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A Case for Solidarity

"You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt."

Lv 19:33-34



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Pope Francis, in his message for the 2014 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, said this: "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women, and men who leave or are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a who share a legitimate desire for legitimate various reasons, knowing and having, but above all for *being* more."

The pope's words are all the more relevant today as we consider some of the some of the staggering statistics on poor and vulnerable people who have been driven from their homes in recent years.

65 million

forcibly displaced
people worldwide

22 million

refugees worldwide

22 million

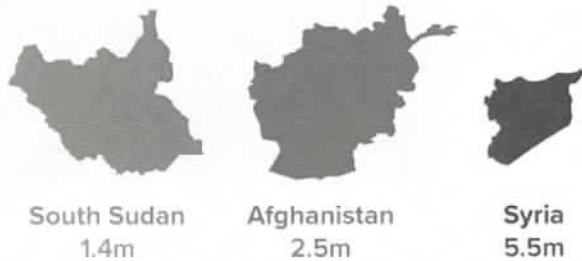
"stateless" people
in the world

189,000

people resettled
in 2016

Regions in Need

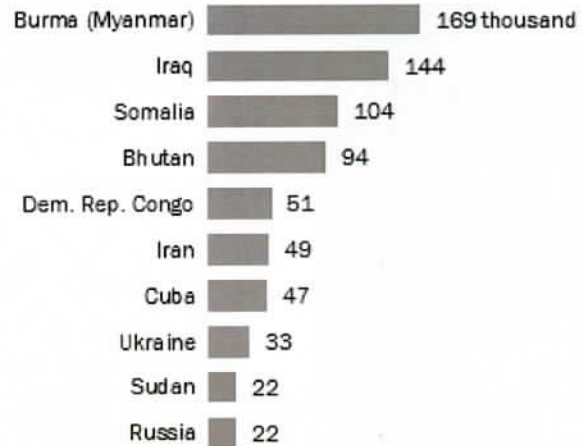
55% of refugees worldwide came from three countries



Source: UNHR—the United Nations Refugee Agency in June 2017.

More than half of U.S. refugees between 2002 and 2017 were from Burma (Myanmar), Iraq, Somalia and Bhutan

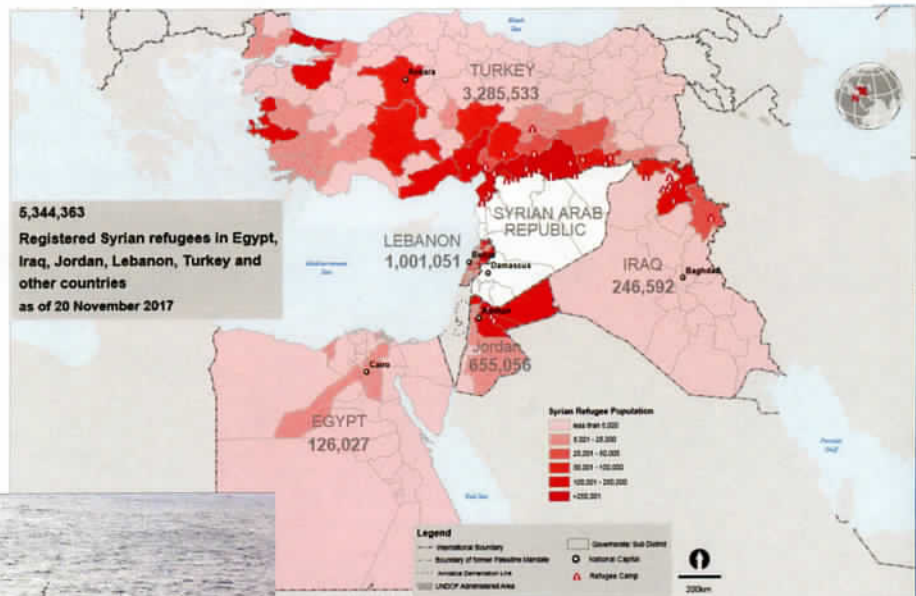
Total number of refugees admitted into the U.S. between fiscal 2002 and 2017, in thousands, by nationality



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees data, October 2017

24 people
per minute
are displaced from their homes worldwide.

Syria with its ongoing civil war has represented the largest surge of refugees since World War II.



50%+
Portion of Syrian refugees who are children according to Catholic Relief Services



Source: UNHR—the United Nations Refugee Agency in November 2017.

1 in 113

people on earth are an asylum-seeker, internally displaced or a refugee



"The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place, or disposable."

