



Refugees: 10 key facts

Under international humanitarian law, refugee rights are protected by the 1951 Refugee Convention, which has been signed up 145 countries.



Who is a refugee?

“A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.”

-UNHCR. <http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/>

THE PROBLEM IS BIG, AND IT'S GROWING

<p>1</p> <p>21.3m </p> <p>REFUGEES WORLDWIDE. That's the highest IN A GENERATION</p>	<p>2</p> <p>33,072</p> <p>people were forced to flee due to conflict and persecution PER DAY</p>	<p>3</p> <p>54% of refugees come from three countries: SYRIA 4.9m AFGHANISTAN 2.7m SOMALIA 1.1m</p>
<p>4</p> <p>The top refugee hosting countries in the world are TURKEY 2.5m PAKISTAN 1.6m LEBANON 1.1m</p>	<p>5</p> <p>86%</p> <p>of refugees are in the developing world</p>	<p>6</p> <p>APPROX HALF</p> <p>OF ALL REFUGEES ARE UNDER 18</p>

IT'S NOT GOING AWAY ANY TIME SOON

<p>7</p> <p>The rate of forced displacement has increased FOURFOLD IN A DECADE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>REFUGEES TYPICALLY FACE A WAIT OF YEARS BEFORE GOING HOME. 41% are in protracted refugee situations (those which have lasted for over 5 years) THE AVERAGE LENGTH IS 26 YEARS.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Most refugees are not in camps, but live among the host community. OVER 60% LIVE IN URBAN AREAS. In Turkey around 90% of refugees live outside the official camp system</p>	<p>10</p> <p>In 2015 - only 201,400 refugees were able to return home</p>

(All figures from UNHCR's 2015 Global Trends report, except for the figure of 90% of refugees living outside camps which is an EU figure from 2016).

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