

A photograph of two young women in a workshop or classroom setting. The woman in the foreground is smiling and gesturing with her hands. She is wearing a dark blue hoodie with a logo that includes the text "ПЕРЕМОГИ" and "doGlobal". The woman in the background is also smiling and looking towards the camera. They are sitting at a table covered with various art supplies, including colored pencils, markers, and paint palettes. The background shows a blurred view of a room with computer monitors and other people.

Annual Report 2025



HIAS stands for a world in which forcibly displaced people find welcome, safety, and opportunity.

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Foreword

In 2025, the global humanitarian and refugee protection system came under intense strain. Against rapidly rising needs—with more than 300 million people worldwide requiring humanitarian assistance—Europe maintained its leadership in providing principled aid to people in need. Yet it did not sufficiently step up to offset the massive funding gaps created by the U.S. aid freeze at the start of the year. Across HIAS country offices, teams reported growing vulnerability along migration routes: the loss of shelter, dwindling access to food, and heightened exposure to violence and exploitation. These were not isolated incidents but part of a wider erosion of safety mechanisms at the very moment people needed them most.

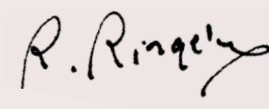
Faced with deep funding cuts, HIAS was forced to make difficult choices. Several country offices closed, including some affiliated with HIAS Europe in Eastern Europe. Staff were laid off, and long-standing partnerships were disrupted. These losses were painful but were guided by a single priority: preserving core, life-saving services for displaced people in the most vulnerable contexts.

Meanwhile, the space for international protection within the EU continued to narrow. Legislative and operational shifts prioritised accelerated border procedures and deterrence over access to fair asylum processes. Alongside civil society partners, HIAS Europe warned that these developments risked undermining fundamental rights. Particularly worrying was the normalisation of racist and xenophobic narratives within migration debates across several Member States, with language echoing many of the lies spread about Jews in the last century. This trend unfolded alongside a worrying rise in antisemitism, underscoring how attacks on one minority rarely remain isolated.

Several EU decisions taken in 2025 will shape protection for years to come. Following the adoption of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum in 2024, policymakers spent much of the past year focused on ensuring operational readiness for its implementation by mid-2026. At the same time, the EU extended temporary protection for people displaced from Ukraine, ensuring continuity for more than four million people across the Union.

The year ahead will be pivotal, and another key test of our values and principles. As the core instruments of the Pact move toward application in June 2026, we will demand EU asylum and border management upholds rights-based procedures, ensures predictable solidarity through fair responsibility sharing, and expands safe and regular migration pathways for people in need of safe haven. Likewise, HIAS Europe in 2026 will continue to advocate for strengthened, needs-based EU external humanitarian funding—so that support for displaced populations remains principled and adequately financed.

To everyone who has stood with us—clients, colleagues, partner organisations, leaders across Europe’s Jewish and other faith communities, volunteers, and supporters—thank you. In a year marked by uncertainty, you helped us sustain hope. In 2026, as major changes unfold, we will continue working toward a world in which those fleeing persecution find welcome, safety, and opportunity.



Ruth Ringer
Board Chair



Ilan Cohn
Director



HIAS Colombia staff lead participants in a psychoeducational workshop aimed at creating safe spaces for listening and participation, Cali, Colombia, 2025. (A. Gomez Hernandez/HIAS Colombia)

HIAS' Impact in 2025

In a year defined by extraordinary challenges, HIAS continued to provide welcome, safety, and opportunity to people forced to flee around the world.

544,081

People reached worldwide

203,899

Women and girls reached directly through HIAS programs

127,133

Children directly assisted through youth-tailored programs

HIAS' 2025 ACTIVITIES

This report lays out our key activities in 2025. These include:



Standing with refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants across Europe during one of the most challenging years in recent history.



Providing essential services for refugees, displaced people, and local communities across five continents.



Advocating for the rights of refugees, and challenging threats to their ability to feel safe.

Chad



Women who have fled violence in Sudan participate in mental health and psychosocial support programs conducted by HIAS Chad in the Alacha camp, January 2025. (Saam Kouakaine/HIAS Chad)

Despite repeated diplomatic efforts, the civil war that erupted in Sudan in April 2023 continues to rage, driving the world's largest displacement and humanitarian crisis.

