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This Impact report provides an overview of the work of African Initiatives for Relief and Development, from January 2024 to December 2024.

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Message from the Board Chair and CEO

Reflecting on 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that AIRD has accomplished in a year marked by growth, strategic transformation, and unwavering commitment to the people we serve. Our achievements would not have been possible without the steadfast support of our donors, the dedication of our staff, the collaboration of our partners, and the wise counsel of our Board. To each of you, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

This year, the Senior Management Team finalized a landmark document: Defining a New Business Operating Model for AIRD and Organizational Alignment Report and Recommendations. This report clearly articulates AIRD's strategic priorities and sets the foundation for a more aligned, effective, and resilient organization.

As we look toward the future, our AIRD 2026–2030 Corporate Strategy, just launched, will serve as a compass, guiding decision-making regarding resource allocation and program delivery in increasingly complex humanitarian environments. It is a roadmap towards a stronger AIRD, one that is agile, inclusive, and grounded in impact. Our strategic goals aim not only to provide timely and effective support but also to promote dignity, inclusion, and development for both refugees and host communities.

Growth, expansion, and strategic investment are central to AIRD's vision of becoming a more impactful and sustainable humanitarian organization. By pursuing targeted growth, AIRD aims to extend its reach to underserved regions and populations, ensuring that more refugees and host communities benefit from essential services. Expansion is guided by careful analysis of needs, operational capacity, and alignment with our mission. Strategic investment in human capital, infrastructure, technology, and local partnerships will enhance efficiency, build resilience, and drive innovation across our programs. These efforts will not only strengthen AIRD's operational footprint but also empower communities with long-term solutions that foster self-reliance and stability.

In pursuit of our vision to become a \$100 million organization by 2026, we have taken bold steps. We are establishing liaison and fundraising offices in key global hubs in Dubai, Addis Ababa, Geneva, Brussels, and the United States. These offices will strengthen our international presence, enhance our brand, expand our donor base, and increase our engagement and influence in humanitarian and development dialogues. AIRD's commitment to sustainability and innovation

beyond chasing grants is realized through key initiatives, such as the Mbarara Social Enterprise Income Generation Project (Formula 21), a partnership with CFAO Motors Uganda. This initiative operates as a leading supplier of genuine and new spare parts for vehicles, as well as offering repairs and maintenance services. AIRD is also currently exploring opportunities to venture into similar income-generating initiatives, including establishing AIRD Academy, Logistics Value Chain, and Construction. Additionally, the Multi-Skilling Center offers vocational training, including instruction in motor vehicle mechanics. These programs empower communities with practical skills while fostering resilience and economic independence among refugees and host populations.

As we approach 2026, AIRD will proudly celebrate 20 years of service. A significant milestone that stands as a testament to how far we have come and the impact we have made across all our country offices. This anniversary will not only be a time to reflect on our journey but also a moment to reaffirm our commitment to those we serve and to the principles that guide our work.

To our staff across all AIRD country programs: BIG Thank You. Your dedication, often in the most challenging circumstances, including risking your own life, is the engine that drives AIRD's mission forward. As we enter 2025, I encourage each of you to continue raising the bar, to bring even greater commitment, creativity, and compassion to your roles. Refugees and vulnerable communities depend on us. Let us remain united in our purpose and relentless in our pursuit of excellence.

Together with our donors, partners, Board, and staff, we are building a more impactful and sustainable AIRD, ready to meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Thank you for being part of this journey.
Warm regards,

Engineer Banteyahun Haile, Board Chair.
Fikru Abebe Abebe, Chief Executive Officer
AIRD.

What we do

African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD) is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to providing lifesaving responses for African refugees and displaced populations. Since its founding, AIRD has played a unique and critical role in delivering humanitarian assistance that saves lives and fosters resilience and recovery for both refugees and host communities.

Operating in some of the continent's most complex and challenging contexts, AIRD implements solutions that are locally responsive and globally aligned. The organization currently supports humanitarian efforts in Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Cameroon, the Republic of Congo, Niger, Liberia, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire and at a final stage of completing legal registration and logistics arrangement to begin operations fully in Sudan.

AIRD's mission is accomplished through strong and strategic partnerships with host governments, local stakeholders, and key international donors such as UNHCR, UNICEF, USAID, UNDP, WFP, OCHA, IOM, and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. These partnerships enable AIRD to scale its impact and deliver programs that address both immediate needs and long-term development goals.

The organization's work focuses on a broad range of sectors critical to humanitarian response and sustainable development. These include:

Construction & Infrastructure Development: Building shelters, schools, health centers, roads, bridges, airports, and other community infrastructure that support dignity and access to essential services.

Livelihoods Support: Empowering refugees and host communities through skills training, entrepreneurship, and income-generating opportunities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH): Ensuring access to clean water, improved sanitation facilities, and hygiene education to promote health and prevent disease.

Energy Access: Providing clean and sustainable energy solutions to reduce dependency on harmful sources and improve safety and living conditions, including the installation of solar panels.

Vocational Skilling: Delivering practical training and capacity-building programs that enhance employment and income opportunities, especially for youth, women, people with disability, both refugees and host communities.

Third Party Monitoring: Supporting donors and partners with independent and objective assessments of humanitarian programs to enhance accountability and effectiveness.

Logistics and Operational Support, including:

- o Fuel Management
- o Fleet Management
- o Warehouse Management
- o Workshop and Asset Maintenance
- o Transportation of Refugees and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Through these interventions, AIRD directly improves the lives of millions of refugees and vulnerable host community members. The organization is guided by values of integrity, accountability, inclusiveness, and service, ensuring that all actions taken are rooted in respect for human dignity and a deep understanding of local contexts.



Our Vision

Building resilient communities of displaced and host communities through sustainable development



Our Mission

To enable the compassionate movement of those displaced by natural or man-made disasters to safety, and providing them and their host communities with opportunities to build their lives and thrive for the long term



Our Objective

AIRD's objective is to offer operational support, including but not limited to supply chain, logistics, construction, infrastructure, environment, livelihoods, and WASH in partnership with relief and development organizations that focus on disaster-affected and development-oriented areas

AIRD 2021–2025 Strategy Summary

By 2025, AIRD aims to be recognized as a leading agency in humanitarian logistics, construction, and infrastructure across Africa and beyond. It is committed to supporting displaced populations and host communities from the onset of crises through to recovery and reintegration. Initially, AIRD will focus on delivering high-quality logistics and infrastructure services to donors and partners. As conditions stabilize, it will shift towards development-oriented interventions, particularly in WASH, sustainable livelihoods, and environmental resilience, to strengthen communities and support durable returns.

The organization plans to expand operations geographically, prioritizing areas near existing programs while exploring opportunities in new regions. At the same time, AIRD aims to transform its logistics services into revenue-generating platforms that support development initiatives. It will also adopt “Nexus” and stabilization approaches, enabling a transition from emergency response to long-term development, while remaining agile and adaptive to changing social, political, and environmental conditions.

Key operational pillars include excellence in logistics and infrastructure, strategic expansion, community-driven development, and business development, with a focus on exploring ventures such as vehicle maintenance as sustainable enterprises. AIRD’s work will increasingly mainstream gender sensitivity, protection, and alignment with national development agendas and selected Sustainable Development Goals.

To enable success, AIRD will invest in diversifying its donor base, enhancing staff capacity, upgrading IT and ERP systems, improving people management, and strengthening monitoring and evaluation frameworks. Country teams will receive the support and training needed to deliver localized strategies effectively.

Progress will be measured through defined key performance results and key performance indicators, periodic reviews, and transparent reporting. Internal communications, stakeholder updates, and a strong fundraising-aligned communications and marketing strategy will enhance visibility and branding and promote a renewed image of AIRD among partners and donors.



Our Presence



Process Road map



AIRD 2026-2030 Corporate Strategic Plan

I. Background

Following the successful development and implementation of AIRD's first-ever Corporate Strategic Plan (2021–2025), the organization is now building on the progress made to shape its strategic direction for 2026–2030. The previous strategy brought improvements across programming, internal systems, partnerships, and financial sustainability. The upcoming AIRD corporate strategy will reflect lessons learned and respond to a rapidly evolving humanitarian landscape, not to mention the ever-increasing forcibly displaced worldwide-123.2 million at the end of 2024, yet met with the worst funding crisis faced by the humanitarian sector.

To guide this process, AIRD has outlined a clear, phased roadmap to ensure effective participation, coordination, and delivery of a robust and responsive strategic plan.

II. Summary of the Strategic Planning Process

Stage 1: March–April 2025 – Planning and Coordination

- Share the draft roadmap with HQ Managers and Country Program Directors (CPDs) for feedback.
- Establish a Core Strategic Planning Team including staff from HQ and Country Programs.
- Develop a detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) outlining roles, responsibilities, timelines, and key deliverables.
- Identify resources needed and map key internal and external stakeholders.
- Communicate the process organization-wide to ensure awareness and engagement.

Stage 2: May–July 2025 – Review and Analysis

- Conduct a structured review of the 2021–2025 Strategic Plan (potentially with an external facilitator).
- Gather input through staff and partner consultations, surveys, and interviews.
- Identify key lessons, assess achievements, and explore challenges faced.
- Conduct an internal and external situation/context analysis, including trends, risks, and opportunities.
- Host a consultation workshop to reflect on findings and define AIRD's strategic response.

Stage 3: August–November 2025 – Drafting the Strategy

- Develop the first draft of the 2026–2030 Corporate Strategic Plan, focusing on AIRD's core programs and strategic priorities.
- Draft support strategies in key areas such as resource mobilization, communications, risk management, workforce planning, and monitoring and evaluation.
- Circulate the draft to Country Programs for contextual adaptation and share with the Core Team for analysis.

Stage 4: December 2025 – Finalization and Approval

- Present the draft strategy to the AIRD Board for review and feedback.
- Integrate feedback and finalize the strategic plan.
- Prepare for rollout in early 2026.

III. Process Management and Oversight

The Core Strategic Planning Team, led by the Director of Programs, will coordinate the entire process. This team will ensure participation across all AIRD offices, manage timelines, communicate progress, and document outcomes. Regular updates will be shared with the Senior Management Team (SMT) and relevant stakeholders. The review phase will focus on identifying what worked well in the previous plan and what areas need improvement. This includes analysis of AIRD's programmatic and operational impact, organizational capacity, partnership growth, funding diversification, and risk management.

The strategic response phase will determine AIRD's priorities for 2026–2030 based on internal strengths, external opportunities, and the humanitarian context. It will define AIRD's future role, geographic scope, program focus, and approach to localization and partnerships.

This strategic planning process is an ongoing, participatory effort designed to ensure that AIRD is equipped to meet current and future challenges while remaining aligned with its mission and values.

Country Program Strategic Plans

AIRD formalized the strategic process in 2023, covering the period 2023-2025. While this strategy recognized the expertise of AIRD in emergency logistics and the need to continue leading in this field, it also highlighted the need to diversify into more long-term development assistance to meet the needs of the people we serve, as per their feedback. Considerable progress has been made in most AIRD countries of operation, with key countries initiating WASH, shelter construction, livelihoods, and infrastructure activities, while remaining a key player and often expanding our emergency logistics operations. AIRD operations are expected to continue growing in 2025 and beyond.

Country strategies were also “operationalized” into yearly business plans, incorporating operational, fundraising, organizational development, partnerships, HR, and MEAL yearly objectives, regularly supported by monthly calls with HQ to ensure most objectives were attained.

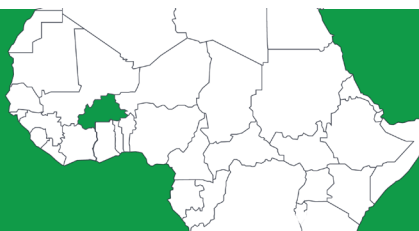
AIRD is currently formally evaluating the successes of this Strategy, which will serve as a basis for the new strategic exercise to cover the period 2026-2030. Results from this evaluation, along with the rapidly changing humanitarian and development landscape and a significantly altered donor outlook, will inform the new Strategy, which aims to define a renewed operational model for the organization.

2024 Achievements across the Country Programs

In 2024, AIRD made significant strides in enhancing the well-being and resilience of refugee and host communities across our country programs through the following key achievements:

- **Expanded Access to Education:** Provided sponsorship support to **22 refugee students**, enabling them to pursue formal education and vocational training opportunities.
- **Strengthened Refugee Data Management:** Successfully conducted **14 operational centers** for biometric refugee registration operations in Niger to ensure accurate data for effective service delivery and protection.
- **Sustainable Energy Initiatives:** Introduced clean energy solutions, including **100 fuel-efficient cooking stoves** in Burkina Faso and **992** in CHAD, as well as **30 solar street lighting** and **600 solar lamps** to people with disabilities in the DRC and 4 in Burkina Faso, improving safety and reducing environmental impact.
- **Improved Shelter and Sanitation:** Constructed and rehabilitated about **13,481 shelters and sanitation facilities** for vulnerable households, enhancing dignity, safety, and hygiene.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Delivered employability and life skills training programs, equipping **4,000 young people** with tools for self-reliance and improved livelihoods.
- **Hygiene and Water Access:** Promoted hygiene best practices and expanded **access to clean water**, contributing to better public health outcomes in refugee and host communities for about **14,542 households** and **33,866 refugees and IDPs**.
- **Nutritional Support:** Provided targeted food and nutrition assistance to about **12,000 people** to address malnutrition and support the health of vulnerable populations.

