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ICOON is a picture dictionary for all the world's languages. In 2015, designer Gosia Warrink initiated the aid-project ICOON for refugees — a picture dictionary for refugees and their helpers. Financed via crowdfunding and additional financial support by organisations and private donators, three editions of total 70,000 books were spread for free since December 2015. In 2022, a special edition of 50,000 books will be created for Ukraine — adapted to the new needs.

ICOON for refugees helps refugees communicate. A simple book with 1,200 symbols and photos can overcome any language barrier. It uses pictures when words fail. One finger-point on one of the symbols, pictograms or photos in 12 different categories is sufficient to make oneself understood. The book was created in cooperation with the Red Cross. The corresponding android app is available for free.

Gosia Warrink published the ICOON picture dictionary 2007 in her own publishing house AMBERPRESS. By now, 6 ICOON-editions with up to 3,000 symbols and photos, as well as apps for iPhone and android are availble.

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