



# National Scout & Guide Fellowship U.K.

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## Christmas Newsletter December 2013

### Project Report December 2013

On Christmas Eve, 24 December 2013, we received emails from Andrej Mahecic – Senior External Relations Officer from UNHCR, London, that the toys had arrived and were being distributed to the children.

Later during the day we received a News Release and video provided by Andy Needham from the Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan.

It was a pleasure to listen to the reaction of the children when they received the toys and I am sure it will bring a tear to many eyes.

The full report and video, together with many photos, are available on the UNHCR website and that of the Scout and Guide Fellowship.

Our thanks go to all who contributed to this achievement in fulfilling Phase 1 of our original objective.

**We now move to Phase 2** when we hope to despatch a further consignment of toys at the end of January 2014.

On Boxing Day, 26 December 2013 at 08.29 I received an email from Mida Rodrigues, Chairman of the World Committee of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, saying:

*“Congratulations on your fantastic Project and the smiles you gave to the children that have nothing. We are finishing a new edition of the HCR/ISGF Booklet ‘Our Kit’ please send as soon as possible photos of the different phases of the project so that we can include.*

*Your sense of SERVICE gave a quick answer to what we needed and I am sure now the smiles on each of the children’s faces will be a great comfort and reward to you all.*

*On behalf of the ISGF, thank you for your great example.”*

I add our grateful thanks, particularly to Andrej and Andreas from the UNHCR, to Simone and her team at Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, and Stan Stewart at Aviation without Borders and for the grant from ISTAT and transport provided by the GIST Foundation.

Not, of course, forgetting all those who donated toys from the youngest to the oldest.

A Happy New Year to you all.

Alan K B Beavis

Chair National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK



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### ***'Toys for Smiles' Festive Special***



The toys donated by children in the UK to children in the Zaatari Syrian refugee camp in northern Jordan were distributed to the youngest on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Many groups contibuted to the success of Phase 1 of this UNHCR project and we now look forward to Phase 2 and 3 in the New Year. The photographs themselves tell the story and are produced by kind permission of the UNHCR.

Save the Children assisted with the distribution of the toys and the event was one of the headline news items in the UNHCR international website. Please visit their website at [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org).

You can also click on the link below to go directly to the report.....

<http://www.unhcr.org/52b96c849.html>

An excellent video can be viewed on You Tube by clicking the following link...

<http://youtu.be/PLRQF0aY0QU>

