

Refugee Insights

We cannot look away from the global refugee crisis. Refugees are not statistics—but mothers, fathers, and children whose lives have been turned upside down by persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations.

We are witnessing the **highest levels of displacement on record**, so an understanding of the scale and global impact of the refugee crisis is important as we consider our response on a personal and global level.

The information below will be useful as you prepare for and participate in **World Refugee Sabbath** on 18 June 2022.

There are **84 million** forcibly displaced people worldwide, according to latest data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Among them are over **26.6 million** refugees, the highest population on record.¹

This official figure does not include the **over 12 million people** who have been forcibly displaced following the Russian invasion of Ukraine (over **7 million** internally displaced and over **5 million** who have fled the country as of April 28, 2022).

¹UNHCR, Operational Data Portal: Ukraine Situation <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine#_ga=2.146181364.1502397191.1649295102-1642865868.1648769281> Accessed 7 April 2022

²UNHCR, Mid-Year Trends Report 2021 <<https://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/618ae4694/mid-year-trends-2021.html>>

³Ibid

⁴Ibid

⁵Ibid

⁶Above n 1 (Accessed 7 April 2022)

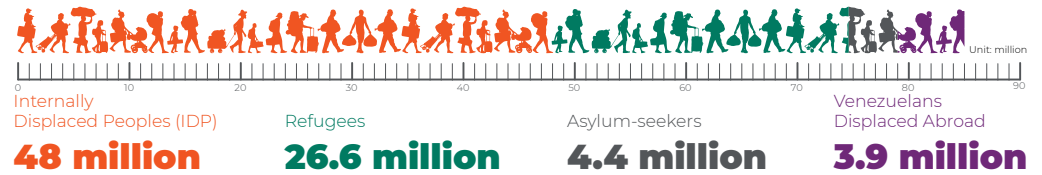
⁷UNHCR, 2020 Global Trends, <<https://www.unhcr.org/60b638e37/unhcr-global-trends-2020>>

⁸UNICEF, Two million refugee children flee war in Ukraine in search of safety across borders, 30 March 2022 <<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/two-million-refugee-children-flee-war-ukraine-search-safety-across-borders>>



Breakdown²

84 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. That's 4.5 million people more than the previous year.



Where the world's displaced people are being hosted³

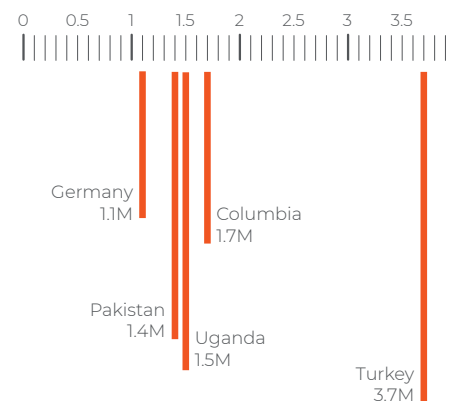


85% in developing countries
27% in least developed countries
73% in neighbouring countries

Top Refugee-Creating Crises (as of April 28, 2022)⁴



Top refugee-hosting countries⁵



Poland is hosting over 2.9 million Ukrainian Refugees⁶

Refugee Children



2018 and 2020, around 1 million children were born as refugees.⁷
UNICEF estimates that 2 million children have fled war in Ukraine, and a further 2.5 million are internally displaced.⁸