

## JP report

### National Council SO Humanitarian Report (May-June 2010)

The 13th May 2010: UNANZ Auckland Branch members have requested UNHCR Canberra the updates of Afghans and Sri Lanka asylum seekers that were detained in Christmas Island in Australia.

While Australia is the signatory of 1951 Refugee Convention, The Article 3 of the Convention specifically requires parties to apply its provisions "without discrimination as to race, religion or country of origin.

Likewise, Afghanistan still a war zone while and the Tamils in Sri Lanka still face significant discrimination and repression. We have not received the response and our information Officer "Audrey" has been requested by our Northern office members to send a follow-up letter.

17th May: UNANZ, Auckland Branch had made the submission to UNHCR Tanzania in request of Burundian community in NZ members with the regards of the hardship that their relatives in Tanzania refugee camp. So far the support letter was confirmed by UNANZ Auckland branches.

We have got the positive acknowledgement and we got some of e-mail from a refugee in Tanzania confirming that UNHCR Kenya has contacted those refugees based on individual cases.

19th May: The Northern Branch wanted to know how the World Refugee Day will be celebrated in New Zealand especially in Auckland.

The refugee services Aotearoa (NGOs) in charge of this event in connection with UNHCR have informed us that they will be in touch with UNANZ to provide with all relevant information and programmes of that Day.

For more information how /where the celebration will take place, please contact Refugee Services Aotearoa on the following contact:

<http://www.refugeeservices.org.nz> ,Phone and physical contact are well mentioned on their website

This includes: Wellington, Auckland, Hamilton, and Palmerstone North....

It is advised to contact UNHCR via its website to order (for free) the resource

21st May the New Zealand Government has released the budget document of the New Zealand foreign aid. As mentioned, there an increase of 25 millions comparing the previous year.

The budget is 525 millions NZ dollars to the year ending 30 June 2011.

The Pacific region is the main focus for New Zealand government.

Recently on 24th May (in Auckland )we had the seminar organized by International committee of Red cross and New Zealand red cross debating cutting the edge issues ,including the safety and the protection Journalist, this was an important seminar for those who are interested in International Humanitarian Law.

Likewise , UNANZ Tauranga / So for UN renewal is working on draft of the protection of children with United National High commission of Refugees

And has asked my contribution. In August 2010 ,Tauranga office will welcome me to talk on the refugees children protection and challenge.

I conclude this report by acknowledging the kindness that all members has shown to support our UNANZ statement on Israel raid over Gaza.

As said UNANZ along with international community will continue to advocate on the behalf of Gaza people so that they can get the full Humanitarian aid such food and medication.

I would also request the council to introduce our Officers (SOs) to other UN Agencies that operates in New Zealand. Such UNHCR, Red Cross etc...

What I have noticed is that some of these Agencies do not know about us.

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