Burkina-Faso



PRIORITY AREAS



Logistics management



Shelter/infrastructure



WASH



Environment & Energy



Camp Coordination and Camp Management CCCM

When Water Saves Lives: The Story of Azeto Warma and Her Community in Ouahigouya

“There is no life without water.” These words hold deep meaning for Azeto Warma, a 70-year-old mother of four who, like many others, was forced to flee her home in Koumbri in 2022 due to insecurity.

“We left everything behind,” Azeto recounts. “Our homes were burned, our food and livestock were taken, and some of our loved ones lost their lives. We had no choice but to leave after repeated attacks.”

Azeto and her family sought refuge in the Ferme neighborhood of Ouahigouya, where they joined hundreds of other displaced families in search of safety and a new beginning. But survival came with its own challenges, the most pressing of all was access to clean water.

“Our main struggle was water,” Azeto explains. “We had to walk long distances to fetch it, sometimes facing discrimination from people in nearby neighborhoods. It was painful, especially for the women and children.” In 2023, hope arrived through the active solidarity of AIRD Burkina. Understanding the critical need for water, AIRD installed a borehole in the Ferme neighborhood, equipped with a solar panel and four taps—providing a reliable, sustainable source of clean water.

This single intervention brought about transformative change.

“Thanks to AIRD, our lives have improved. We now have clean water for cooking, cleaning, and taking care of our health. We no longer fear for our safety when fetching water.”

The borehole not only brought clean water, it brought dignity, peace of mind, and the beginning of recovery. For Azeto’s community, it eased daily struggles and reinforced their resilience amid displacement. Water is life and for the displaced families of Ouahigouya, AIRD’s support has been nothing short of life saving.



Azeto lovingly collects water alongside her child from one of the water points established by AIRD, ensuring their family’s access to this vital resource.

Burundi

PRIORITY AREAS



Warehouse management



Transport Management



Repatriation

Elie, a 36-year-old father of four, never imagined he would be forced to flee his home in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo, leaving behind his wife and young children. He worked for a Chinese mining company in Uvira, while his family remained in Bukavu. But when the conflict escalated and the armed group M23 took control of the city, his world was torn apart.

With violence closing in from all sides, Elie had no choice but to flee alone, hoping to find safety and a way to reunite with his family later. “I fled on foot, slipping through the neighborhoods under the crackle of bullets,” he recalls. His journey was perilous navigating through Uvira, Kalimambenge, Kakungwe, Kasenga, and Kavimvira—before finally reaching the Burundian border.

At the border, relief finally came when an AIRD bus transported him to the Gihanga transit center, a heaven for newly arrived refugees. Upon arrival, UNHCR and AIRD provided him with a mattress, allowing him to rest after days of exhaustion. He was grateful for the refuge he found.

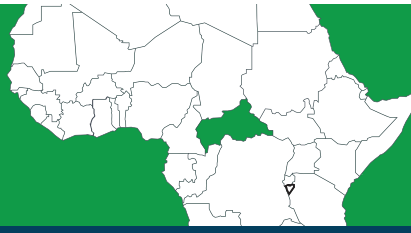
At Gihanga, AIRD plays a crucial role in managing the community kitchen, ensuring that displaced individuals like Elie receive warm meals despite the overwhelming number of refugees arriving daily. “We only receive one meal a day, but we understand there are so many of us, and AIRD is doing what it can to help,” Elie says. Although his future remains uncertain, Elie continues to search for ways to reunite with his family. For now, he finds solace in knowing that humanitarian organizations like AIRD and UNHCR are by his side. “Only they hold my life in their hands,” he reflects, hoping that one day, he will be able to embrace his loved ones and just like they did for him, they will help his family to cross to safety.

AIRD’s commitment to transportation, shelter, and food assistance in crises ensures that refugees like Elie are not left to face hardship alone. Through their efforts, AIRD brings hope and dignity to those forced to flee, helping them take the first step toward rebuilding their lives.



Elie arrives at the Gihanga transit center, having journeyed from the DRC, seeking safety and a new beginning.

Central African Republic



PRIORITY AREAS



Construction



Fuel management



Transport Management



Repatriation



Warehouse management

Rebuilding From the Ashes: Odile Ndessouma's Story of Strength and Survival

On April 24, 2024, the village of Kadjama was thrown into chaos when armed groups launched a sudden and violent attack. Among the many affected was Odile Ndessouma, who narrowly escaped with her life. As flames engulfed her home and memories, Odile fled to seek safety. She eventually found refuge in Carière, a village located 5 kilometers away from what used to be her home.

Odile arrived in Carière with nothing but the clothes she wore. Her home had been reduced to ashes, and she faced the daunting task of starting over from scratch. With no shelter, belongings, or support system in place, her future seemed uncertain.

That's when AIRD stepped in.

As part of its emergency response, AIRD provided Odile with vital support to help her regain stability. She received three plastic tarpaulins and one rope as part of a shelter kit, allowing her to build a temporary shelter and restore a sense of privacy and security. In addition, she was provided with an NFI kit consisting of two blankets, two mosquito nets, two synthetic mats, one kitchen set, one jerrycan, and one plastic bucket. These essential items enabled her to rebuild her life with dignity, giving her the ability to cook, sleep comfortably, and protect her health.

Thanks to this timely assistance, Odile has been able to re-establish a home for herself and begin the healing process after the trauma she endured.

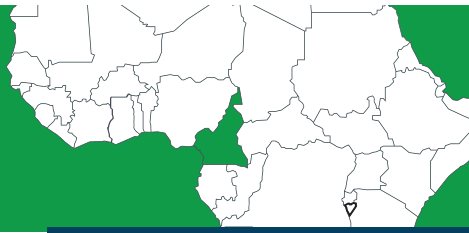
"I lost everything that day," she recalls. "But with this support, I have a place to sleep, cook, and start over. I am deeply thankful."

Odile's story is one of resilience, and it reflects the broader mission of AIRD to restore dignity, safety, and hope to those displaced by conflict. Her journey from loss to recovery stands as a testament to the impact of coordinated humanitarian efforts in the most critical times.



Odile's house is temporarily sheltered by a tarpaulin, one of the essential materials provided by AIRD as part of their emergency response efforts.

Cameroon



PRIORITY AREAS



Workshop management



Warehouse management



Fuel management



Transport Management



Logistics



Third-Party Monitoring (TPM)

Returning Home with Dignity: AIRD Supports the Voluntary Repatriation of Over 2,000 Central African Refugees

From December 6 to 20, 2024, hope and determination marked the third phase of the voluntary repatriation of Central African refugees from Cameroon's Eastern Operational Zone. Unlike previous phases, this operation unfolded with convoys traveling simultaneously along the Batouri and Meiganga routes making coordination more complex and the logistics more demanding.

Yet, amidst the scale and complexity of this mission, one partner stood out for its unwavering commitment and operational excellence: AIRD.

As the trusted logistics partner of the operation, AIRD mobilized its teams as early as December 4. Despite the challenges posed by difficult terrain, limited infrastructure, and tight timelines, the teams worked relentlessly to ensure a smooth and dignified return for the refugees.

AIRD's mission was multifaceted and vital:

- Electrifying transit centers to provide light, safety, and a sense of normalcy.
- Transporting refugees and their personal belongings from various collection points.
- Carefully labeling and managing the cargo of

returnees to avoid any loss or confusion.

- Organizing logistics to ensure safe and efficient transfer across the border to the Central African Republic.

In the span of just two weeks, more than 2,000 refugees were assisted, each one supported with compassion and professionalism. For many, this was more than a journey; it was a long-awaited return to their homeland, a chance to rebuild lives and reconnect with roots.

"The joy on their faces as they boarded the buses was unforgettable," said one AIRD team member. "We knew we weren't just moving people, we were helping them reclaim their future."

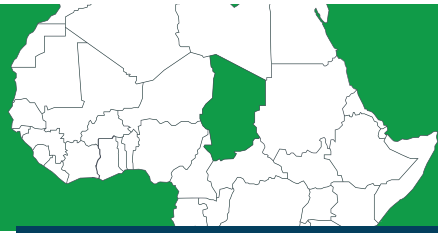
This operation once again demonstrated AIRD's capacity to deliver under pressure and in challenging environments, but more importantly, it reaffirmed the organization's mission: to serve with heart, efficiency, and purpose.

Thanks to AIRD, every mile traveled is a step towards dignity.



A group of Central African Republic refugees prepares to return to their homeland, embracing the hope of rebuilding their lives

Chad



PRIORITY AREAS



Workshop management



Warehouse management



Transport Management



Repatriation



Resilience and Economic Recovery



Fuel management



Vocational Training

Empowering Refugees Through Skills: How AIRD's Improved Stove Project Transformed Lives

In remote communities where access to sustainable energy remains a daily struggle, AIRD's Improved Stove Project has sparked real and lasting change. What began as a simple initiative to distribute cookstoves evolved into a powerful story of empowerment, resilience, and transformation.

AIRD distributed 992 improved cookstoves to 496 refugee and host community households. But this was more than just a handout it was an opportunity. A total of 46 refugees were trained in the construction of these energy-efficient stoves, gaining hands-on skills using locally available materials. These practical trainings empowered participants not just to build stoves, but to take control of their futures.

For families who received the stoves, the impact was immediate and deeply felt. The new stoves dramatically reduced firewood consumption, easing the burden on women and children who often walked long distances—sometimes in unsafe conditions to collect wood. The reduced smoke emissions have made cooking areas safer, with fewer respiratory issues and a cleaner indoor environment for families.

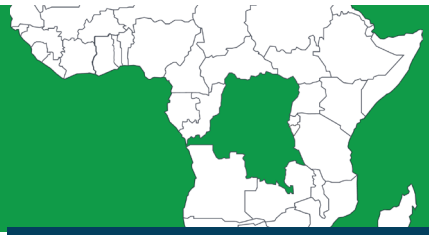
But perhaps the most powerful outcome has been the rise of self-reliance. Several trained refugees have turned their new skills into income-generating ventures, offering stove-making services in neighboring communities. Their efforts are not only helping spread the benefits of clean cooking but also contributing to household incomes and economic dignity.

This project is a testament to AIRD's commitment to practical, sustainable solutions that put refugees and host communities at the center. By promoting energy-efficient stoves, AIRD is protecting the environment, improving health, and most importantly, creating pathways for refugees to rebuild their lives with confidence and skill. This is what transformation looks like one stove, one skill, one empowered life at a time.



Members of the refugee and host communities proudly showcase the improved cookstoves, enhancing their cooking experience and promoting sustainability.

DRC



PRIORITY AREAS



**Construction
& infrastructure**



Warehouse management



**Workshop
Management**



WASH



Fuel Management



**Repatriation and
Relocation of refugees**



Environment



Livelihood

Rebuilding Lives with Dignity: Transforming Refugee Communities in Ituri, North Kivu & Nyunzu

In conflict-affected regions of the DRC, thousands of displaced people have faced dire conditions, overcrowded settlements, poor sanitation, and unsafe shelters. AIRD responded with a comprehensive approach to restore dignity and build resilience.

AIRD led hygiene and sanitation campaigns using door-to-door visits and community demonstrations. Families like Aisha's in North Kivu saw a dramatic health improvement. "Now, my children are healthier, and I feel more confident as a mother," she shared. Emergency shelters provided displaced families with privacy, safety, and relief from harsh weather.

Jean-Pierre in Nyunzu said, "We now have a roof over our heads. My children sleep safely."

Households received kits with tools and materials to rebuild. In Ituri, displaced youth used these to support their communities. "We've become builders of our future," said Emmanuel.

Thanks to these efforts, communities are safer, healthier, and more hopeful. AIRD's work continues empowering families, restoring dignity, and helping refugees rebuild, one step at a time.



A community member draws clean water from a source installed by AIRD, bringing safe water closer to home.



A mother and her children sit in front of their new home, built by AIRD to restore dignity and safety.

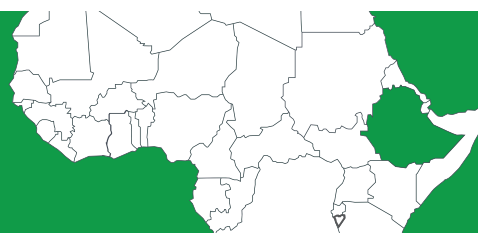


Graduates of AIRD's vocational training programs proudly display the tools that will help them build sustainable livelihoods.



