

Humanity on the move

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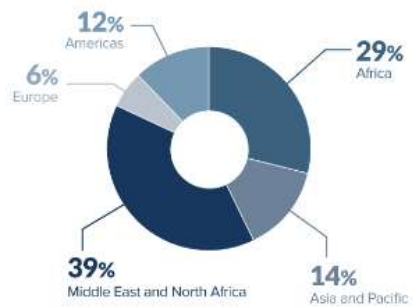
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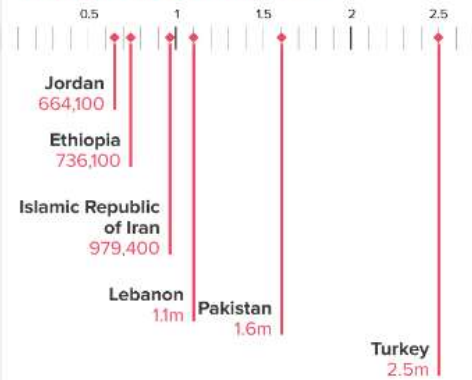
Where the world's displaced people are being hosted



54% of refugees worldwide came from three countries



Top hosting countries



33,972 people
a day forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution

9,700 staff
UNHCR employs 9,700 staff (figures from December 2015)

126 countries
We work in 126 countries

We are funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions, with 86 per cent from governments and the European Union.

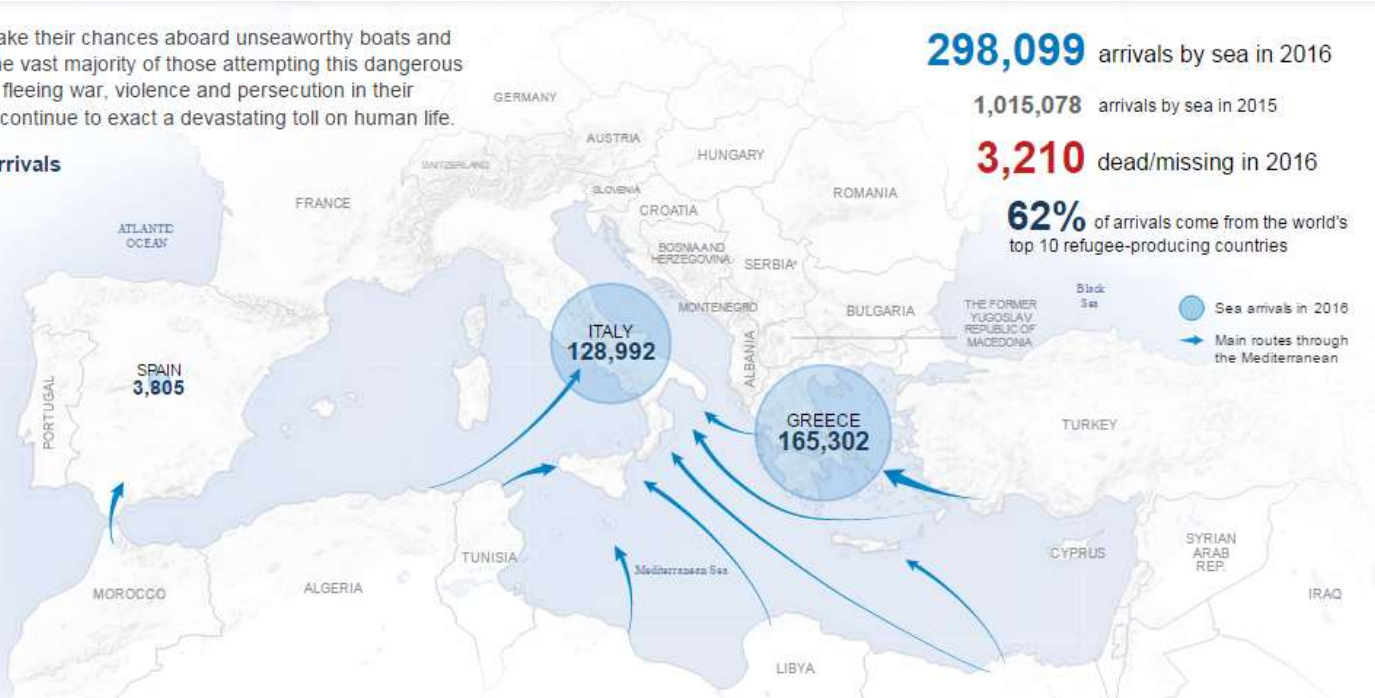
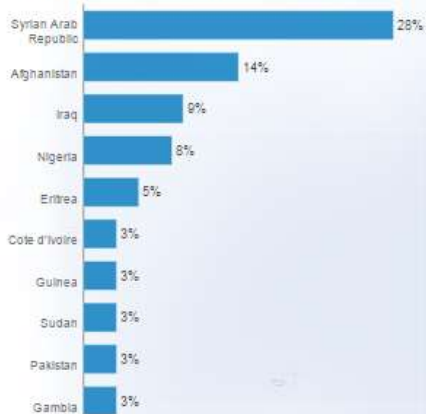
In Europe

Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. Every year these movements continue to exact a devastating toll on human life.

Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals

Top-10 nationalities represent **79%** of the sea arrivals

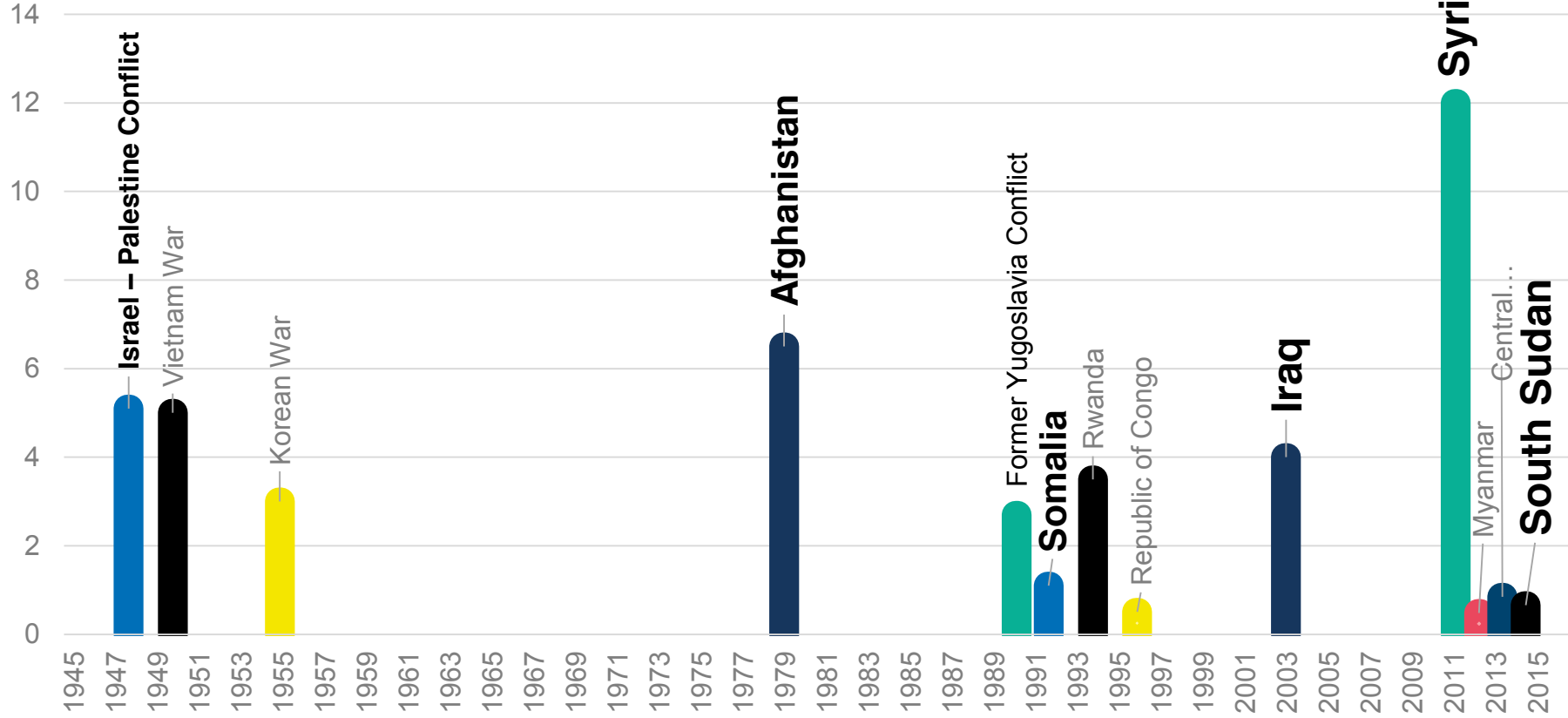
based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



