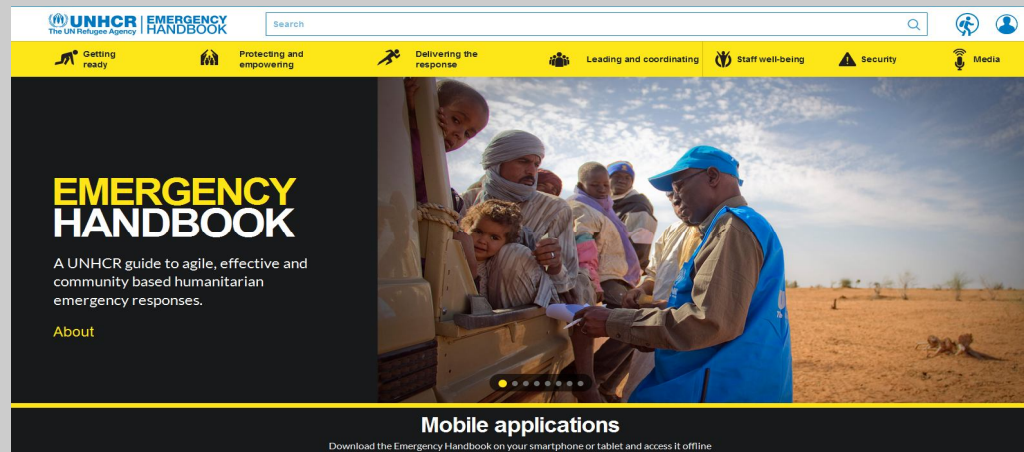


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Refugees--Protection—Handbooks, manuals, etc.

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UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

## Brief History

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. This organization published a handbook the UNHCR's *Handbook for Emergencies* in 1982. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of UNHCR's *Handbook for Emergencies* was issued as online handbook i.e. the Emergency Handbook. This handbook is a UNHCR guide to agile, effective and community based humanitarian emergency responses.

### *Scope and Coverage*

The digital edition of UNHCR's *Handbook for Emergencies* replaces all of its previous print editions. The Emergency Handbook guidance is published in the form of "Entries". These are self-contained units of content. Entries are structured along seven main topic areas like "**Getting ready**" which includes related information about emergency preparedness; "**Protecting and empowering**" which demonstrate Community based protection tips; protection interventions, asylum, specific needs, registration, legal standards and principles; "**Delivering the response**" includes information on programme planning and management, sector guidance and good practises by operational context (urban, rural, camps), standards and indicators, UNHCR management procedures for administration, finance, human resources, supply and information and communication technology (ICT); "**Leading and coordinating**" includes setting strategy, coordination, emergencies, resource mobilization and information management; "**Staff well-being**" which support and advice for emergency responders, also in terms of psychological and physical well-being; "**Security**" which includes security and risk management guidance, in view of emergency responders and persons of concern; "**Media**" includes information on working with journalists and mass media, including print, visual and digital media.

### *Kind of Information*

The primary purpose of this handbook is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another state, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. In its entries the handbook provides a way to give safe guard to the refugees. As for example, the "Emergency policies and resources" provides information on UNHCR internal emergency coordination, Emergency standby resources, Emergency policies like accountabilities of the UNHCR Representative, Regional Bureau and DESS (ES) in the pre-emergency and emergency response phases, Common framework for preparedness (IASC), Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP) approach (IASC, IDP situations, natural disasters) etc.

### *Special Features*

- The handbook gives provisions to download the preferable articles in pdf, as well as EPUB format.
- All the articles which are chosen and read during the search process are also shown arranged under "Backpack" option. The option can be found at the top right side of the web page.

### *Arrangement Pattern*

The contents of the Emergency Handbook are arranged in the form of "Entries", these entries are Getting ready, Protecting and empowering, Delivering the response, Leading and coordinating, Staff well-being, Security, Media. These are self-contained units of contents. All the units under each entry are arranged topic wise.

***Remarks***

This handbook fulfills the purpose of its parent organization, i. e., United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and provides knowledge on all the strategies which should be used in the refugees rescue operations. By this way it serves a novel job to clarify the way outs in refuges problems and helps to solve those problems in real situations. So no doubt it is an exceptionally good reference works.

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