Community members reached through AIRD's targeted hygiene and sanitation awareness campaigns, now empowered with knowledge for healthier living.

Ethiopia



PRIORITY AREAS



**Water Sanitation
& Hygiene**



**Construction &
infrastructure**



**Distribution of
Non Food Items(NFI's)**

How hygiene and sanitation transform lives

Zahara Yemami, a 42-year-old mother of five, lives in Dibina Kebele, Yallo Woreda. She is an inspiring example of how improved hygiene and sanitation practices can transform lives. Selected as a model household in her village, Zahara has embraced positive hygiene practices, turning her home into a symbol of change for her community.

Zahara and her family faced significant challenges before AIRD's intervention through the BHA-USAID-funded project. Zahara recalls, "we didn't have a latrine or proper waste disposal system. We practiced open defecation, walking far from the village to find privacy. Children's feces and household waste were discarded in the open, creating an unhealthy environment".

This changed when AIRD's community hygiene promoters and Yallo Woreda health officers began visiting her home regularly, engaging her family in bi-weekly group discussions on hygiene and sanitation. Through these sessions, Zahara learned about the benefits of maintaining a clean and safe environment. Inspired by the knowledge shared, Zahara took action. She constructed a pit latrine with a handwashing facility using locally available materials, complete with a hanging soap dispenser. She also set up a solid waste disposal pit within her compound.

Today, the impact of these changes is visible. During routine inspections by AIRD's WASH team and local health officers, Zahara's compound stood out for its cleanliness and functionality. Her latrine and waste management facilities have significantly reduced the risks of disease and improved her family's quality of life.

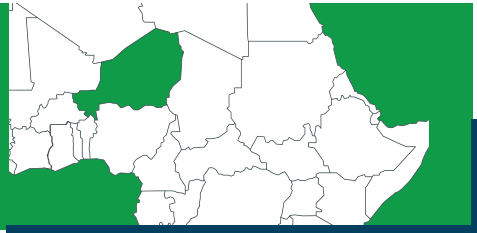
Reflecting on the transformation, Zahara says, "Now that we have a toilet and waste disposal pit within our compound, we live a dignified and safe life. Our environment is free from filth and disease, and as a family, we feel proud and happy. These changes have brought us comfort and health".

Zahara's story demonstrates the profound impact of AIRD's hygiene promotion efforts. Her household serves as a model for the community, inspiring others to adopt similar practices and improve their living conditions. This success highlights how education and community support can create lasting change, fostering healthier and more sustainable lifestyles.



Engaged community members participate in hygiene and sanitation awareness campaigns, empowering themselves with knowledge to lead healthier lives.

Niger



PRIORITY AREAS



Construction & infrastructure



Warehouse management



Fuel Management



Fleet Management



Workshop Management

Empowering Humanitarian Response Through Logistics: AIRD's Critical Role in Refugee Registration in Niger

In 2024, Niger faced a wave of forced displacement as conflict intensified across neighboring Mali, Burkina Faso, and Nigeria. Thousands of families crossed the border seeking safety, compounding the strain on an already vulnerable region also impacted by natural disasters. To respond effectively, the Regional Directorate of Civil Status, Migration and Refugees (DREC/M/R), in collaboration with UNHCR and humanitarian partners, launched a large-scale biometric registration and physical verification campaign.

Behind the scenes of this vital operation stood AIRD, ensuring that the logistics necessary for success never faltered.

Over the course of 120 days, AIRD supported this complex effort by transporting 44 registration agents and critical equipment to five remote and difficult-to-reach sites in Tahoua, Tchintabaraden, Tillia, and Madaoua. AIRD teams enabled the smooth and safe movement of over 5,280 CNE personnel, sustained fuel supply for 32 administrative vehicles, powered up

registration sites with reliable electricity, and ensured consistent access to clean drinking water for staff on the ground.

Navigating unpredictable terrain, shifting schedules, and weekend deployments, AIRD's flexibility and professionalism ensured the uninterrupted flow of operations. Their work behind the scenes allowed frontline teams to focus on what mattered most, registering refugees with dignity and precision. As a result, reliable biometric data was collected, empowering local authorities with accurate statistics essential for planning and delivering humanitarian aid. Most importantly, this process safeguarded vulnerable populations by helping prevent identity fraud and ensuring aid reached those who truly needed it.

AIRD's commitment, adaptability, and logistical excellence proved essential in strengthening Niger's humanitarian infrastructure. Their contribution not only made the operation possible—but it reinforced their role as a trusted and indispensable partner in protecting displaced populations.



An AIRD staff member inspects equipment ready for transport to remote areas, ensuring that vital resources reach those in need.

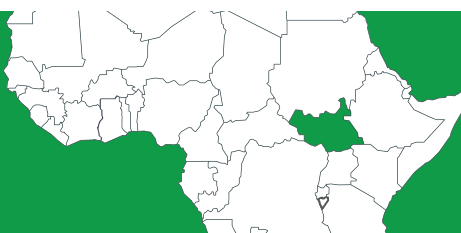


A vehicle is seen transporting registration agents to the remote areas.



A water tank awaits dispatch to the remote areas.

South Sudan



PRIORITY AREAS



Construction & infrastructure

Restoring Hope Through Education: AIRD's Impact at Transit Centre 2, Renk

In the wake of the crisis in Sudan, over 1,500 refugees the majority of them children found refuge at Transit Centre 2 (TC2) in Renk. Displacement had not only uprooted these families but also disrupted the children's access to early learning, leaving many without safe spaces to grow, play, and heal.

Recognizing the urgent need for education and psychosocial support, AIRD, in collaboration with UNHCR, swiftly constructed a Temporary Learning Space (TLS) at TC2. Today, this TLS stands as a beacon of hope, providing over 500 children with a safe, nurturing environment to resume their early learning and development. Within these walls, children are not only gaining foundational education but also engaging in recreational activities that help them cope with the trauma and stress of displacement.

The impact of the TLS has resonated deeply within the community. Through consistent dialogue and collaboration with local leaders, parents, and UNHCR's Child Protection partners, AIRD helped foster a sense of excitement and optimism among parents, who are thrilled to see their children's education and well-being prioritized once again.

The gratitude from the refugee community, partner organizations, and UNHCR staff is profound. They have acknowledged AIRD's timely action in completing the learning facility, an intervention that has restored dignity, hope, and a sense of normalcy for hundreds of young lives.

Thanks to AIRD's commitment, children at TC2 are not just learning their ABCs; they are rebuilding their dreams for the future.



A dedicated child-friendly space provides a haven for children, offering them early learning opportunities and a nurturing environment.

Tanzania

PRIORITY AREAS



Construction & Infrastructure



Repatriation



Fuel Management



Transport Management



Workshop Management

A life full of hope and promise returns

Nyamweru Esther, 37, and her husband, Muhanuka Oscar, are preparing for a new chapter in their lives, a return to their homeland of Burundi. The couple, along with their six children, were forced to flee their country in 2015 due to a violent family land dispute that tragically claimed the lives of some of their relatives.

Fearing for their safety, they sought refuge in Tanzania, settling in the Nduta camp for several years. Now, after almost a decade away, Nyamweru and her family are filled with hope and anticipation. The land dispute that once tore their family apart has finally been resolved, and they are ready to rebuild their lives in Burundi. The family will resettle in the Gisuru community, where they hope to reintegrate into society and give their children the education they've long been deprived of.

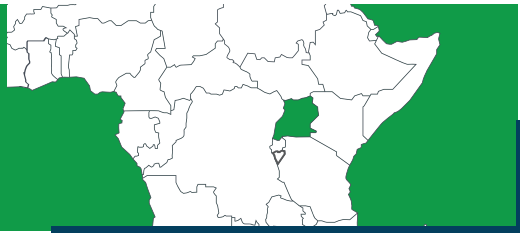
For Nyamweru and Muhanuka, this homecoming is about more than just returning to a place; it is about reclaiming their future. They dream of enrolling their children in school, finding stable income-generating activities, and re-establishing the stability they lost when they were forced to flee.

African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD), has made this moment possible, and it has played a pivotal role in ensuring their safe return. AIRD will transport the family from the Nduta settlement camp back to Burundi, allowing them to begin rebuilding their lives in a place they can once again call home. For Nyamweru and her family, this journey is not just the end of their time away from home, it is the beginning of a new life, full of promise and hope for a better future.



Esther and her family patiently await their voluntary repatriation back to Burundi, hopeful for a fresh start in their homeland.

Uganda



PRIORITY AREAS



Construction & infrastructure



Repatriation



Workshop Management



Fuel Management



Transport Management

How AIRD transformed Rhino High School through access to Agriculture

In the heart of the Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement in Uganda's West Nile region lies Rhino High School, where students from refugee and host communities come together to learn, grow, and thrive. With a student body of 1,457, comprising 874 refugees and 583 local community members, the school is a vibrant blend of cultures and dreams, all in pursuit of a brighter future. However, despite the ample land around the school, there was once a stark void: no crops or produce to plant, and no resources to turn the soil into a productive garden.

Then, a transformative initiative took root when African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD) stepped in with a vision and essential support. Together, AIRD and Rhino High School embarked on a journey to create a vegetable backyard garden that would serve as an educational space, a source of balanced nutrition, and a model of environmental stewardship.

AIRD brought not only the tools needed but also a sustainable approach. They supplied tools like hoes, pangas, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, watering cans, and sprayers all carefully sourced from local suppliers, promoting the local economy. Additionally, AIRD provided seeds for various nutritious vegetables, including eggplants, green peppers, cabbage, tomatoes, greens, and watermelon. Fertilizers, fungicides, and insecticides were given to protect the growing crops and help them flourish.

The students eagerly took to the garden, beginning with the creation of a nursery bed for the seedlings. For those who faced financial difficulties with school fees, the garden provided an invaluable opportunity: they could work in the garden during the holiday season and earn a small income. This gave them a chance not only to learn practical skills but also to feel empowered and self-reliant.

As the garden blossomed, it became more than just a source of food. It was a living classroom, where students learned the principles of sustainable agriculture, teamwork, and resilience. They took pride in each leafy green, every vibrant pepper, and the rows of blossoming cabbage and watermelon. Meals at school were now filled with freshly harvested vegetables, providing a balanced diet that fueled both bodies and minds.

This garden has become a cornerstone of the community, a symbol of hope, resilience, and unity. It embodies AIRD's commitment to creating better lives for refugees and empowering communities to work toward a sustainable, nutritious, and prosperous future.



CPD Uganda proudly displays the vibrant fruits and vegetables cultivated in the school garden, a testament to AIRD's support in promoting sustainable agriculture and nutrition.

