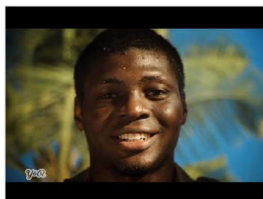


World Refugee Day 2009 in Slovakia

Young and Rubicam campaign



This year's funds intended for World Refugee Day were spent on the production of the so-called Kalashnikov spot. The Slovak Office agreed with the Slovak television on the broadcasting of the spot during the whole month of June. As the spot was finished during the first few days of June the Marathon spot was broadcasted then we changed for Kalashnikov. The spot was broadcasted on the channels STV once or twice a day and on STV three times a day for free.

Slovak Humanitarian Council in Refugee Accommodation Centre in Rohovce

UNHCR's non-governmental partner Slovak Humanitarian Council, in co-operation with Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic organized the celebration of World Refugee Day in the Refugee Accommodation Centre in Rohovce on 19 June 2009. It was a full day event.

Mr. Privitzer, director of the Refugee Accommodation Centre, officially opened the celebration at 10 a.m. in the morning. The first part of the celebration consisted of different sport competitions with prize awarding, playing games like cricket, domino, etc. and refreshment. The residents were free to choose to participate in the programme.

In the afternoon, the asylum seekers had at their disposal djembe drums and other musical instruments they played, later there was a „National Cuisine“ programme – cooking of traditional meals and in the evening a barbecue party. People had the opportunity to get acquainted with different customs and meals coming from other countries. The programme ended late in the evening.

The asylum seekers and also the representatives of Migration Office expressed their gratitude and contentment with the event.

Human Rights League in Refugee Accommodation Centre in Rohovce

Another non-governmental organization, Human Rights League organized (with financial support of Slovak Migration Office, Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic and UNHCR Bratislava) on 5th June 2009 a one-day event for refugees and asylum seekers introducing Slovak traditions and traditional culture. In the first half of the day, there were workshops on traditional handicrafts: woodcarving, basketwork, baking, painting on glass. In the afternoon, a folklor group came to introduce Slovak traditional songs, folk costumes, instruments and dances.

People did not only watch this as a lecture, but were also taught how to play instruments, sing songs and dance traditional dances.

The atmosphere was very merry and relaxed, asylum seekers and refugees did actively participate and enjoyed a change in the everyday life in the asylum center.