

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 All data sourced from United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>, data release 5th May, 2023.

² Totals do not add up to 103 million due to differences in date range.

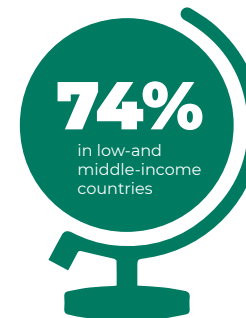
Breakdown

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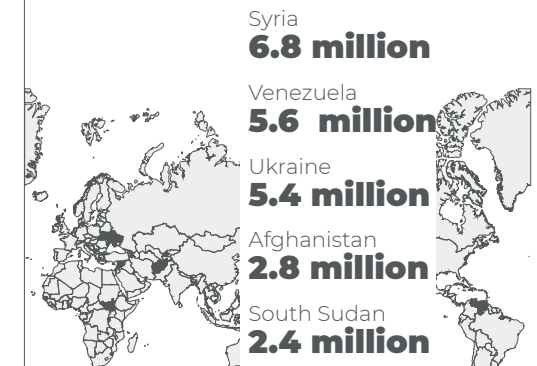
Internally Displaced Peoples (IDP)	Refugees	Asylum-seekers	Other People in Need of International Protection
53.2 million	32.5 million	4.9 million	5.3 million²

Where the World's Displaced People are Being Hosted



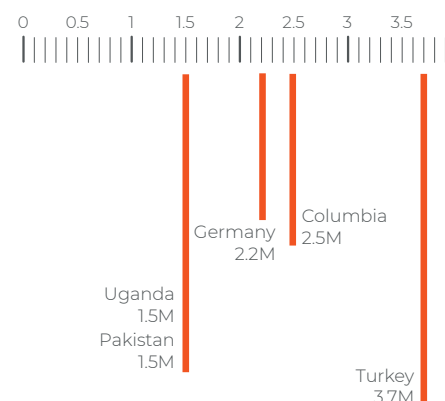
74% in low-and middle-income countries
22% in least developed countries
69% in neighbouring countries

72% of Refugees Originated from just Five Countries



These figures do not include the hundreds of thousands of people predicted to flee increased violence in South Sudan from April 2023.

Top Refugee-Hosting Countries



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