Governance-Board, Leadership, and organisational structure

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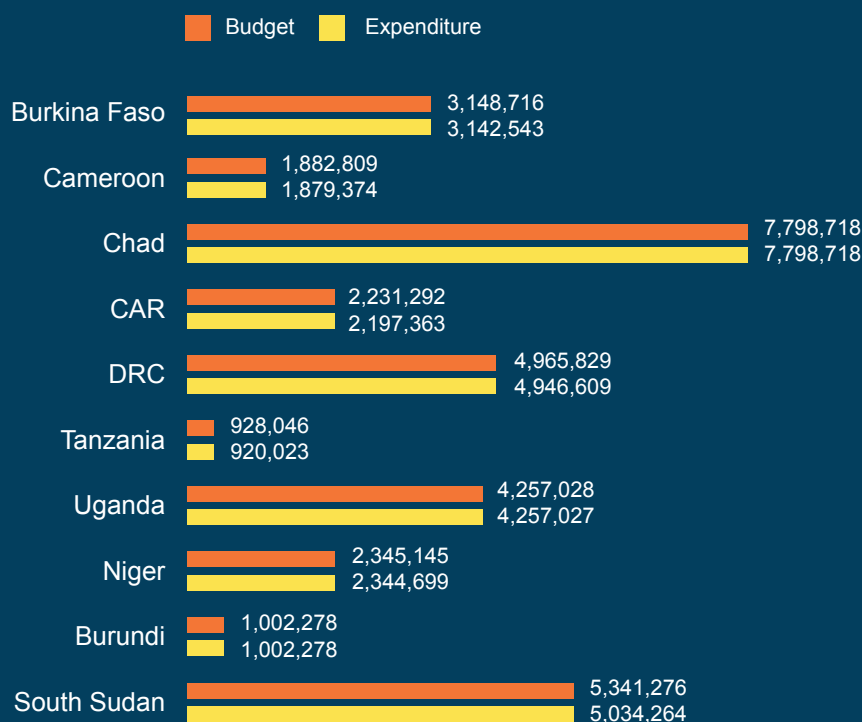
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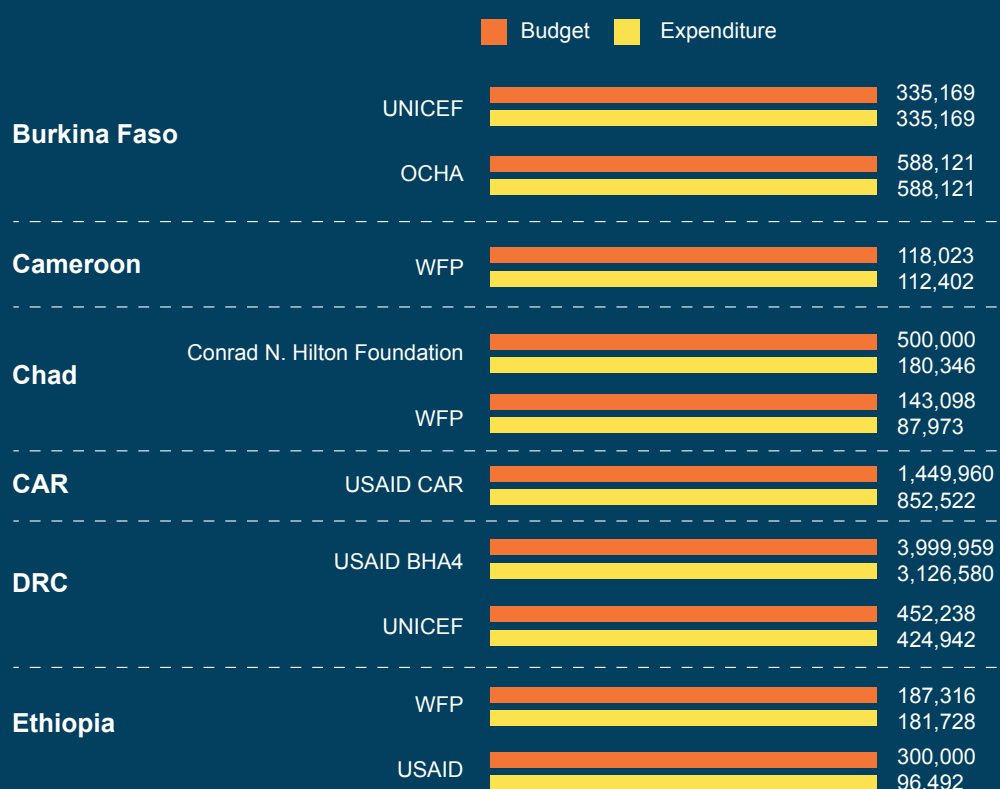
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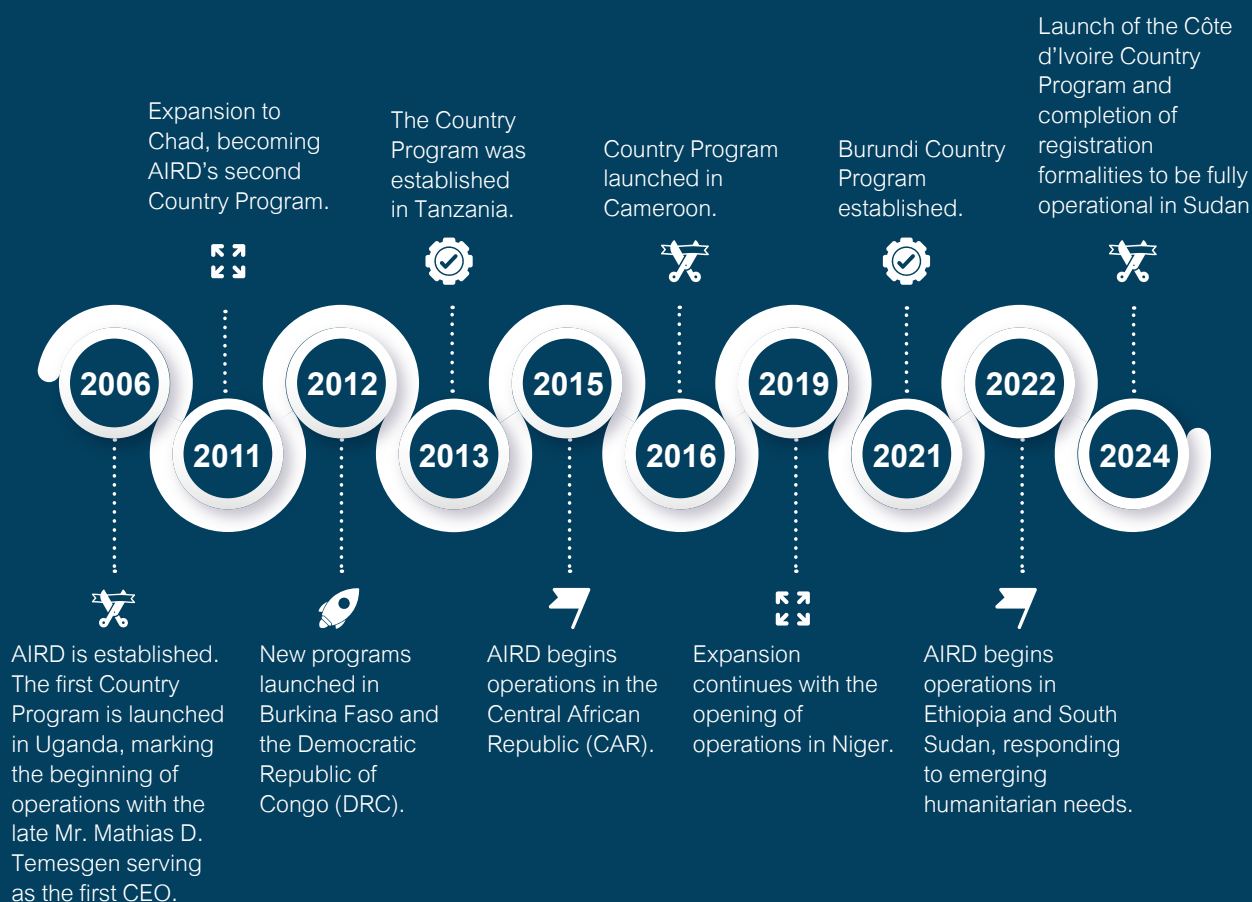




AIRD's Journey: From Vision to Impact (2006–Present)

African Initiatives for Relief and Development (AIRD) was founded in 2006 in Kampala, Uganda, by a small group of individuals who envisioned an African-initiated organisation that could deliver world-class humanitarian support for those displaced by conflict and other disasters.

Timeline of Growth and Expansion



Key Milestones and Achievements

- Opening of the AIRD Multi-Skilling Center ,a transformative initiative to build local capacity through vocational training.
- Launch of Social Enterprise Income Generation Project (Formula 21) – a forward-looking program designed to secure sustainable funding in an ever-ending effort of chasing grants.
- Closure of the Liberia Country Program, marking a strategic reorientation with no more refugees.
- Defining a new Business Operating Model and organisation alignment.
- Aiming to grow and diversify into a \$ 100 million organisation.
- Initiation of establishment of liaison and fundraising offices in:
 - Dubai
 - Addis Ababa
 - Geneva
 - Brussels
 - United States of America (USA)-Already completed legal registration as a non-profit and tax-exempt organization and opened an office.
- Strategic Milestone: The Country Program strategic processes for 2023-2025 are finalised.

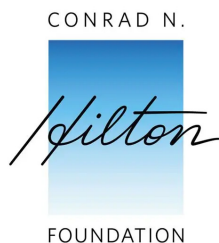
Looking Ahead

AIRD continues to grow as a trusted humanitarian partner, enhancing its operations and presence in Africa while forging global alliances. Grounded in its founding principles of African leadership, dignity, and resilience, AIRD remains dedicated to supporting displaced and vulnerable communities throughout the continent and beyond.

Appreciation to our Donors and partners

We extend our sincere thanks to all our donors and partners for your generous support and strong collaboration throughout 2024.

Your contributions have enabled AIRD to reach and support refugees in some of the most challenging environments, delivering essential services, restoring dignity, and offering hope to those in need. We are deeply grateful for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we are making a lasting impact.



Annex

Country Programs in detail

Burkina Faso

1. Thematic Focus Areas

WASH: Water points repaired in the Sahel region to restore access to safe and clean water

Warehouse Management: AIRD efficiently manages the receipt and dispatch of goods, maintains accurate inventory records, and ensures timely production of comprehensive reports. The warehouses are kept clean and regularly fumigated to uphold hygiene and safety standards. Additionally, AIRD oversees the periodic management and distribution of NFIs to refugees, supporting their reintegration into the community.

Workshop Management: Maintenance of vehicles and equipment essential for refugee transportation and support operations.

Fuel Distribution: The distribution of fuel to UNHCR and its partners plays a vital role in supporting refugee operations, enabling transportation, powering essential services and ensuring the continuity of humanitarian activities in the field

Infrastructure & construction: such as schools, market areas, and shelters. These play a vital role in improving the living conditions of both refugees and host communities. These facilities support access to education, enhance local economies, and provide safe and dignified living spaces, fostering stability and resilience in the regions we serve.

Transportation: AIRD handled the transportation of people and their goods (refugees and returnees), as well as the transportation of other goods from UNHCR partners intended for infrastructure construction, school supplies, and medicines for the care of refugees and returnees.

Renewable energy: This is a lifeline for refugees and host communities. It powers essential services such as schools, clinics, and IDP sites, directly enhancing safety, health, and education. With solar power, children can study after dark, clinics can refrigerate medicines, and families can safely light their homes without relying on harmful fuels. It also enables small businesses and income-generating activities, helping build livelihoods and self-reliance. Beyond these benefits, solar energy reduces environmental degradation and fosters dignity, resilience, and sustainability in displacement settings.

Food and Nutrition Assistance: This was crucial for refugees, preventing malnutrition and illness, especially among vulnerable groups like children and pregnant women. It helped individuals regain strength, recover from trauma, and rebuild their lives, fostering resilience. This support restores dignity, allowing refugees to focus on their future, while also stabilizing communities by reducing stress and promoting peace

2. Key Achievements

WASH

- Rehabilitation of community water points: AIRD repaired 10 water points, restoring uninterrupted clean water access for 5,000 people households and health centers to meet drinking and other essential needs.
- On-Site Chlorine Production: 1 WATA/DATA kit was installed in the Dori health district to produce 180 liters of liquid chlorine per day to help improve the quality of care and hygiene.
- Household Water Treatment Support: AIRD distributed water treatment products (Aqua tabs) to 5,000 households, improving the safety and quality of water used for drinking, cooking and hygiene.

Sanitation & hygiene

- Semi-Durable Sanitation Facilities for the Vulnerable: 100 semi-durable latrines and showers were built for 100 vulnerable households (internally displaced persons and hosts), improving their improving sanitation and living-environment hygiene.
- Community Hygiene & Sanitation Promotion: Conducted hygiene and sanitation awareness activities that reached 46,000 people, reinforcing good practices to prevent water- and sanitation-related diseases
- Distribution of Hygiene & Dignity Kits: Provided 3,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 dignity kits for women and girls in displaced and host communities, ensuring access to essential personal care items.
- Integrated WASH Support in Schools & Health Centers: A total of 18 schools and 6 health centers were reached through awareness-raising, rehabilitation, sanitation and water infrastructure activities.
- Handwashing Infrastructure: Installed 12 handwashing stations in targeted schools and health centers, strengthening institutional capacity for routine hygiene.
- Maintenance Kit Provision for Sanitation Facilities: Distributed 150 latrine and shower maintenance kits, equipping communities to keep their new and rehabilitated facilities in good working order.
- Regional Hygiene & Sanitation Campaign: Expanded promotional outreach across the Sahel region, reaching 96,000 people with targeted messaging and demonstrations of effective hygiene practices.

Shelters and Emergency Equipment

- **Emergency Shelter Provision:** Distributed and constructed 2,430 emergency shelter units for forcibly displaced families across Gorom-Gorom, Seytenga, Dori, and Ouahigouya, providing safe housing for approximately 12,630 individuals (displaced and host communities).
- **Refugee Replacement Kits in Djibo:** Supplied 150 replacement household kits to refugees in Djibo, ensuring essential items for 150 refugee families.
- **Sahelian Shelter Kits in Dori:** Delivered 230 complete Sahelian-style shelter kits to refugee households in Dori, benefiting around 1,150 people with durable, climate-appropriate shelters. 230 complete Sahelian shelter kits distributed to refugees in Dori, benefiting approximately 1,150 people (refugee households).
- **RHU Tent Distribution:** Distributed and erected 175 Rapid Housing Unit (RHU) tents for refugees in Dori, offering immediate, weather-resistant accommodation
- **Comprehensive Relief Kits:** Provided 3,200 relief kits - each containing mattresses, blankets, and mosquito nets to 3,200 households, enhancing comfort and protection against vector-borne diseases. 3,200 relief kits (mattresses, blankets, mosquito nets, etc.) benefiting 3,200 households.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **Emergency Food Ration Distribution:** A total of 12,000 people received emergency food rations to meet their immediate nutritional needs.
- **Post-Intervention Nutritional Impact:** Following the distribution, 85 % of beneficiaries reported a marked improvement in their nutritional condition.

