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PHILIPPINES SCALES-UP CONTRIBUTION TO UN REFUGEES BODY



Deputy Permanent Representative Kristine Leilani Salle announces the Philippines' scaled-up voluntary contribution to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

5 December 2023, Geneva, Switzerland – The Philippines reaffirmed its continuing support for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in responding to the needs of displaced persons, during the UNHCR Pledging Conference for 2024 at the Palais des Nations.

Deputy Permanent Representative Kristine Leilani Salle announced the Philippines' increased unearmarked voluntary contribution of USD150,000.00, which is fifty-percent more than its annual contribution to the UNHCR in the past few years.

Deputy Permanent Representative Salle urged the international community to pool together its collective resources to protect and find durable solutions for refugees, stateless persons, asylum seekers, and other displaced persons. *“It is for this reason that we are scaling-up our contribution, to the best of our national capacity as a middle-income country,”* she stated, *“especially as it has been our constant call for traditional and non-traditional donors alike to push the boundaries of global burden and responsibility sharing.”*

The Philippines is a consistent donor to the UNHCR, as well as its specific refugee response plans, such as for the Rohingya, Ukraine, and Sudan in 2023. **END**