

spend hundreds of thousands of dollars before the project is completed. I am happy to say that the refugees admitted to Canada under this programme have responded well to medical treatment and have shown themselves able to integrate rapidly into Canadian society. It is clear that they will become valuable members of the communities in which they have been re-settled.

In addition to the federal and provincial governments' efforts, there have been important contributions made by the Canadian people through the Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year, its local committees, and its various sponsoring organizations. I cannot give you the final figures of the contribution made by these voluntary groups. I can, however, mention that at the beginning of July the Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year and its local committees had received \$916,798. In addition, the sponsoring organizations had been able to report special contributions to the United Nations Refugee Assistance Programme totalling \$128,495, and an increase of \$747,263 over their normal revenue for their separate refugee assistance programmes. When final figures are available, they are expected to be substantially higher.

Although World Refugee Year has, as I have indicated, achieved a considerable degree of success, it is obvious that the refugee problem is not yet solved and that the efforts of United Nations member governments in this field cannot be relaxed. A great deal remains to be done and it is reassuring to note that there is a widespread awareness of this continuing need. World Refugee Year set out not only to raise increased funds for refugee assistance and to provide more numerous opportunities for permanent refugee solutions, but also to assist governments and peoples to become better informed concerning the requirements of refugees in many areas. The broader understanding of the refugee problem which has been developed through World Refugee Year will not end with World Refugee Year. Along with other nations, Canada will continue during the forthcoming year to do its share towards solving the refugee problem.

To this end the Canadian Government has decided to offer a contribution of \$290,000 Canadian, subject to Parliamentary approval, to the programmes of the High Commissioner for Refugees. It has also decided to ask