Health and Access to Basic Services

- **Medical Consultations in Camps and Reception Areas:** We supported the health organisation (CSSI) with their activities of conducting 7,500 medical consultations, delivering primary healthcare services to displaced populations in camp and reception settings.
- **Under-5 Vaccination:** A total of 90 percent of children under five years old received vaccinations, significantly reducing their risk of vaccine-preventable diseases.
- **Gender-Based Violence Awareness Campaigns:** Conducted 60 awareness-raising campaigns on GBV and access to protection services, improving community knowledge and referral pathways. Around 2,700 people were reached through awareness sessions on gender-based violence (GBV)
- **Refugee Hygiene Education:** Educated 6,000 refugees on personal hygiene and sanitation practices, reducing the risk of water- and contact-related illnesses.
- **Family Latrine Construction for Refugees:** Built 50 family latrines for 50 refugee households in Dori, enhancing sanitation and dignity for 250 individuals.

- **Hygiene Kit Distribution to Refugees:** Distributed 150 hygiene kits in Dori refugee settlements, benefiting approximately 1,050 people with essential personal-care items.

Energy

- **Improved Cooking Solutions:** AIRD provided 100 energy-efficient stoves to 100 refugee households, reducing indoor air pollution and fuel consumption.
- **Solar Street Lighting:** Installed four solar-powered streetlights at Dori A School, enhancing safety and extending learning hours for students and the community.
- **LPG Cylinder Refilling Support:** Facilitated the refilling of 800 gas cylinders, ensuring reliable cooking fuel for 200 refugee households and reducing dependence on firewood.

3. Initiatives

WASH Initiative Supporting Refugees

The WASH initiative has improved sanitation and hygiene in refugee schools and communities through the installation of handwashing facilities, distribution of hygiene kits, and awareness campaigns. These efforts promote health, dignity, and resilience among displaced populations.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNICEF: ensures regular monitoring of the implementation of the activities.

State technical services (DREA and Humanitarian Action): the Regional Directorate of Water and Sanitation (DREA) plays a crucial role in the management and promotion of water resources and sanitation at the regional level.

The WASH cluster: It plays a key role in monitoring and coordinating activities related to water, sanitation, and hygiene, by enhancing collaboration among humanitarian actors.

The Municipality: It facilitated accessibility for local stakeholders (repair workers, Association des Usagers d'eaux (AUE), to manage water points.

The local communities of Djibo and Ouahigouya: Through its participation, contributed to achieving impact from the activities that were being implemented

UNHCR: Funded activities being implemented for refugees. CONAREF and Humanitarian Action (governments, local authorities, NGOs)

As part of the implementation of activities in 2024, AIRD received support from several partners to ensure the smooth running of its activities:

- The Sahel Regional Directorate for Solidarity, Humanitarian Action, National Reconciliation, Gender, and Family in providing lists of IDP beneficiary households for emergency shelter assistance for displaced persons and host communities,
- A Memorandum of Understanding signed with the DREA (Regional Directorate for the Environment) for monitoring and support in the implementation of WASH activities,
- The Regional Directorate for the Environment in supporting training and the manufacturing of ecological charcoal equipment,
- CONAREF in multisectoral assistance activities provided to refugees, in strengthening the capacity of steering committees, and in monitoring site management,
- OCHA in coordinating humanitarian actions in the Sahel region (population displacement situations, etc.)
- The partner CREDO in Identifying PBS refugee households through community services for shelter needs following referrals and in tandem for the management of the multimedia center,
- The MBDHP partner in supporting the distribution of NFIs to internally displaced households who have received emergency shelter assistance and other needs.
- UNICEF through the project to support improving access to hygiene, sanitation, and drinking water in the city of Dori
- FHRAOC through the project for access to shelter and WASH in the Sahel region

Participation in various **Shelter/Articles Ménagers Essentiels (AME), Logistics, and WASH cluster meetings** enhanced field-level coordination of humanitarian efforts, enabling AIRD to provide timely, flexible, and efficient support to Persons of Concern (PoCs).

8. Looking ahead

Enhance Security Measures: Strengthen site-specific and regional security protocols to ensure the safety of personnel, assets, and beneficiaries—thereby guaranteeing the uninterrupted delivery of critical humanitarian assistance.

Mobilize Additional Funding: Increase financial resources through strategic donor engagement and diversified funding streams to scale project interventions, deepen impact, and reach underserved populations.

Strengthen Multi-Stakeholder Coordination: Improve collaboration mechanisms among NGOs, government entities, and international partners to align efforts, avoid duplication, and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian responses.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

Warehouse Management: AIRD efficiently manages the receipt and dispatch of goods, maintains accurate inventory records, and ensures timely production of comprehensive reports. The warehouses are kept clean and regularly fumigated to uphold hygiene and safety standards. Additionally, AIRD oversees the periodic management and distribution of NFIs to refugees, supporting their reintegration into the community.

Transport Management: AIRD handled the transportation of 64,095 people and their goods (refugees and returnees), as well as the transportation of other goods from UNHCR partners intended for infrastructure construction, school supplies, and medicines for the care of refugees and returnees

Transit Center Management:

AIRD Burundi manages four transit centers (Gihanga, Gitara, Nyabitare II, and Kinazi). Its main activities are reception, accommodation, meal preparation and distribution, baggage management, and transit center maintenance.

2. Key Achievements

Some of the key achievements were;
Cleaning the transit centers after the convoy announcement.
Reception of 20,089 people and their accommodation.
Preparation and distribution of 120,534 meals in the transit centers for those received.
Unloading and loading approximately 3,332 tons of luggage upon reception and departure of returnees and their transportation.

3. Initiatives

The move to budget in U.S. dollars instead of local currency was initiated by AIRD to enhance financial efficiency. AIRD also led negotiations with a local bank, securing an exchange rate 10% above the central bank's rate. This success prompted UNHCR to involve other partners, raising the rate to 15%. This year, it has increased to 25%, with discussions on full implementation still ongoing. This initiative reflects AIRD's leadership in driving cost-effective solutions

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR: provides financial support for activities being implemented as stated in the section on thematic areas.

Burundi Government: provides administrative and legal support for AIRD's mission in Burundi.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

Warehousing: Through Storage and distribution of NFIs (Non-Food Items) AIRD supported UNHCR to target 21,251 refugees and 18,368 of host communities.

Transport Management: Safely and respectfully transporting refugees from border points to transit centers and settlement camps, while also delivering essential NFIs to various locations

Fuel Management: fueling UNCHR vehicles and those of its partners to ensure they can effectively support refugees across a range of critical activities

Biometric Registration & Voluntary Repatriation (VOLREP):Through these activities, for which AIRD was primarily responsible in ensuring timely and efficient logistics operations, a total of 36,347 refugees were transported; first identified and later repatriated to their country of origin.

Socioeconomic Support of Young Refugees: After completing six months of mechanical training provided by the private professional training center CAMI TOYOTA, 18 participants were certified and integrated into four AIRD mechanic workshops. Each recipient was equipped with appropriate tools and received hands-on guidance on how to effectively manage a professional mechanic workshop.

Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) project funded by WFP: AIRD has supported WFP in the Southwest region by providing timely, field-based data to inform decision-making and ensure accountability. The project monitors key operations—such as GFA, PULCCA, CARGILL, and WASH—through distribution tracking, post-distribution monitoring, and spot checks. It also collects data for evaluations, market price monitoring, and surveys, while supporting resilience efforts by profiling beneficiaries for transition planning.

PESOP Project: Led by GIZ and UNHCR with BMZ funding, this project supports the economic and social inclusion of IDPs and host communities in Cameroon's West Region. Implemented across five communities and 33 registration sites, it focuses on vocational training, social inclusion, socioeconomic profiling, and GBV prevention.

AIRD manages all logistics, including vehicle and generator deployment, and staff transportation. The project involves 75 enumerators, 5 field supervisors, and 3 UNHCR staff, targeting vulnerable populations through data collection, direct support, and capacity-building.

2. Key Achievements

AIRD impacted directly and indirectly lives of 155,500 refugees and host community members

Voluntary Repatriation support: We facilitated voluntary repatriation of 3,722 Central African refugees and 249 Nigerian refugees to their countries of origin.

Under the TPM Project, the following was achieved;

Food-for-Asset (FFA) resilience: AIRD ensured 138,194,454 African Financial Community Franc (FCFA) was distributed as Food for Asset (FFA) Resilience-to 3,550 households

FFA Early Recovery Assistance coverage: AIRD ensured 93.3% meaning 933 were reached with assistance of 243,513,000 FCFA under the FFA Early Recovery program

General food distribution: Provided food assistance to 28,376 beneficiaries under the General Food Distribution (GFD) Nutrition Program: AIRD achieved 100% in the nutrition program across the targeted beneficiaries.

School hot-meal provision: Served hot-meals to 4,234 children in 11 schools, improving nutrition and school attendance.

Bi-weekly market price monitoring: AIRD Conducted regular market price surveys every two weeks to inform timely assistance and program planning.

Cash-Based Transfers & Cargill Cash Assistance: Under the Cash Based Transfers /Cargill Unconditional/conditional cash beneficiaries program, AIRD ensured 19,645 beneficiaries benefited from 640,452,642 FCFA (roughly 1 million dollars) in 2024

IDP Profiling & Registration Logistics: AIRD provided essential logistical support to facilitate the successful profiling of 39,000 Internally Displaced Persons and the registration of 30,000 IDPs. This support included efficient transport, asset maintenance, and material distribution.

PESoP Economic & Social Participation for IDPs: Through the PESoP project, AIRD contributed to enhancing the economic and social participation of 69,000 IDPs across 33 sites in five communities in the West Region of Cameroon.

Carpool Project: Through the Carpool Project, 20 partner staff traveling to four refugee camps (Ngam, Borgop, Gado, Djohong) were grouped into four shared vehicles. This reduced trips to just 12, covered 4,692 km using only 1,200 liters of fuel, cut the carbon footprint by 845 kg, saved nearly \$3,000 in one month, and used only 4 out of 10 vehicles.

3. Initiatives

AIRD launched 3 key initiatives in 2024 to enhance operational efficiency:

PeSOP Project: AIRD played a crucial role in supporting a transformative initiative aimed at promoting the economic and social participation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and host communities through vocational training, income generation, and GBV prevention. By providing vital logistical support for IDP registration across five communities, AIRD ensured accurate targeting and access to services. As a result, individuals gained marketable skills, women and youth began earning incomes, and communities became more aware of GBV risks—fostering resilience, safety, and self-reliance among those affected by displacement.

Carpool Project: To optimize fleet management and enhance operational efficiency, a vehicle-sharing initiative was introduced, enabling humanitarian partners to access a common pool of vehicles. By reducing the need for individual fleets, the initiative significantly lowered operational costs, minimized environmental impact, and improved coordination among organizations. This collaborative approach not only maximized resource utilization but also ensured timely and reliable mobility solutions, ultimately strengthening the collective capacity to deliver humanitarian aid more effectively.

Service Provider for INGOs: AIRD expanded its impact by offering fleet maintenance services to key humanitarian partners including DRC, NRC, Plan International, OCHA, and Solidarité. This strategic initiative enhanced the operational efficiency of partner organizations by ensuring their vehicles remained in optimal condition, reducing downtime and repair costs. Leveraging AIRD's technical expertise and well-established infrastructure, the service not only extended the lifespan and reliability of partner fleets but also promoted sustainable, cost-effective fleet management. In doing so, AIRD strengthened long-term partnerships and contributed to more effective and timely humanitarian response efforts.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR: Funding for Logistics support (fleet, warehouse, fuel, and transport management) in refugee operations.

WFP (PAM): Supported logistics for food distribution.

AIRD provided repairs and maintenance as well as logistics resources to optimize efficiency for **NGO and INGO Partners (Solidarity, Plan, OCHA International, DRC, NRC):**

Local, regional and national government officials: Humanitarian stakeholders and donors through our active participation in humanitarian forum like CHINGO, clusters and working groups.

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Construction: Construction of shelters in Bambari and Grimari to provide housing for IDPs and host populations.

Fuel management: The distribution of fuel to UNHCR and its partners plays a vital role in supporting refugee operations, enabling transportation, powering essential services.

