

FOREWORD



The *Reach Out Refugee Protection Training Project* was initiated in 2001 by NGOs and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement in collaboration with UNHCR in order to train humanitarian staff in the basics of refugee protection. Materials were developed around the *Protecting Refugees: A Field Guide for NGOs* (1999) and, subsequently, trainings have been delivered around the world to field-based humanitarian staff.

The *Reach Out Refugee Protection Training Kit* is based on the experience gained over those five years through this inter-agency project. The debates on protection have evolved considerably since the creation of *Reach Out*. This revised set of training materials reflects many of those debates and includes additions of new modules to better serve humanitarian staff. The Training Kit was developed in consultation with a wide range of humanitarian actors and will provide an important contribution to the humanitarian community's ability to better protect refugees.

The Project itself closes on 30 November 2005, providing a legacy of training materials for humanitarian agencies to use and incorporate into their own training programmes and work. The inter-agency process of the *Reach Out Project* has been a truly collaborative one, which has contributed to the quality of the products and the project's enduring impact.

We would like to thank all those who have been involved with, and supportive of, the *Reach Out Project* since 2001: the participants, trainers, resource persons, reviewers, translators, proofreaders, donors, and particularly the project staff who have been key to the project's success.

The full *Training Kit* will be hosted on the website of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA): www.icva.ch and on UNHCR's website: www.unhcr.ch in four languages: Arabic, English, French, and Spanish. We hope that the materials in the *Reach Out Refugee Protection Training Kit* will be used and adapted in order to better enable humanitarian agencies to incorporate refugee protection into their programming.

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On behalf of the Reach Out Working Group members since 2001

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