By December 2025, 14 million people had fled their homes, including nearly 900,000 refugees, asylum-seekers, and returnees who sought safety in neighbouring Chad. Arrivals surged in May 2025—almost 20,000 in two weeks—adding to the more than 400,000 Sudanese refugees Chad hosted before April 2023.

HIAS has worked in Chad for more than two decades, providing vital support to refugees, internally displaced people, and host communities in camps along the eastern border with Sudan. Severe cuts to U.S. and European humanitarian funding in 2025 have further strained an already overstretched system, leaving refugees with reduced access to critical basic services.

Yet even amid these challenges, Sudanese refugees remain determined to rebuild their lives, and HIAS stands with them. With support from the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), HIAS Chad and local partner ADESOH supported 145,426 refugees and vulnerable members of host communities living in camps or in nearby villages. HIAS delivered a comprehensive package of assistance that combined non-food item distributions with prevention of violence against women and girls, child protection, and peace education activities across three refugee camps.

By the Numbers

From 1 January to 31 December 2025

13,310

women and girls reached by HIAS' violence prevention and support programs and with access to safe spaces

18,530

individuals reached with child protection activities, case management, and awareness raising

113,586

individuals reached with integrated community-based protection initiatives

Kenya



ABOVE The Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya.
(Violet Mburu/HIAS Kenya)

OPPOSITE HIAS Kenya facilitates a Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation training session in Nairobi, November 2025. (HIAS Kenya)

Kenya hosts large numbers of refugees fleeing conflict and hardship in neighbouring countries. In 2025, more than 700,000 displaced people lived in Kenya—many in the Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps, and others in towns and cities.

Conditions are extremely difficult: families often lack safe housing, clean water, and basic services, and children face daily risks to their safety and wellbeing. Many refugees resort to harmful coping strategies, such as pulling children out of school so they can work or care for sibling, skipping meals or eating less nutritious food, borrowing money at very high interest rates, selling essential items like tools, livestock, or household goods, taking unsafe or exploitative work, or agreeing to early marriage for a child or teen. Newly arrived, unregistered people face even greater danger and uncertainty. At the same time, Kenya is beginning a major shift through a new law intended to strengthen refugees' rights and opportunities, though significant questions remain about how it will be implemented.

To address serious protection risks for refugees in Kenya (such as sexual and gender-based violence, child marriage, child labour, family separation, exploitation during access to food, water, or services, harassment or abuse linked to weak

By the Numbers

From 1 January to 31 December 2025

7,442

individuals
reached

5,492

people participated in sensitisation
and awareness activities

1,950

individuals received
specialized protection services

documentation or movement restrictions, unsafe living conditions, theft, and limited access to legal protection or safe reporting channels), HIAS partnered with Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), and HIAS' local partner, the Kenya Refugee Council, to deliver a comprehensive protection programme across Nairobi, Kakuma, and Dadaab. With funding from the European Union's humanitarian aid department (ECHO), the consortium gathered and analysed protection data to guide action, strengthened the

capacity of government officials and frontline staff, and ensured highly vulnerable people received direct support, including psychosocial care, safe temporary housing, and emergency assistance. HIAS also supported refugee-led groups to strengthen their own community responses and participate meaningfully in decision-making. In addition, HIAS helped refugees secure civil documentation, understand their rights, and safely access essential services.



Moldova

In 2025, the war in Ukraine entered its fourth year, with no ceasefire or durable political solution in sight. The country faced a fourth winter amid continued large-scale attacks on civilian infrastructure. Despite return movements, an estimated 3.7 million people were internally displaced by the end of 2025; 73% had been displaced for more than two years.

In 2025, the Republic of Moldova hosted around 130,000 Ukrainian refugees. As the response shifted from emergency relief to longer-term integration, protection needs remained acute — especially for women and children, older people, persons with disabilities, and Roma communities. Many refugees continued to face domestic violence and social isolation, as well as barriers to jobs, childcare, education, documentation, and adequate housing, compounded by the closure of collective accommodation centres.