Transport management: AIRD handled the transportation of people and their goods (refugees and returnees), as well as the transportation of other goods from UNHCR partners intended for infrastructure construction, school supplies, and medicines for the care of refugees and returnees.

WASH: This greatly improved the well-being of refugees and host communities by reducing disease and promoting dignity within their communities.

2. Key Achievements

Enhanced Shelter & Sanitation for Vulnerable Households: A total of 1,300 households benefited from improved shelter structures and upgraded sanitary facilities, significantly raising living standards and hygiene.

Emergency Shelter & Non-Food Item (NFI) Support:

We provided emergency shelters and essential NFI kits to 475 households, ensuring immediate protection and household functionality during crises.

Critical Infrastructure Rehabilitation: Rehabilitated one strategic bridge in Ouaka, restoring transport link and improving access to essential services and supplies.

Youth Employability Skills Development: Trained 4,000 young people in market-relevant employability skills, equipping them for sustainable livelihood opportunities.

3. Initiatives

Through MINUSCA, there was funding for infrastructure and rehabilitation projects such as bridges and administrative buildings

5. Partnerships & collaborations

USAID: The Humanitarian Funds provide funding to assist IDPs with shelter kits and NFIs.

MINUSCA: The partner funds infrastructure rehabilitation projects such as bridges and administrative buildings

The Ministry of social affairs and Territorial Administration:
The partner manages the national efforts in assisting IDPs.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

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Vocational skilling: Enhance the vocational skills of young refugees and host community members to promote their economic empowerment through sustainable income-generating activities.

WASH: Ensure access to emergency safe water and strengthen food security and livelihoods for refugees, internally displaced persons, and host communities in Lac Province, Chad.

Livelihood projects: AIRD supports agricultural development and food security by facilitating access to essential inputs such as seeds, tools, and materials for farming and home gardens. We provide technical guidance on sustainable land improvement, including the use of organic fertilizers and integrated cultivation techniques.

Infrastructure: To strengthen the resilience of refugees and host communities in response to humanitarian shelter and infrastructure needs, while also promoting environmental sustainability, for example, through the installation of Rub Halls.

2. Key Achievements

Expanded Community Water Access: 1,400 households were given access to water in the community of Bol. Also, there was a significant reduction in water collection time for these households in the target localities of the community of Bol.

Rehabilitation of 12 Water Points & 4 Mini-Castles: Restoration of several water points, which has increased the coverage of water needs in the targeted areas. 12 water points and 4 mini castles were rehabilitated. The construction of these water points has made it possible to reach 15,200 people in areas where AIRD has WASH projects by providing them with drinking water.

Strengthened water point management: The rehabilitation of the new water points has reduced pressure on existing water points. This has improved access to drinking water for the population. Also, members of the water point management committees (145 people from 29 committees), have been trained to ensure the proper management of the rehabilitated water points.

Hygiene promotion training: A total of 80 refugees were trained to promote good hygiene practices. These refugees are responsible for conducting awareness sessions to improve hygiene and sanitation in the refugee camps. Overall, it can therefore be noted that of the 29 boreholes built/rehabilitated, 25 are for domestic use. It is estimated that between 4,750 to 6,900 people (refugees & host community members) have been made aware of good hygiene practices and the preservation of infrastructure.

3. Initiatives

Optimization of fuel management via the ERP system: AIRD has implemented an integrated digital system (Fuel Management System/ERP) allowing for better supply planning, full traceability of flows and rigorous control of losses, which have been reduced to only 0.28%. This approach has increased transparency, improved access to fuel and allowed for better responsiveness to unforeseen logistical events.

Enhanced Humanitarian Transport Services: Strengthening humanitarian transport for relocations through the combination of an optimized fleet, local truck rental and efficient coordination, AIRD has enabled the transportation of more than 92,402 people, 21,105 tons of goods and 1,140 animals, with a controlled average cost of \$60/person, integrating all logistics services. This initiative has demonstrated excellent operational efficiency while supporting the local economy through the involvement of national carriers.

Sustainable Stormwater Management: In the arid areas of the Sahel, where water is a scarce and precious resource, AIRD has promoted the construction of spreading weirs to improve rainwater management. These structures allow for better water infiltration, reduce destructive runoff, and contribute to groundwater recharge. This approach makes it possible to secure agricultural activities, even in the event of low rainfall, and represents a key lever for strengthening the climate and water resilience of the targeted territories.

Distribution and Popularization of Improved Cookstoves: AIRD distributed and popularized the use of improved 992 cookstoves among households. The objective is twofold: to reduce deforestation by limiting the consumption of firewood, and to improve the living conditions of families. These fireplaces allow for faster, cleaner and safer cooking, reducing exposure to toxic smoke, especially for women and children. The added value of this action is measured both

in terms of environmental benefits (protection of forests) and social gains (health, time saved, energy security). The total number of refugees who benefited from training in the manufacture of improved stoves was 46. However, 496 refugee households benefited.

Land Restoration and Livelihood Support in Guéréda, Chad:

To strengthen the socio-economic fabric in Guéréda, Chad, AIRD, in partnership with WFP, developed 65 hectares of arable land using stone barriers to restore degraded soil and support agricultural activities for both refugee and host communities during the rainy season. Additionally, two spreading weirs were rehabilitated to slow water flow and improve soil infiltration, enhancing agricultural productivity. As part of the project's environmental and livelihood support, 93 women (47 from the host community and 46 refugees) were trained in the production of improved stoves, resulting in the creation of 992 stoves for 992 households—an effort that reduces firewood consumption and promotes environmental sustainability.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR: It is the central partner and main funder of AIRD's emergency logistics. It financed and supervised logistics activities, including fuel management, vehicle and equipment maintenance, and the storage of humanitarian goods.

Local governments and CNARR (National Commission for the Reception and Reintegration of Refugees and Returnees): facilitating AIRD's logistics operations in line with national refugee and returnee reception policies.

NGOs and other humanitarian actors (including OCHA, WFP, Hilton Foundation): These partners provided complementary support in the implementation of logistics and humanitarian activities. Local Transporters: Local transporters played a key role in transport logistics, contributing to the relocation of refugees and the transport of humanitarian goods.

Host and Beneficiary Communities Main Role: Host communities and beneficiaries were actively involved in feedback mechanisms and benefited from the logistics services provided by AIRD.

Communities and beneficiaries: Key stakeholders in the sustainability of the project and in the management of feedback.

7. Looking ahead

To strengthen operational efficiency and better serve communities in need, the country office is taking proactive steps to enhance its logistics and infrastructure:

Enhanced Warehouse Security: Wire mesh fencing is being increased across all warehouses to ensure greater protection of NFIs, safeguarding valuable inventory and reducing the risk of theft or damage.

Infrastructure Development: New warehousing facilities are being constructed to boost storage capacity and streamline inventory management, enabling more efficient response and distribution.

Geographical Expansion: The office is expanding its operational footprint to reach underserved areas, ensuring that essential services are accessible to more communities in need.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

Transport Management: AIRD facilitated transport for the repatriation of 12,897 refugees to their countries of origin and relocated 3,348 refugees living in camps and transit centers in South Kivu and Ituri.

Warehouse management: AIRD efficiently manages the receipt and dispatch of goods, maintains accurate inventory records, and ensures timely production of comprehensive reports. The warehouses are kept clean and regularly fumigated to uphold hygiene and safety standards. Additionally, AIRD oversees the periodic management and distribution of NFIs to refugees, supporting their reintegration into the community.

Fuel Management: The distribution of fuel to UNHCR and its partners plays a vital role in supporting refugee operations, enabling transportation, powering essential services and ensuring the continuity of humanitarian activities in the field.

Infrastructure: Installation of solar energy systems at five sites and three health centers (Biringi Health Center, Bele Health Center, and Aba Health Center)

WASH: It improved housing conditions for 150 households of 35,750 people (internally displaced people, returnees and host families), in accessing water, and the promotion of hygiene and sanitation. This was in the two provinces of North Kivu and Ituri.

Shelter: AIRD constructed 1,000 transitional shelters and 1,000 latrines were built for 1,000 households, or 5,000 people, including internally displaced persons, returnees, and host families in Ituri province.

2. Key Achievements

In a continued effort to restore dignity, ensure safety, and improve living conditions for displaced populations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, AIRD has implemented wide-reaching interventions across the provinces of Ituri, North Kivu and Nyunzu. These initiatives have directly impacted thousands of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities.

Lighting the Way to Safety and Inclusion

Solar Streetlight Installation: 30 solar streetlights were installed in public areas across Biringi, Bele, and Meri in Ituri province, significantly improving nighttime safety and mobility for local communities.

Distribution of Solar Lamps to Persons with Special Needs: 600 individual solar lamps were distributed to persons with special needs, providing clean, reliable lighting and supporting their independence, safety, and dignity.

Access to Safe Water and Improved Hygiene

Household Access to Clean Water and Hygiene: 7,150 households—including internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and host families—gained access to clean water and improved hygiene and sanitation practices, reducing the risk of waterborne diseases and enhancing daily living conditions.

Establishment of Water Points: 13 water points were established, ensuring continuous access to safe drinking water in previously underserved communities. These benefited 2,000 households (internally displaced persons, returnees, and host families), or 10,000 people living in the Nyankunde and Komanda sites in Ituri province.

Shelter for Protection and Dignity

Construction of Emergency and Transitional Shelters:

A total of 6,150 households—representing over 27,750 vulnerable individuals—have found safety and dignity through improved shelter support in conflict-affected areas of the DRC. In North Kivu province, 5,150 families (approximately 25,750 people) residing in the Lushagala and Rusayo sites have been accommodated in 5,842 emergency shelters of varying sizes, tailored to household needs.

Meanwhile, in Ituri province, 1,000 households (about 2,000 people) in the Nyankunde, Komanda, and Gety sites have benefitted from 761 transitional shelters, with 1,000 units planned to ensure adequate housing for each family. This shelter intervention has significantly enhanced protection, privacy, and living conditions for displaced populations across both provinces.

Capacity Building in Shelter Construction: 126 refugees were trained in shelter construction, equipping them with practical skills to enhance self-reliance, support community reconstruction, and foster long-term resilience.

Sanitation Infrastructure for Healthier Communities

Construction of Emergency and Transitional Latrines: 472 emergency latrine blocks and 504 transitional latrines were constructed to improve sanitation conditions and reduce the risk of disease outbreaks in displacement-affected communities.

Improved Access to Basic Sanitation Services: 63,479 people now have access to at least basic sanitation services, contributing to enhanced public health, dignity, and overall community well-being.

Land Rights and Legal Security

Distribution of Land Titles: 491 land titles were distributed, granting families legal ownership of their property and providing a vital foundation of security for rebuilding sustainable, long-term futures.

Support Through Essential Items and Hygiene Kits

Provision of NFIs and WASH Kits: 996 households received NFIs and WASH kits, addressing urgent needs related to hygiene, cooking, and basic shelter support.

Promoting Hygiene Awareness and Menstrual Health

Hygiene Promotion Awareness: 30,272 individuals participated in hygiene promotion sessions, contributing to the adoption of healthier daily hygiene practices and improved community well-being.

Support for Menstrual Health and Hygiene: 15,505 women and girls in Nyunzu received menstrual health and hygiene services, enabling them to manage their health with dignity, safety, and confidence.

Menstrual Hygiene Management in Schools: 12 schools in Nyunzu were trained in menstrual hygiene management, fostering safer, more inclusive, and supportive learning environments for adolescent girls.

Community-Led Sanitation Achievements

Achievement of FDAL Status: 312 villages achieved Fin de la Défécation à l'Air Libre (FDAL) status through effective sanitation triggering, marking a significant milestone in the elimination of open defecation.

Strengthening Community Engagement: 312 communities were actively engaged through Community Action Committees (CACs), promoting local ownership, behavioral change, and sustainability of sanitation improvements.

3. Initiatives

One of the great initiatives of DRC was offering land titles and legal security to families for legal ownership of their property

5. Partnerships & collaborations

USAID (2024 Project – WASH and Shelter): Through generous funding from USAID, vital Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and shelter interventions have been implemented across refugee-hosting areas. This support ensures access to clean water, improved sanitation, and safe, dignified living spaces for displaced communities. As a result, thousands of refugees now enjoy healthier living conditions, reduced disease outbreaks, and enhanced protection and dignity.

UNHCR – Logistics and Transport: Investment in logistics and transport is the backbone of humanitarian response operations. By funding vehicle fleets, fuel supplies, and critical transport infrastructure, UNHCR enables the timely delivery of life-saving aid to refugees in remote and hard-to-reach locations. Their support ensures humanitarian workers can reach vulnerable populations quickly and efficiently, particularly during emergencies.