*Pope Francis
Message for the 2015 World
Day of Migrants and Refugees*

Afghanistan has been in a refugee crisis for 32 years. According to UNHCR, since 2002 more than 5.8 million Afghans have returned from abroad, but 2.5 million refugees live in Pakistan with nearly a million more in Iran.



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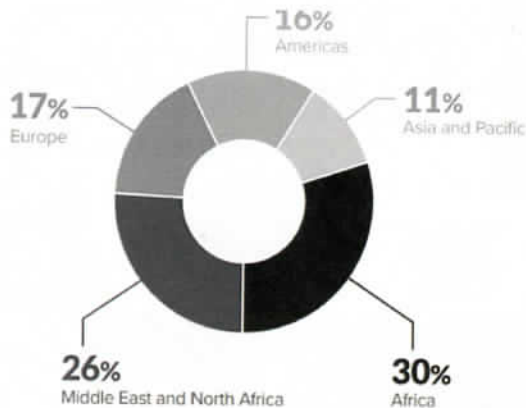
South Sudan has witnessed an exodus of 1.4 million people who are fleeing from ongoing war and atrocities of local militias against civilians. Over half of these refugees are women, and approximately 65% are under the age of 18.

Why is there a crisis now?

1. Conflicts are lasting longer and produce more refugees. Some, like in Somalia and Afghanistan are now in their third or fourth decade respectively.
2. Dramatic new or reignited conflicts are occurring more frequently, such as in South Sudan, Yemen, Burundi, Ukraine, and Central African Republic.
3. The rate at which solutions are being found for refugees and internally displaced people has been falling since the end of the Cold War.

Aid to Those in Need

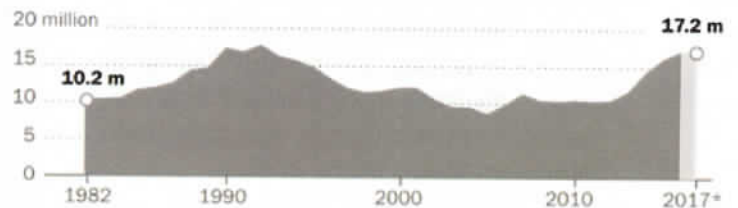
Where the world's displaced people are being hosted



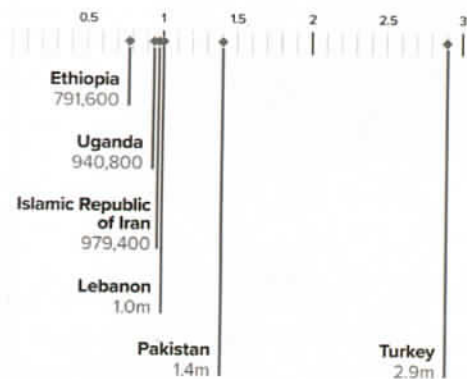
Developing countries are taking on a greater share of refugees and migrants than in the past. While the global number of displaced people grows, the US resettles fewer refugees than ever before.

The response of the United States

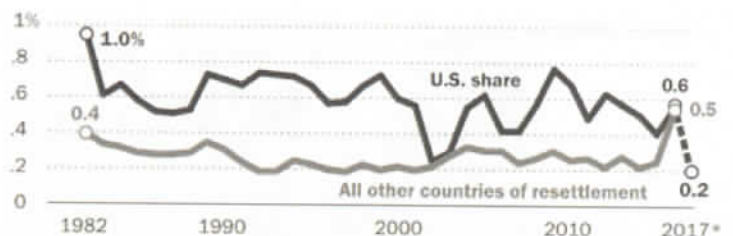
Global refugee population



Top hosting countries



Share of global refugee population resettled in U.S. and all other countries annually

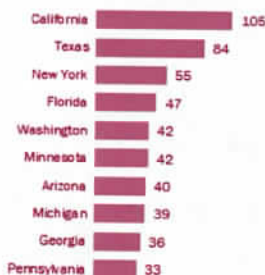


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Minnesota is 6th in the U.S. for resettling refugees since 2002

Number of refugees admitted into the U.S. between fiscal 2002 and 2017, in thousands, by state of resettlement



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees data, October 2017

How You Can Help

Go to Catholic Relief Services to learn more about the refugee crisis and how you can help.

Follow the link:

<https://www.crs.org/media-center/syrian-refugee-crisis-7-things-you-can-do-help>

CRS has assisted **1.25 million** Syrians since 2011