BUILDING:

ICMC aims to expand its networking among Catholic Bishops' Conferences, other faith-based organizations, and the broad range of social institutions that share complementary values, mission, and programming.



In Kyiv, Ukraine, ICMC's Secretary General meets with sisters of the Daughters of Charity and with the chair of the organization Depaul Ukraine, who work together to support internally displaced persons in Ukraine. ©Andrey Gorb/ICMC

DONORS & FINANCES

ICMC is deeply grateful to all its donors for their trust, support, and commitment to our common mission of protecting and serving uprooted people wherever they are and regardless of their status.

A variety of donors funded ICMC's work in 2023. Government and multilateral funding covered a significant percentage of ICMC's operational and advocacy programs. This funding was complemented by contributions from ICMC national members, Vatican offices, and Catholic foundations.

Private donors made a crucial contribution to help migrants and refugees restore their lives with dignity and hope through ICMC's work. In 2023, the ICMC, Inc. Development Office in Boston, U.S., was supported by 8,597 individual donors who gave 15,758 gifts.

To all of them, we are deeply grateful.



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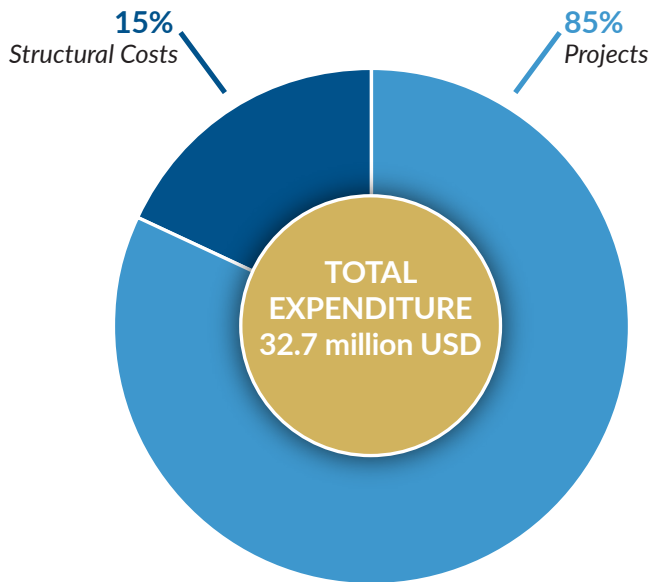
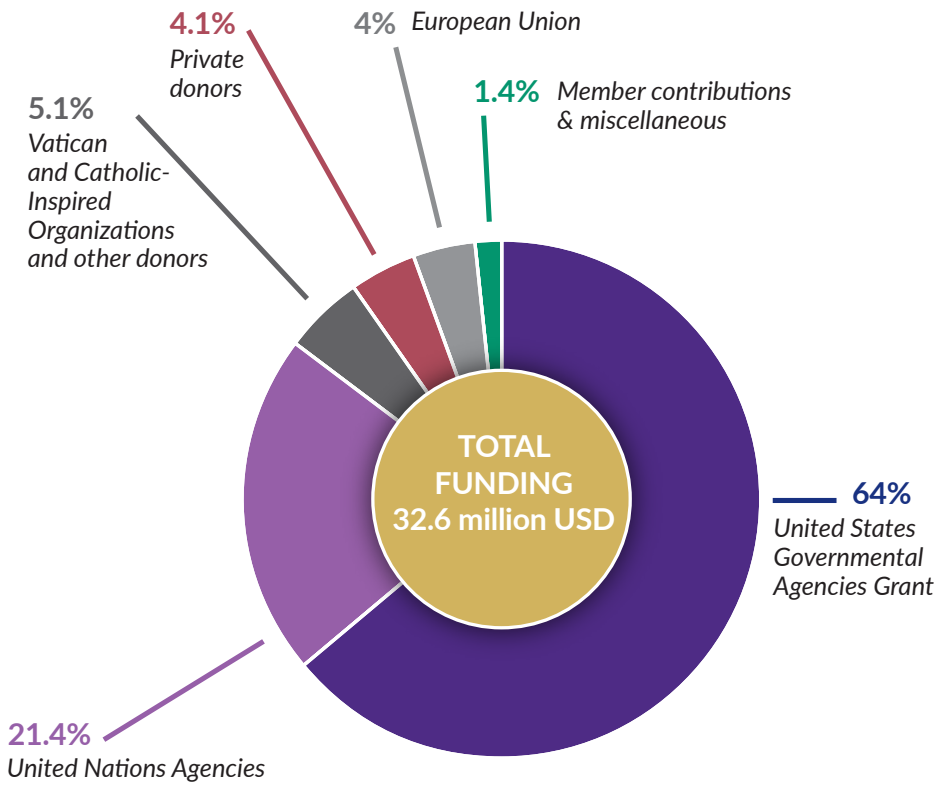
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FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE

ICMC's total funding in 2023 was 32.6 million USD. Total expenditure was 32.7 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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The mission of the International Catholic Migration Commission is to protect and serve uprooted people, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced people, victims of human trafficking, and migrants – regardless of faith, race, ethnicity, or nationality.

ICMC was founded in 1951 by Pope Pius XII in the wake of the massive displacement caused by the Second World War. ICMC convenes a global network of national Conferences of Catholic Bishops and other Catholic-inspired institutions, as well as other partners responding to the needs of migrants and refugees at national and local levels. ICMC also collaborates closely with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and its Secretariat of State.

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.

Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, ICMC has affiliated offices in Brussels, Washington, D.C., and Boston, and operational offices in Greece, Lebanon, Malaysia, and Türkiye. ICMC staff work in over 50 countries.

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