Two Milestones for Refugee Protection

1950
UNHCR founded

1951
Global refugee population = 1,250,000 persons

1951
Refugee Convention signed
65.6 million forcibly displaced people worldwide

22.5 million Refugees
17.2 million under UNHCR mandate
5.3 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

10 million Stateless people

189,300 Refugees resettled in 2016

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted

55% of refugees worldwide came from three countries

Top hosting countries

We work in 130 countries (as of 30 June 2017)

We are funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions, with 87 per cent from governments and the European Union.

Source: UNHCR / 19 June 2017
Who is a refugee?

• **Refugee**: is a person who is outside of his or her country of nationality due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or for being a member of a particular social group; and is unable or unwilling to return to her or his country.
Where are the 22.5 million refugees?
UNHCR’s work

Protection

Assistance

Durable Solutions
Two refugee situations

Syria

Central America
Total Persons of Concern

5,163,987

Last Updated: 27 Jul 2017

Source: UNHCR, Government of Turkey

Registered Syrian Refugees

5,163,987

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Source: UNHCR, Government of Turkey

Demography

Male (51.5%)

- 7.5%
- 9.6%
- 7.5%
- 25.5%
- 1.5%

Female (48.5%)

- 7%
- 9.2%
- 6.7%
- 23.8%
- 1.7%

Age

- 0 - 4
- 5 - 11
- 12 - 17
- 18 - 59
- 60 +
Syrian refugee facts

• 80 % are women or children
  – 40 % are under 12 years of age

• Only 9% live in camps

• More than 99% of Syrians are:
  - Registered with iris scans or fingerprints

• Less than 1% have been resettled
  – Syrians are not resettled from Europe
Crisis - Central America

NORTHERN TRIANGLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA

MEXICO
GUATEMALA
HONDURAS
EL SALVADOR

570,000 People of Concern
UNHCR and resettlement

- Resettlement - protects the most vulnerable refugees, reunites families, relieves protracted situations, and supports countries who host the vast majority of refugees.
Who was resettled last year?

Global Resettlement 125,800

- Syria: 38%
- Congo-DR: 17%
- Myanmar: 11%
- Somalia: 8%
- Sudan: 6%
- Eritrea: 2%
- Bhutan: 5%
- Afghanistan: 4%
- Iraq: 2%
- Iran: 1%
- Other: 6%
Resettlement to the U.S.

01 January 2016 - 31 July 2017

- Dem. Rep. Congo: 19%
- Syria: 15%
- Iraq: 12%
- Myanmar: 12%
- Somalia: 11%
- Others: 31%

Total Arrivals: 121,875
Resettlement to Pennsylvania

Arrivals to Pennsylvania by Top Nationalities
01 Jan 2016 – 31 July 2017

- Myanmar: 6%
- Somalia: 10%
- Bhutan: 16%
- Dem. Rep. Congo: 22%
- All Others: 22%
- Syria: 24%

Total: 4,637
UNHCR's Role in Resettlement

Registration and Biometrics

Identification of a need for resettlement

Resettlement Interviews & Reviews

Submission

Resettlement country refugee status determination and admissibility procedures

Security & medical clearances

Travel Reception & Integration
Identifying the 1%
Reasons for resettlement

• Legal or Physical Protection (35%)
• Survivors of Violence or Torture (19%)
• Women and Girls-at-Risk (12%)
• Medical Needs (1-2%)
• Family Reunification (1-2%)
• (minor) Children and Adolescents (1-2%)
• No Prospect for Other Durable Solutions (30%)
Current challenges

1. **Record numbers** of refugees and displaced.
2. Providing protection in **more complex and dangerous** situations.
3. Ensuring **security** for refugees and hosting and receiving communities.
4. Responding to **changing U.S. policies and restrictions** on refugees and asylum seekers.
Thank you for helping refugees to rebuild their lives!

For More Info See:  UNHCR.ORG