

Child Protection in Emergencies

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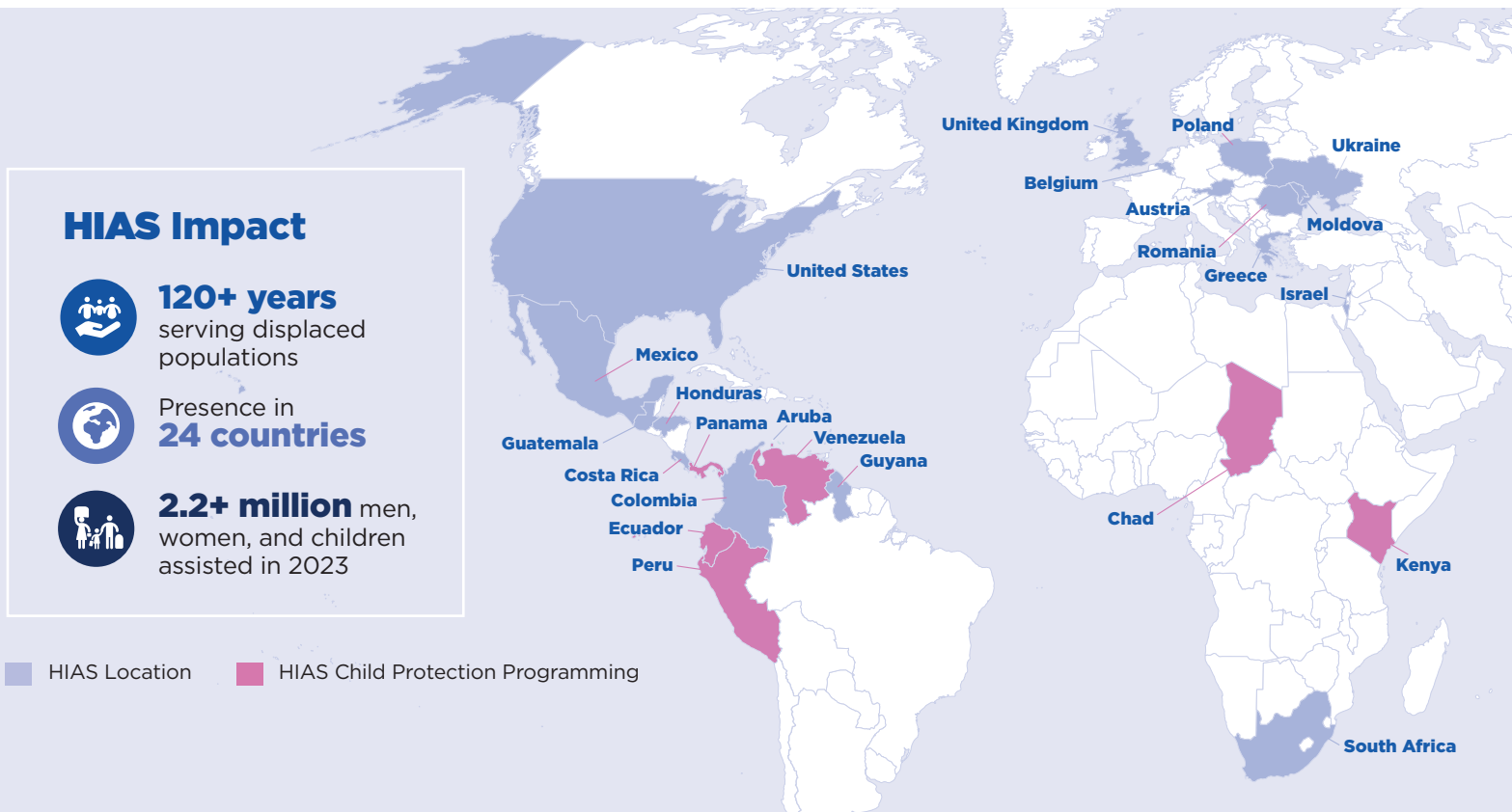
Welcome the stranger.
Protect the refugee.

Our Organization

For over 120 years, HIAS has provided lifesaving assistance and protection services during crises. HIAS responds to emergencies with critical assistance in several key areas: Prevention, Mitigation, and Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV); Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS); Economic Inclusion (including cash assistance); Legal Protection, and Resettlement.

Child Protection Programming

HIAS' Child Protection in Emergencies ensures children impacted by forced displacement are protected from violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect, and harmful practices to realize their rights and develop to their full potential. HIAS works closely with communities and other integral partners to ensure programs are sustainable.



Our Child Protection Team

The HIAS Child Protection team is composed of technical advisors, specialists, coordinators, and field teams with broad global, regional, and country-specific experience. The team sets and guides HIAS' strategy for Child Protection and provides technical support, including capacity strengthening and knowledge building, to ensure our programming aligns with international standards, founding principles, and best practices.



Darfuri refugees in Farchana, Chad. (Glenna Gordon for HIAS)

Child Protection Approaches



Community-Based Child Protection

HIAS grounds its child protection in emergencies work in a community-based approach. Addressing urgent protection risks that children face in crisis contexts requires strong analysis and holistic programs that bolster community capacities to reduce threats and vulnerabilities.



Emergency Case Management

HIAS staff provides emergency case management with a focus on unaccompanied and separated children. This approach is guided by the Interagency Minimum Standards for Child Protection and Interagency Guidelines for Child Protection Case Management.



Safe Spaces for Children and Adolescents

HIAS works with children and adolescents in regular and consistent group activities to positively impact their well-being, enhance their resilience, and reduce their stress. Safe spaces that host children's group activities are designed to be accessible to children of different ages, genders, disabilities, and other diversities. Safe spaces offer age-appropriate activities, promote children's protection and learning, and foster a sense of normalcy and connection.

Coordination

HIAS holds its responsibility to coordinate assistance in emergencies as critical. HIAS engages with communities and civil, national, and global stakeholders to ensure an effective response. HIAS is an active member of the Global Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and the LAC Child Protection Subgroup. HIAS also engages in local and national child protection coordination structures where it implements child protection programming in Panama, Kenya, Chad, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru.

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Why HIAS?

Displacement Experience: HIAS was founded over 120 years ago to support Jews fleeing persecution and poverty in Eastern Europe. Today, HIAS is a global organization which serves refugees, asylum seekers, and other forcibly displaced and stateless persons around the world, and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives.

Balanced Localization: HIAS partners with key local institutions, civil society organizations, and leaders in disaster planning, budgeting, training, and risk sharing, enhancing the speed and quality of our services and building community capacity.

Safe and accountable programming: HIAS is accountable to children, adolescents, families, and communities by enabling them to identify concerns and support design, implementation, and evaluation of programs.

Gender transformative programming: HIAS and our partners work to address gender inequalities, remove structural barriers, change harmful gender norms, and empower girls and LGBTQ+ children. Girls and boys of different ages, ethnicities, and abilities are active participants throughout the program cycle and inform the design and methods of feedback mechanisms.

Committed across displacement: HIAS programs often begin during an emergency and continue to serve throughout each displaced person's journey. HIAS' geographic presence and range of programs allows for life-saving assistance, the rebuilding of families and communities, and the promotion of sustainable social and economic empowerment.