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**Aid for refugees
in Asia and Latin America**

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The Commission has approved the financing of two aid projects, one for Guatemalan refugees in Mexico and the other for returnees in Afghanistan.

**Self-sufficiency support for Guatemalan refugees in Mexico -
ECU 1 465 000**

This project aims at self-sufficiency for some 23 000 Guatemalan refugees in 64 camps in the state of Chiapas. It includes activities relating to agricultural production, reforestation, fish farming, craftwork and the construction of rural tracks. The project will be implemented by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Pastoral programme for Afghan returnees in the Petch Valley - ECU 210 000

The programme aims to facilitate the reintegration of Afghan returnees in the Petch Valley of the Kunar Province by developing agricultural and livestock activities cofinanced with the non-governmental organization MADERA.

With these decisions, the Commission brought its total humanitarian support this year for refugees, displaced persons and returnees in Asia and Latin America to ECU 23 million.

This is the follow-up to the Commission's participation in international conferences on refugees in Central America (Guatemala, May 1989) and Indochina (Geneva, June 1989). It has financed 12 self-sufficiency projects in Asia for a total of ECU 14.5 million and ten in Latin America for a total of ECU 8.5 million. The aid is implemented by various international and non-governmental organizations. The main intermediary is the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.