Throughout the year, HIAS Europe, with funding from the GFFO, supported eight local women-led partners to deliver protection services for vulnerable displaced people and host communities. Through this programme, these organisations received technical and financial support to provide mental health and anti-violence services, distribute

hygiene and dignity kits, and lead advocacy campaigns. Despite ongoing insecurity and Russian military advances, partners continued adapting to meet urgent needs: Power of a Woman, for example, was forced to evacuate from Donetsk region to Kryvyi Rih, where it continues to support programme participants who have also relocated. By investing in local leadership, HIAS and its partners help sustain a community-driven response to violence against women and girls among vulnerable populations affected by the war.

5,075

individuals reached
in Ukraine

8 Local Partners

Angels of Salvation

Biaz Gul

CASMED

Female Support Force

Power of a Woman

R2P

Roma National Centre

Successful Woman

Moldova By the Numbers

Data from 1 January to 31 December 2025

711

individuals reached with GBV
prevention and response

534

individuals reached with
MHPSS services



& Ukraine

Darién Gap

Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica



The Darién Gap is a dense, mountainous jungle between Colombia and Panama and one of the world's most perilous migration routes for migrants and refugees from Venezuela and other South American countries, fleeing economic collapse, violence, climate disasters, and political repression.

Along the way, people face flash floods, wild animals, dehydration, extortion, theft, and sexual violence. Many emerge exhausted and traumatised, only to find that healthcare, protection, and shelter systems are already overwhelmed. Migration through the Darién Gap declined sharply in 2025, yet HIAS and partners observed growing protection

risks for migrants and asylum seekers moving southwards in a phenomenon known as reverse migration following failed attempts to reach the United States.

From 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025, HIAS and Médecins du Monde (Mdm) responded to the acute needs faced by migrants across the Darién region in Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica. Funded by the European Union's humanitarian aid department (ECHO), the project supported 32,595 people in need — mostly women and children on the move. Along key points on this dangerous route, the project provided medical care, mental health support, and assistance for survivors of violence, alongside

sexual and reproductive healthcare, legal advice, and safe referrals for longer-term support. In May 2025, HIAS Europe also raised awareness of the rights of people on the move through the photo exhibition “Protection and health for displaced people” at the European Humanitarian Forum in Brussels.

ABOVE HIAS Colombia staff provide emergency support to displaced people in transit in Capurgana, June 2025. (HIAS Colombia)

OPPOSITE This girl and her family are one of many who received emergency support from HIAS Colombia staff in Necocli, June 2025. (HIAS Colombia)

By the Numbers

From 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025

32,595

refugees and migrants reached

13,892

individuals reached with violence prevention, mitigation and response, mental health, and protection services

15,497

primary healthcare consultations provided by Mdm

92%

of violence survivors received medical assistance in less than 72 hours

45

first line respondents trained in physical and psychological first aid

Colombia



In Colombia, armed conflict, large-scale migration from Venezuela, and recurring natural disasters drive acute protection and health needs.

Hundreds of thousands of residents, migrants, and refugees face daily risks of violence and displacement. Women and girls, children, and people with disabilities are disproportionately affected, with high levels of violence reported. Children are also exposed to exploitation, while fear and lack of information prevent many survivors from reporting abuse. Health services remain severely constrained — especially sexual and reproductive healthcare and mental health support — amid high rates of adolescent pregnancy, untreated infections, and rising stress linked to displacement, poverty, and family separation.

Through the ECHO-funded A Tu Lado (By your side) project, HIAS, in partnership with World Vision and Profamilia, delivered an integrated response to the most acute protection and health needs in the Colombian border regions of Norte de Santander and Arauca. HIAS helped bring services closer to affected communities through support centres, mobile teams, and community-based spaces, reaching children, women, caregivers, and people with disabilities in rural and peri-urban areas. Support included protection case management, legal guidance, psychosocial care, safe spaces, and emergency assistance — particularly for survivors of violence targeting women and children at risk. By strengthening local referral networks, building the capacity of community and institutional actors, and coordinating with municipal partners, HIAS reinforced community resilience and improved access to longer-term, dignified support.



ABOVE & OPPOSITE HIAS program participants and staff engage in the A Tu Lado project.

3,387

individuals reached with
mental health support and
violence-prevention services

1,984
women and girls

1,403
men and boys

Data from 1 January to 31 January 2025

Guyana

In Guyana, human rights violations—particularly against women—remain a serious concern, with more than half of women experiencing violence in their lifetime, often starting in childhood.

