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Dear editors, news directors and reporters:

There are an estimated 19 million refugees in the world today, most of whom long to return to their homeland. On Monday afternoon, March 28, international experts on refugees will gather at a University of Montana news conference to discuss the need for and challenges of voluntary repatriation -- helping refugees return to their countries of origin.

The news conference, at 2:30 p.m. in the UM Telecommunications Center television studio (Room 150 of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center), will feature Rene van Rooyen, Washington, D.C., representative for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees; Kazutoshi Iwanami, managing director of Japan's Institute for International Cooperation; Margaret McKelvey, director of the Office for Africa, the Americas and Asia of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Refugee Programs; and Jens Fredericksen, chief adviser for the Danish Refugee Council. Van Rooyen, Iwanami and McKelvey are major speakers at UM's international symposium on training for voluntary repatriation; Fredericksen is a symposium participant whose organization works, not only to make incoming refugees comfortable in Denmark, but to prepare them for repatriation. Symposium organizer Peter Koehn, UM's director of international programs, will also be on hand.

The symposium, with lectures and workshops Monday and Tuesday, will draw participants from at least 10 countries to work toward development of a strategic action agenda with specific, workable proposals to help refugees return home with the training they need to assist in the development of their home countries.

I hope you or someone from your office will be able to attend the news conference.

Sincerely,

Kristin Rodine  
News editor