UNICEF – WASH and Shelter: Commitment to WASH and shelter has been instrumental in safeguarding the well-being of refugee children and families. By improving access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and safe housing, UNICEF has helped reduce health risks, especially among children, and provided stability to families forced to flee. Their support directly contributes to safer, healthier, and more resilient communities.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

WASH: Through water scheme rehabilitations, construction /maintenance of institutional and communal latrines, installation of handwashing stations, and hygiene promotion for communities.

Third party monitoring: Implementation for WFP providing programme-based monitoring for Relief and Nutrition activities of 6 zones, 17 Woredas (Districts), and 243 food distribution and nutrition program sites, in Somali Region

2. Key Achievements

Capacity Building of Community Hygiene Promoters: Training of 10 Community Hygiene Promoters (CHP) on Sanitation Infrastructure Management, Hygiene and Disinfection.

Community Outreach: A total of 30 focus group discussions and 1000 home visits were conducted. These efforts collectively reached and benefitted 8,102 individuals (against 5,000 project target), consisting of 2,428 males and 5,674 females by enhancing their knowledge on good hygiene practices such as handwashing practice, personal hygiene, latrine utilization and safe water handling.

Sanitation Infrastructure: Placenta pits/ waste pits were constructed and served 7000 IDPs and returnees in the targeted three health facilities at Yallo woreda.

Health Facility Water Supply Connectivity: Three healthcare facilities (Dibina Health Center, Nafto Heath Post and Dibina Health Center) were connected to the nearest functional water system which serves 1,500 IDPs and returnees in the target areas.

Recognition by Afar Regional Bureau of Water & Energy: AIRD received a certificate from Afar Regional State Bureau of Water and Energy, in recognition of its critical role in Advancing and enhancing the well-being of the local community through its WASH intervention.

3. Initiatives

Membership in Humanitarian Coordination Clusters: AIRD joined the membership of both the Shelter/NFI Cluster and the WASH Cluster at national and regional levels, strengthening coordination and joint response efforts.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

WFP
INGOs such as MTI
Coordination forums such as HINGO
Clusters (WASH, Shelter/NFI)
Regional Government Bureaus in Afar and Somali regions as well as the National Government.

7. Looking ahead

Program Expansion and Diversification:

AIRD is strategically expanding and diversifying its program sectors—including WASH, Shelter and Non-Food Items, Livelihoods, and Third-Party Monitoring—while broadening its geographical footprint to reach more vulnerable and underserved communities.

Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships:

AIRD is deepening collaborations with international and national NGOs (INGOs and NNGOs), governments, community structures, and coordination forums to drive innovation, improve coordination, and foster sustainable, forward-looking humanitarian and development solutions.

Consortium Engagement:

AIRD is finalizing its membership with the Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA), a key umbrella organization contributing to poverty alleviation and socio-economic empowerment in Ethiopia, further reinforcing AIRD's commitment to impactful, locally rooted partnerships.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

Workshop Management: AIRD's workshops play a critical role in sustaining humanitarian operations by repairing and maintaining vehicles, motorbikes, generators, and other essential machinery for UNHCR and its partners. By ensuring that vital equipment remains operational, AIRD's skilled workshop teams help guarantee the uninterrupted delivery of refugee services, even in the most challenging environments.

Warehouse Management: AIRD efficiently manages the receipt and dispatch of goods, maintains accurate inventory records, and ensures timely production of comprehensive reports. The warehouses are kept clean and regularly fumigated to uphold hygiene and safety standards. Additionally, AIRD oversees the periodic management and distribution of NFIs to refugees, supporting their reintegration into the community.

Transport Management: AIRD handled the transportation of people and their goods (refugees and returnees), as well as the transportation of other goods from UNHCR partners intended for infrastructure construction, school supplies, and medicines for the care of refugees and returnees.

Fuel Management: The distribution of fuel to UNHCR and its partners plays a vital role in supporting refugee operations, enabling transportation, powering essential services and ensuring the continuity of humanitarian activities in the field.

2. Key Achievements

Installation of Fuel Station at Niamey Logistics Base: In response to recurring fuel shortages following the political events of July 2023, AIRD successfully installed a fuel station at the Niamey Logistics Base. This critical achievement, requested by UNHCR, ensures operational continuity by maintaining a permanent emergency stockpile and securing the continuous supply of essential equipment, including generators for offices and expatriate residences. The fuel station plays a vital role in sustaining humanitarian operations amid frequent power outages and ongoing political instability.

Support to Biometric Refugee Registration Operations: AIRD successfully provided strategic logistical support for biometric refugee registration operations across Tahoua, Maradi, Diffa, and Tillabéri regions. This included the establishment of 14 operational centers in key locations such as Tchintabaraden, Tillia, Tahoua-Centre, Koumassa, Tapkin Godia, Gabi, Doufoun Bara, Dan Issa, Faro, Madarounfa, Bassira, Dan Ka O, Ouallam, and Abala, ensuring the smooth and efficient registration of refugees.

Durable Shelter Construction: 100 durable shelters were

constructed and installed for refugees in the Diffa region, enhancing safety, privacy, and living conditions for vulnerable families.

Fuel Distribution and Monitoring: AIRD managed the distribution and monitoring of fuel for vehicles, generators, and equipment, enabling partners to implement protection activities for 421,809 refugees and affected populations across multiple sectors.

Support to Displaced Persons: 88,712 displaced persons received assistance to settle within host communities, contributing to improved stability, protection, and integration at the community level.

Construction of On-Site Training Room at Niamey Logistics Base: A new training facility was built at the Niamey Logistics Base to enhance staff capacity-building and operational autonomy. This cost-saving measure eliminates the need for external venues, allowing spontaneous and planned sessions to be held in-house and enabling internal hosting of strategic meetings previously conducted in hotels.

3. Initiatives

Open House at the Tahoua Office: In a bid to strengthen collaboration and foster strategic partnerships, AIRD organized an Open House at its Tahoua office, bringing together partners and government technical staff, including representatives from UNHCR, IOM, WHO, UN Women, UNICEF, WFP, UNFPA, UNOCHA, FAO, local NGOs, and development stakeholders.

The event served as an important platform to present the range of services offered by AIRD, reinforce its vital role in community development, and explore opportunities for deeper cooperation. By facilitating open dialogue and knowledge sharing, AIRD reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing humanitarian action and supporting sustainable growth in the country.

Driver Training Session at the Agadez Office: Recognizing the crucial role of safe and efficient transport in humanitarian operations, AIRD organized comprehensive refresher training for heavy and light vehicle drivers from AIRD, UNHCR, and partners (ADES, COOPI, and ADKOUL).

This innovative training focused on boosting operational efficiency, driver safety, and environmental responsibility through modules on:

Vehicle Handling and Basic Maintenance: Ensuring drivers are equipped to perform preventive checks and manage services (A, B, C, etc.), contributing to greater vehicle longevity and reliability.

Safe, Defensive, and Eco-Friendly Driving Techniques:

Emphasizing road safety practices, defensive driving in high-risk areas, and fuel-efficient, low-carbon driving habits.

Incident Management and Emergency Response: Preparing drivers for effective response to accidents and mechanical failures, especially in challenging terrain such as unpaved roads, sandy tracks, floodplains, and IED-prone areas.

Twelve (12) drivers participated, gaining practical skills that directly enhance the safety of personnel and goods during missions, reduce operating costs, and minimize environmental impact. These organisations included;

1. HCR – Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés
2. ADES – Association pour le Développement Économique et Social
3. COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale
4. CIAUD CANADA – Centre International d'Appui au Développement Durable (Canada)
5. RET GERMANY – Relief, Education and Training Germany
6. AIRD – African Initiative for Relief and Development
7. ADKOUL – Association pour le Développement de Kouré et de ses Localités
8. DREC – Direction Régionale de l'État Civil

This initiative demonstrates AIRD's proactive approach to capacity building, risk reduction, and environmental stewardship. Through continuous improvement and innovation, AIRD ensures that its teams are better prepared to meet the complex challenges of humanitarian work.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR Niger: It remains our main donor for the implementation of the logistical support project for operations to protect people in situations of forced displacement in Niger.

5. Looking ahead

Diversification of Funding Sources: AIRD aims to diversify its funding by engaging with new donors and exploring new activities, with a particular focus on expanding support for WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) and Shelter programs. This will strengthen AIRD's ability to respond to emerging needs and ensure the sustainability of its humanitarian efforts.

1. Thematic Focus Areas

Shelter Construction and Rehabilitation: AIRD provides shelter support to refugees and asylum seekers through the construction and reconstruction of essential infrastructure. This includes the maintenance of critical facilities such as airstrips and roads, the construction of dykes as flood mitigation measures, and the building of communal shelters and emergency family shelters. Additionally, AIRD supports the construction and renovation of key facilities, including government offices and hospital infrastructure, with a particular focus on patient wards.

2. Key Achievements

Shelter and Infrastructure Development:

Permanent Communal Shelters at Doro Reception Centre: 2 permanent communal shelters were constructed at Doro Communal Shelters at Doro and Gendrassa Reception Centres: 2 semi-permanent communal shelters were built at Doro Reception Centre, and 2 at Gendrassa RC, offering protection and comfort to newly arrived refugees.

Communal Shelters at the Protection Unit in Renk: 22 communal shelters were constructed at the Protection Unit in Renk, supporting the emergency protection needs of refugees in the area.

Semi-Permanent Shelters in Maban Camps: 8 semi-permanent communal shelters were constructed across Maban's camps, improving living conditions for refugees.

Renovation of Temporary Shelters at Doro and Gendrassa RCs: 11 temporary communal shelters at Doro and Gendrassa RCs were renovated, enhancing existing facilities for ongoing refugee reception.

Emergency Accommodation Shelters at Gendrassa and Kaya: 7 temporary communal shelters were constructed at Gendrassa RC, and 1 at Kaya Block B, providing emergency accommodation for vulnerable individuals.

Renovation of Transitional Shelters: 23 transitional shelters were renovated, preserving the quality and sustainability of living spaces for families in transition.

Emergency Family Shelters Construction: 2,785 emergency family shelters were constructed, benefiting an estimated 13,925 refugees (based on an average household size of five), ensuring dignified and secure living conditions for displaced families.

Benefit of Communal Shelters: Hundreds of additional refugees benefited from the communal shelters constructed at reception centers, providing essential protection and accommodation during their initial stages of displacement.

Educational Infrastructure Support:

Renovation of Classroom Blocks at Khedir Primary School: 2 classroom blocks were renovated at Khedir Primary School, enhancing the learning environment for both refugee and host community children.

Construction of New Classroom Block at Ashaed Afende Primary School: One new classroom block was constructed at Ashaed Afende Primary School, expanding access to education for a growing student population.

Temporary Learning Space (TLS) Construction: A Temporary Learning Space (TLS) was constructed, providing an interim solution to meet the educational needs of children while permanent infrastructure is developed.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Improvements:

Permanent VIP Latrines at Reception Centers: 10-stance permanent VIP latrines were constructed at Doro and Gendrassa Reception Centers, improving sanitation and hygiene for incoming refugees.

VIP Latrines at UNHCR Field Offices: 4-stance VIP latrines were built at UNHCR field offices in Doro and Gendrassa, enhancing hygiene facilities for staff and refugees.

Semi-Permanent VIP Latrines in Schools: 5 semi-permanent VIP latrines were constructed in schools across Kaya, Batil, and Doro camps, promoting health and sanitation for students.

VIP Latrine at CRA Compound: A 2-stance VIP latrine was constructed at the CRA compound, supporting hygiene standards at institutional facilities.

Water Bowser Delivery to Reception Centers: Water bowzers delivered 2,489,000 liters of clean drinking water to Joda Reception Centre and Transit Centre 2 (TC2), ensuring safe water access for thousands of newly arrived refugees.

Community Facilities and Security Enhancements:

Office Blocks Renovated in Maban Camps: 8 office blocks were renovated across the four camps in Maban, improving working conditions for service delivery teams.

Renovation of Communal Kitchens in Maban Camps: 24 communal kitchens were renovated across Maban, enhancing food preparation facilities for refugee families.

Construction of Dining and Meeting Hall at CRA

Compound: A dining and meeting hall was constructed at the CRA compound, providing a central space for community gatherings, coordination, and support activities.

Semi-Permanent Security Guard Shelters: 2 semi-permanent security guard shelters were built at Gendrassa RC and CRA compound, reinforcing safety and security for the premises.

Office Block Renovated at CRA Compound: An office block was renovated at the CRA compound, improving administrative capacity for better service delivery.

Roads, Flood Mitigation, and Airstrip Maintenance:

Roads and Airstrip Rehabilitation: 62,651 meters of roads and airstrip were rehabilitated and maintained, enhancing mobility, access to services, and emergency response capacity.

Construction of Dykes: 8,106.2 meters of dykes were constructed, mitigating flood risks and protecting refugee settlements and host communities.

