



# Sanctuary Refugee Foundation

Award Winning Charity

2008 Christmas Appeal

## This Christmas, give a child a new chance at life.

The suffering in the Congo has been on TV a lot recently. Fighting between rebels and government forces has caused tens of thousands to flee their homes. The conflict and humanitarian crisis kills 45,000 people in the Congo every month, according to a recent report from the International Rescue Committee. Fighting has left thousands of innocent people displaced, forced into squalid refugee camps often containing as many as a million people.



A girl displaced by fighting tries to sell potatoes in the rain at a market in a refugee camp at Kibati in eastern Congo, November 10, 2008. REUTERS/ Finbarr O'Reilly (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO)

In 2008, Sanctuary sponsored many Congolese families. Elizabeths family were accepted by Australia on an unfunded 202 Humanitarian visa. Sanctuary provided them with an interest-free \$10,000 travel loan. When they arrived it was a momentous day...Elizabeth, a widow with 5 children, thin and tired, wept tears of joy. Her only wish had come true...her children would have a safe and happy future.



Bellingen children welcome Elizabeths children to their new home!

Once settled, they will gradually repay their interest-free airfare loan back (over 3 years). This money is then 'recycled' to assist the next needy refugee family. Families are helped to settle with the kind welcome and ongoing support of Sanctuary groups located across Australia.

**Sanctuary Refugee Foundation** provides a bridge of hope for desperate refugees. There are many suffering refugees from the Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Iraq and Burma who are desperate for your assistance. They deserve the chance at a decent life. **Each child rescued from these terrible conditions makes all the difference in the world.**

Sanctuary receives no Government funding and is a multi-award winning charity, run with the utmost integrity, carefully giving direct assistance to refugees in real need. Your donation will change a life forever, and then be 're-cycled' to help another, and so on.....**PLEASE HELP!**

## ***HOW YOUR DONATION WILL HELP THOSE IN NEED***

Sanctuary assists many unfunded refugee families who face losing their Australian Humanitarian 202 visas, without our help to get here. Your donation, no matter how small, will help to provide a family with a chance of a new life by providing them with an interest-free airfare loan and the support of our Sanctuary settlement groups across Australia.

**\$1500 can save a life!**

Our organisation has been saving refugees lives for over 20 years. We believe in the power of local communities to create change in the world. Our volunteer settlement groups give community the opportunity to become involved with helping refugees. Sanctuary receives no Government funding and we rely solely on the goodwill of the community to continue this vital work.

## ***BECOME A MONTHLY GIVING SANCTUARY PARTNER!***

We would like to kindly ask you to consider giving a monthly donation of as little as \$10 per month (or more?) to help us to provide refugees with sponsorship, airfare loans and settlement services. The benefits include helping to budget for the many requests for help we receive, cutting costs (such as stationary and postage) and saving time, as there is no need to write and mail cheques. If you would prefer to do a direct bank debit please phone us on (02) 6652 2127 and we will provide you with our bank details. We also have an online donations facility available through our website:

[www.sanctuaryrefugeefoundation.org](http://www.sanctuaryrefugeefoundation.org)

Please cut out and fill in the form below. Send it to Sanctuary Refugee Foundation, PO Box 6295, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450, Australia.

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Here is my tax deductible gift of \$ _____	Name _____
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Please charge my credit card.	_____
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