2023 ADRA Refugee Sabbath Fact Sheet

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 17 June 2023.¹

There are 103 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, according to latest data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Among them are over 32.5 million refugees, the highest population on record.


¹ Totals do not add up to 103 million due to differences in date range.

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Where the World’s Displaced People are Being Hosted

74% in low-and middle-income countries

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22% in least developed countries
69% in neighbouring countries

72% of Refugees Originated from just Five Countries

Syria 6.8 million
Venezuela 5.6 million
Ukraine 5.4 million
Afghanistan 2.8 million
South Sudan 2.4 million

Displaced Children

Around 41% of all displaced peoples are children. 1.5 million children were born as refugees.

All information as of 5 May 2023