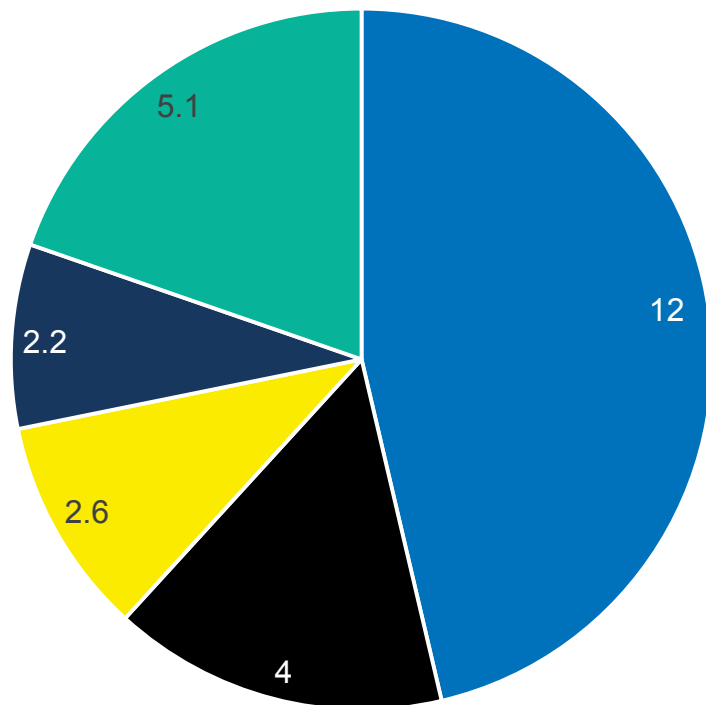
Current situation

- We are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record.
- An unprecedented **65.3 million** people around the world have been forced from home.
- Among them are nearly **21.3 million refugees**, over half of whom are **under the age of 18**.
- **There are also 10 million stateless people**
- **34,000 people are forcibly displaced every day**

Conflicts with the largest numbers of refugees since WWII



Number of displaced people in ongoing conflicts



■ Syria ■ Iraq ■ Afghanistan ■ Sudan, South Sudan ■ Israel, Paletina

Who are refugees?



And in Europe



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Refugees that I have met



The barrier - walls, fences and the political rhetorics that stops us from seeing the human in refugees



The dangers are increasing

- More people are suffering
- At sea, 10,000 people have died just on the Mediterranean since the start of 2014 (3,771 in 2015)
- On land, we've also seen deaths, people being pushed back, fences being erected, shots fired and tear-gassing at borders
- Humanitarian funding is in crisis
- Xenophobia and populism are rising
- There is dangerous conflation of refugees with migrants and immigration – resulting in flawed policy responses
- About half the world's refugees are children (in 2015 almost 100,000 were children alone or separated from their families)
- Countries are finding it harder to work together
- More refugees are in protracted situations

Experiences



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Situations of hope and despair



Solutions



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Refugee hosts opening their homes in Germany and Sweden



Refugees in Europe

- Europe's population is 500 million
- Refugee arrivals last year ~1 million
- Each country in Europe will receive 2 refugees per thousand if the number of the refugee population is divided evenly among European countries

Solutions and actions are urgently needed

- Addressing the causes of forced displacement must move up the list of international priorities
- Stopping wars is the only way to stop refugees
- The solution is countries working together. There's no plan B
- Sharing responsibility is not about shifting it elsewhere
- Forced displacement is a long-term megatrend that need long-term responses at the development and policy level
- Resettlement has to do better. Just 0.66% of refugees were resettled in 2015
- Xenophobia, racism, and populism must be kept in check

Forced displacement affects a growing portion of humanity. We each have stakes in this

- 1 human in every 113 is affected
- 24 people are displaced every minute – faster than an adult breathes
- 65.3 million is more than the populations of France, the UK or Italy
- Forced displacement has doubled in less than 20 years (33.9M in 1997), and accelerated sharply over the past 5 years
- For every refugee there are 2 people displaced internally, often in conditions of great danger
- 9 out of 10 refugees are in poor/middle income countries
- 3 countries (Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia) produced half the refugees under UNHCR care
- 8 countries (Turkey, Pakistan, Lebanon, Iran, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Uganda) hosted half the refugees under UNHCR care