Tens of thousands of Venezuelan migrants, mostly women and children, have also arrived, many living in remote mining areas where risks of labour exploitation, sexual abuse, and trafficking are high. Indigenous Warao families encounter language barriers, lack of documentation, limited mobility, and few livelihood options. Growing xenophobia, unsafe informal border crossings, and limited access to legal work further increase vulnerability, even as the expanding oil and gas economy creates both opportunities and heightened risks of exploitation.

Working with local partners Youth With Purpose and Project New Nation, HIAS delivered a targeted programme to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls and strengthen women's

economic independence, with a focus on Warao Indigenous women, migrant women, and highly vulnerable women in host communities from 1 March 2024 to 21 May 2025. Before the EU-funded project ended early due to funding cuts and the closure of HIAS Guyana, the programme provided support groups, information sessions, and tailored case management to build participants' safety, confidence, and autonomy, while engaging men on positive masculinity and shared household responsibilities. The initiative reached 281 people. More than 60 women also took part in economic inclusion activities, supporting new or expanded small businesses and improved incomes. During close-out, HIAS carried out extensive outreach to keep participants informed, connect them to relevant government services, and safely close all cases, delivering meaningful protection and livelihood gains despite the premature end.

RIGHT Refugee and migrant women at risk participate in the curricular module for empowerment and prevention against gender-based violence organized by HIAS Guyana. (HIAS Guyana)

By the Numbers

From 1 March 2024 to 21 May 2025

225

Guyanese women, migrants and returnees in highly vulnerable situations strengthened their knowledge about their rights

66

Guyanese women, migrants and returnees developed skills for sustainable socio-economic empowerment

23

community leaders trained in human rights and development of community leadership



Peru

By the Numbers

From 29 October 2024 to 28 December 2025

2,250

individuals reached
through program initiatives

1,810

children and
adolescents reached

320

parents and
caregivers reached

120

government
staff trained

In Peru, many children and adolescents face serious risks of sexual violence, and the problem remains widespread despite efforts to strengthen laws and protection systems.

Many health and protection professionals still lack the training needed to respond effectively. Children who migrate or seek refuge in Peru are especially vulnerable, often arriving with little support and facing significant threats to their safety and wellbeing.

To address these challenges, HIAS, with local partners Desarrollo y Autogestión (DyA) and Asociación Protección Poblaciones Vulnerables (APPV), launched a European Union-funded program from 29 October 2024 to 28 December 2025 to strengthen prevention and response at multiple levels—within families, communities, and the national protection system. The initiative focused on the three regions reporting the highest incidents of sexual violence: Lima, La Libertad, and Arequipa.

Families received tailored support through parenting workshops, helping caregivers strengthen communication, emotional support, and safe practices at home. More than 1,200 children participated in “safe spaces” workshops that taught self-protection skills in formats adapted to schools and community settings. Local organisations were trained to identify risks and take preventive action, while adolescents joined empowerment programmes promoting leadership, gender equality, and positive relationships. The project also worked with municipal protection committees and public officials, training government staff and supporting multiple prevention campaigns.



Building a Jewish Response to Displacement

By linking humanitarian action abroad with Jewish community engagement in Europe, HIAS Europe strengthens a shared response to displacement that is both global in reach and rooted in the values of its European Jewish constituency. This work builds solidarity with displaced people overseas and within our own communities.

Jewish Community Engagement

HIAS Europe works with Jewish community groups, congregations, partner organisations, volunteers, and advocates across the European Union to mobilise a principled Jewish voice in support of refugees and other displaced people. HIAS Europe also promotes the social inclusion of migrant communities and invests in inter-communal and interfaith coalitions that promote joint problem-solving, shared public messaging, coordinated service referrals, and collective action to address tensions and discrimination.

In 2025, HIAS Europe concluded its Ukraine Response, supporting 17 Jewish communities and 204 volunteers across Europe to welcome and integrate 1,203 Ukrainian refugees. We closed the programme with a webinar for participating communities to share good practice on volunteer management, social inclusion, and monitoring and evaluation.

Community Leadership Network (CLN)

Launched in early 2025, the HIAS Community Leadership Network (CLN) equipped Jewish community leaders across Europe to engage their communities on displacement, migration, and refugee rights. The programme brought together a cohort of 17 leaders for six months of skills-building workshops on refugee response, Jewish values, and humanitarian advocacy. With expert mentorship, participants developed practical projects to drive change locally, strengthen solidarity, and amplify a principled Jewish voice in support of displaced people.