Road Rehabilitation to Renk Hospital: 2.4 kilometers of road from the tarmac road to Renk Hospital were rehabilitated, improving access to critical health services.

Internal Roads and Bush Clearing at Renk Hospital: 290 meters of internal hospital roads were rehabilitated, and 22,810 m² of bush clearing and gravelling were completed, enhancing the hospital's functionality.

Renovation of Renk Hospital Laboratory and TB Ward: The laboratory room and TB ward at Renk Hospital were renovated, improving healthcare service delivery for refugees and host communities.

Energy Access:

Solar Lights Installed at Communal Shelters: Solar lights were installed at 33 communal shelters, improving night-time security and reducing reliance on harmful energy sources.

Other Key Improvements:

Gravelling of Parking Area at Transit Centre: A 6,250 m² parking area was graveled at the Transit Centre, improving site organization and access for service providers and refugees.

3. Initiatives

Strategic Infrastructure Support and Maintenance:

Stockpiling of Construction Materials for Maintenance:

To ensure the continued safe landing and takeoff of aircraft in Maban, as well as to improve access to refugee camps and host communities in and around Bunj town, AIRD strategically stockpiled essential construction materials such as marram and gravel. These materials, initially used during the rehabilitation of the airstrip and critical road sections, were preserved to support ongoing maintenance needs and rapid response to future infrastructure challenges.

Forward-Thinking Equipment Rental Proposal:

Recognizing the frequent breakdowns and limited repair capacity of UNHCR-owned heavy machinery, AIRD proposed the rental of a motor grader and other essential equipment. With UNHCR's approval, AIRD deployed these resources, enabling the successful completion of both minor and major rehabilitation works on the airstrip and road networks. This initiative ensured the continued safe use of the airstrip by UNHAS, IOM, and commercial airlines, maintaining a critical lifeline for humanitarian aid delivery and mobility in the region.

South Sudan

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR
WFP
NGO Forum
INGOs such as Tearfund, and national and local NGOs
UNMISS
South Sudan Commissioner for Refugee Affairs (CRA)
South Sudan Revenue Authority
South Sudan Ministry of Interior and Immigration Services,
Upper Nile State and County Authorities
Local and Refugee Camp Leaderships

7. Looking ahead

Program Expansion & Diversification: Broaden and deepen our interventions - across WASH, Shelter & Non-Food Items, Livelihoods, and beyond - while extending our geographic footprint and increasing the number of beneficiaries served.

Institutional Fundraising & Donor Diversification: Secure and grow multi-year institutional funding by engaging new donors and achieving our annual fundraising targets.

Enhanced Visibility & Strategic Partnerships: Elevate AIRD's profile in South Sudan by strengthening relationships with government bodies, INGOs/NNGOs, donors, and the wider public to catalyze collaboration and impact.

High-Performing, Unified Country Team: Cultivate a cohesive, goal-driven program team, aligned around a shared vision to deliver excellence in humanitarian and development programming.

1. Thematic areas

Workshop Management: Repairs and maintains all vehicles, generators and specialized equipment. These include Light Vehicles, Trucks, Buses, Cranes, and generators that support refugees and asylum seekers.

Repatriation: Transports refugees that are repatriating back to their countries of origin, in a safe and dignified manner.

Fuel Management: Bulk storage and dispensing of fuel to vehicles and equipment that support refugees and asylum seekers in Tanzania.

Warehouse Management: Bulk storage and management of core relief items that are distributed to refugees. These include items like blankets, tents, clothes, utensils, soap, sanitary items and medicines.

Fleet Management: Managing a fleet of light vehicles, trucks and buses to ensure movement of refugees to various locations as needed and the staff supporting the operations including bulk transportation of goods needed by refugees such as firewood, water, food, etc.

2. Key Achievements

Refugee Repatriation: Successfully transported 13,852 refugees back to their countries, ensuring safe, dignified returns and reinforcing our commitment to durable solutions.

Critical Supply Management: Safely stored non-food items and essential medicines—crucial for treating refugees and supporting hospitals serving both refugee and host communities, ensuring that vital supplies remain effective, accessible, and ready when lives depend on them.

Access to Vocational Training: Facilitated the safe and reliable transportation of 12,206 community members to vocational training centers, enabling access to life-changing skills that enhance employment opportunities and foster long-term self-reliance.

Safe Drinking Water for Students: Provided clean and safe drinking water to 12,206 students at the vocational institute, improving health, well-being, and their ability to concentrate on education.

3. Initiatives

SMART Fleet Pilot Project: The SMART Fleet pilot project has proven to be a successful innovation in humanitarian logistics. Implemented in Kibondo District, it introduces a centralized carpooling system for all UNHCR partner fleets—reducing fuel use, cutting maintenance costs, and improving coordination. Powered by advanced fleet management software, the system enables real-time tracking and performance analysis, ensuring timely delivery of services to refugees in Nduta Camp.

Led by AIRD in partnership with UNHCR, IRC, DRC, and NRC, the initiative benefits both refugees and operational staff—enhancing access to essential services and improving working conditions for drivers through better training and safety measures.

Following its success, the SMART Fleet model is set to expand to Kasulu District in October, supporting more efficient, sustainable humanitarian logistics across remote areas.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR: AIRD's key partner that supports the programme

Ministry of Home Affairs: Government ministry responsible for refugees and asylum seekers

NGO Board of Tanzania: oversees the operations of NGOs in Tanzania

1. Thematic areas

Warehouse Management: Continued to manage the 3 Core Relief Items' warehousing facilities to ensure that stored goods in the warehouses are properly managed to the maximum standards and in accordance with UNHCR regulations and procedures.

Workshop and Fleet Maintenance: AIRD carried out the maintenance (preventive and curative) and monitoring of the project's vehicles and heavy vehicle fleet, as well as the generator fleet, to ensure that all are in operational state.

Fuel Management: AIRD effectively continued to monitor and manage the fuel using the ERP and daily controls. We continued to strive for minimal fuel loss or theft. Fuel stocks have been effectively and perfectly monitored, and refueling is well planned.

Transport Services: Transportation of the people we serve, core relief items and NFIs, and other operational supplies has been effectively ensured by a fleet of fully functioning vehicles. Additionally, AIRD with UNHR authorization hired commercial buses to support refugees and asylum seekers' transportation from the borders to refugee settlements.

Livelihoods

Support to the Lodrenga Youth Association: AIRD has trained 36 young people from Lodrenga in Yumbe District, Northern Uganda, in modern beekeeping practices and provided them with the necessary equipment to get started. Additionally, AIRD has connected their association with potential buyers to help them access markets for their honey.

Support for the Rhino Camp High School: To promote healthy eating and hands-on agricultural education, AIRD provided Rhino Camp High School with vegetable seeds and essential agricultural tools. This initiative aims to support the creation of a sustainable school garden, where students can learn practical skills in growing vegetables while also benefiting from improved nutrition. The school, which has an enrollment of 1,457 students, will use the garden as a learning platform to enhance their knowledge in agriculture and sustainability practices.

Sponsorship: AIRD is currently sponsoring the education of 22 students at the secondary and university levels. This sponsorship program is dedicated to supporting disadvantaged refugee girls and boys who have shown strong academic potential but are at risk of dropping out due to financial hardship. By providing access to quality education, the initiative empowers these young individuals with the knowledge and skills needed for future employment and self-reliance. In the long term, the program aims to equip beneficiaries to rebuild their lives, contribute meaningfully to their communities, and support the development of both their host and home countries.

Malaika Project: Providing Hope and Support: The Malaika Project has been a vital source of psychosocial support for cancer survivor patients and their families, especially during the challenging period of the COVID-19 lockdown. With sustained annual funding from AIRD, the initiative continues to uplift and empower vulnerable communities.

In 2024, in partnership with UWOCASO, the project trained 10 cancer survivors to serve as peer supporters. These trained survivors now conduct eight monthly visits to provide emotional and practical support to patients. The project also helped launch income-generating activities for nine families, promoting economic resilience.

To ensure the well-being of the support team itself, team-building activities were organized to strengthen counselors' mental health, encourage reflection, and foster continuous personal and professional growth.

Thanks to the strong collaboration between UWOCASO and AIRD, the Malaika Project remains a beacon of hope—empowering survivors, integrating them into supportive networks, and advancing emotional healing and economic empowerment for those most in need.

2. Key Achievements

Warehouse Relocation: AIRD Successfully transferred key medical and NFI/CRI stock to Kiryandongo, improving logistical efficiency. The transfer of the NFI/CRI and Medical Warehouses from Kampala to Kiryandongo significantly enhanced logistical efficiency. AIRD managed the transportation of all items, ensuring smooth and timely relocation. In addition to the physical transfer, AIRD was responsible for setting up office space, partitioning the warehouse for optimal storage, and implementing robust security measures. This relocation improved accessibility to critical supplies, streamlined distribution processes, and strengthened supply chain management, ultimately enhancing service delivery for beneficiaries in the region.

Gender and Diversity Considerations: The management of warehouses incorporated gender-sensitive practices, ensuring that women and individuals with disabilities had equal opportunities for employment and access to warehouse operations.

Sustainability Measures: Regular maintenance of warehouses, including rehabilitation efforts in Nakivale, supported long-term sustainability by ensuring optimal storage conditions for relief materials. The installation of tire cages and improvement of storage solutions for spare parts contribute to long-term safety and operational efficiency, enhancing the sustainability of vehicle maintenance processes.

The use of mobile fuel tanks for distribution reduced risks associated with fuel transport and enhanced operational flexibility and accountability.

Transport Services: AIRD facilitated the movement of 176,565 Persons of Concern (POCs) and delivered 24,736,800 liters of clean water. Additionally, we efficiently managed the transportation of critical relief items.

Sponsorship Achievements - 2024: In 2024, all 22 sponsored students successfully completed their academic year, with many attaining outstanding academic results - a powerful reflection of their dedication and resilience. This success was made possible through the generous support of AIRD, which sponsored 13 students, and The Worldwide Women's Forum (WWWF), which supported 9 vulnerable learners. Together, these contributions are helping secure a brighter future for the next generation.

Malaika Project Achievements: By the end of the reporting period, the Malaika Project had made 80 home visits across Kampala and Wakiso. Ten survivors joined UWOCASO as empowered victors, embracing their healing journey. Additionally, 13 patients received critical assistance from the contingency fund to complete their treatment, while 7 individuals were supported to launch income-generating activities - fostering hope, independence, and resilience.

3. Initiatives

Pharmacy and Medical Supply Chain Management: To ensure uninterrupted access to essential medicine, a new software system has been introduced to streamline supply chain logistics. This system enhances inventory tracking, reduces stockouts, and improves efficiency in delivering medical supplies to refugee communities and health centers. By strengthening this process, we are ensuring that patients receive timely treatment, healthcare providers can better manage resources, and medical facilities operate more effectively.

Mini Workshop in Kampala: Recognizing the need for improved service delivery, an additional maintenance facility has been established in Kampala after the transfer of our main transit warehouse to Kiryandongo. This workshop is equipped to handle repairs and maintenance of key infrastructure, vehicles, and equipment used in humanitarian operations. By reducing downtime and enhancing operational efficiency, this initiative ensures that aid services remain uninterrupted and responsive to the needs of both refugees and host communities.

Community Feedback Mechanisms: To improve transparency and accountability, community engagement sessions and suggestion boxes have been set up, allowing refugees to share their concerns and experiences. These mechanisms provide valuable feedback on service delivery and highlight areas for improvement. With 83% of refugees reporting satisfaction, these efforts are strengthening trust, ensuring that services are more tailored to community needs, and fostering a culture of open communication.

Ensuring Reliable Fuel Supply for Critical Services: AIRD's introduction of prefabricated fuel bowzers has transformed fuel supply for field generators in hospitals and water pumps, ensuring uninterrupted power and clean water access in refugee settlements. These mobile fuel storage units enhance efficiency by reducing delays and fuel shortages, allowing critical services to operate without disruption. Hospitals now maintain life-saving equipment, while water pumps provide safe drinking water to thousands. The initiative has not only improved service-delivery but also enhanced operational cost-effectiveness. By strengthening fuel logistics, AIRD continues to support essential infrastructure, improving the well-being of both refugees and host communities.

5. Partnerships & collaborations

UNHCR: Provided funding and strategic support for logistics and supply chain activities.

Local Governments: OPM office has facilitated policy alignment and coordinated refugee support services.

Refugee Implementing and Operating partners: Assisted in service delivery, training, and community engagement programs.

7. Looking ahead

Expansion of Warehouse and Fleet Management: Plans to enhance storage capacity and introduce automated inventory tracking.

Sustainable Energy Integration: Explore solar-powered logistics to reduce operational costs and environmental impact.

Strengthening Community Engagement: Expand consultation processes to further improve service delivery.

Increased Capacity Building: Focus on workforce training in fleet management, warehousing, and sustainable operations.



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