The CLN concluded with an in-person gathering to share learning, strengthen connections, and agree on strategies to deepen Jewish mobilisation for social justice.

Mapping

HIAS Europe carried out ethnographic mapping to understand how European Jewish communities view displacement and to identify opportunities for collaboration. Through in-depth interviews with Jewish community leaders and activists across seven EU Member States, we assessed communities' capacity for humanitarian engagement and the factors shaping decisions about refugee support.

The mapping found strong motivation rooted in Jewish values and historical experience, while showing that engagement is often shaped by communities' proximity to displaced people and by concerns about Jewish community security. Communities nevertheless expressed interest in volunteering and direct action, particularly in support of people displaced from Ukraine. These insights will help HIAS Europe focus its outreach, tailor partnerships, and expand engagement through grassroots Jewish actors, interfaith networks, and pan-European coalitions.



A member of the Ukrainian Roma community attends a violence prevention workshop led by HIAS partner Power of a Woman, funded by the German Federal Foreign Office, in Ukraine, 2025. (Power of a Woman)

Steadfast in Uncertain Times

In a year marked by conflict, displacement, funding cuts, and growing pressure on refugee protection in Europe and beyond, HIAS Europe remained steadfast. We adapted, partnered, and continued to stand alongside people forced to flee, supporting local organisations, strengthening communities, and defending the principles of protection and human dignity. With a reduced geographical footprint, we successfully established mechanisms that enable us to build meaningful capacity-strengthening partnerships with local organisations quickly, even in countries where HIAS has limited or no direct operational presence.

The challenges of 2025 underscored an essential truth: durable responses to displacement are built not only through funding and institutions, but through solidarity. Across refugee-hosting communities, local partner organisations, and Jewish communities throughout Europe, we saw that solidarity in action every day.

As new challenges emerge, we remain rooted in our Jewish values and humanitarian principles. With our partners and supporters, we will continue working to ensure that those seeking safety find not only protection, but the opportunity to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

A Note on Figures

All figures in this annual report reflect people reached directly and indirectly through families, communities, and systems strengthened by HIAS' work.

Financial Report

FISCAL YEAR 2025

Assets	
Fixed Assets	621 €
Financial Assets	9.000 €
Current Assets	
Income Receivable	283.766 €
Cash at Bank	450.036 €
Total Assets	743.422 €
Liabilities	
Capital and Reserves	274.853 €
Provision for Risks and Charges	20.027 €
Current Liabilities	
Deferred Income	184.901 €
Payments due to Suppliers	150.591 €
Accrued Staff Costs	113.050 €
Total Liabilities	743.422 €
Profit and Loss	
Balance Brought Forward	480.755 €
Revenue 2024	4.049.921 €
Expenses 2024	4.255.823 €
Surplus Carried Forward	274.853 €
Revenue	
Funding from HIAS Inc., Grants and Donations	4.040.568 €
Currency Exchange Gains	9.353 €
Total Revenue	4.049.921 €
Expenditure	
Donations to HIAS Country Offices and Other Beneficiaries	2.836.563 €
Staff Costs	1.165.044 €
Services and Other Goods	169.339 €
Asset Depreciation	2.214 €
Impairment Losses on Receivables	15.937 €
Provisions for Risks and Charges: Additions	20.027 €
Bank Charges and Currency Exchange Losses	46.699 €
Total Expenses	4.255.823 €



In Memoriam

Donatella Giovanna Giulia Soria (1954-2026)

Donatella Giovanna Giulia Soria was a devoted member of the HIAS Europe Board whose lifelong commitment to refugee protection was deeply personal. Born into a family that had fled Italy’s racial laws, she brought to HIAS a strong belief in solidarity, dignity, and justice for people forced to flee their homes.

Following a distinguished career at the European Commission, where she served in the cabinets of several European Commissioners, Donatella joined the HIAS Europe Board upon the organisation’s founding in 2019. She played an important oversight role in the organization’s growth and development, including HIAS’ response to the displacement crisis caused by the war in Ukraine.

Donatella’s warmth, wisdom, and quiet leadership enriched our organization and embodied the values at the heart of HIAS’ mission. We are deeply grateful for her contributions and will remember her with great respect and affection.

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