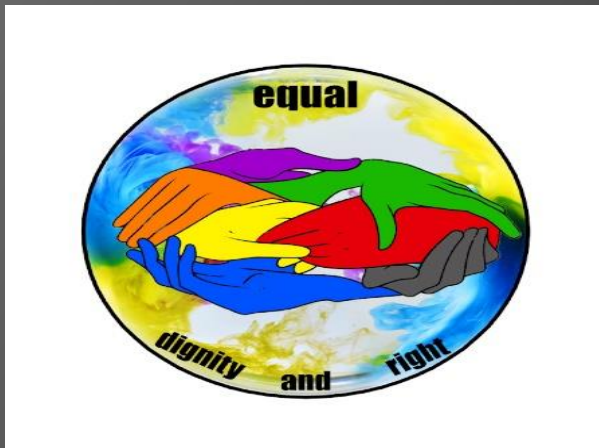


# MIGRATION DUE TO WAR



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The most common factor for forced migration around the world is conflict. As of 2020, 1 person is uprooted every 2 seconds (*often with nothing but the clothes on their backs*). Currently, the global total of forcibly-displaced people is over 68.5 million. There are a number of different factors that lead hundreds of millions of people around the world to leave their homes. All of these factors, however, lead to one common goal: **To have a better, safer, life.**

At the peak of the European migrant crisis in 2015, 1.3 million Syrians requested asylum in Europe. But the number of new asylum seekers **has declined** significantly since then.



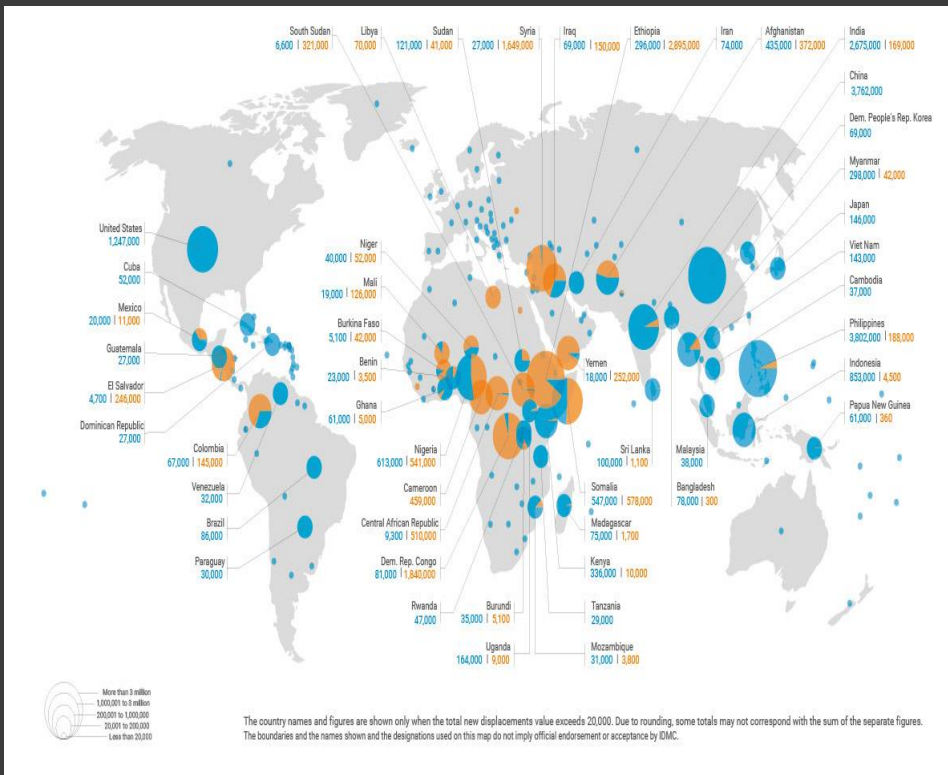
Kurdish refugees travel by truck



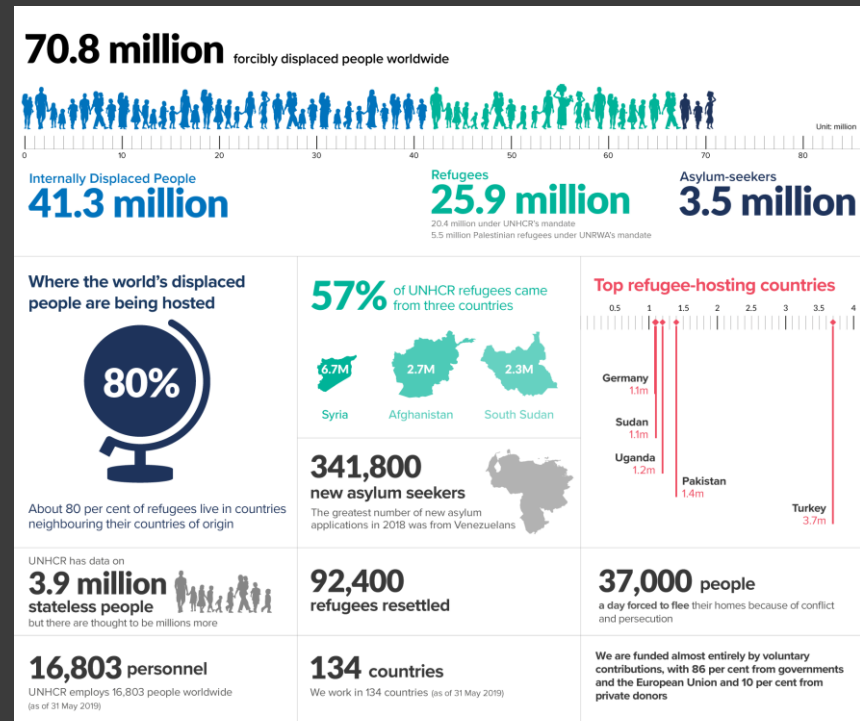
Volunteer lifeguard helps a young out of the sea, Mytilene

# How is this crisis affecting children

- ◉ **Diseases and malnutrition:** Children are susceptible to ailments brought on by poor sanitation, including diarrheal diseases like cholera. They may *miss vaccinations and regular health checkups*.
- ◉ **Child labor and child soldiers:** Many refugee children have to work to support their families. Often they work in dangerous or demeaning circumstances for little pay.
- ◉ **Child marriage and abuse:** Syrian children are more vulnerable to sexual abuse and exploitation in the unfamiliar and overcrowded conditions found in refugee camps and informal tent settlements. Without adequate income to support their families and fearful of their daughters being molested, *parents may opt to arrange a marriage for girls, some as young as 13*.
- ◉ **Lack of education opportunities:** In Syria, the war reversed two decades of educational progress. One-third of schools are not having classes because **they have been damaged, destroyed, or occupied by military groups or displaced people**.



Map showing migration in detail



Figures at glance



A family of five fleeing Somalia

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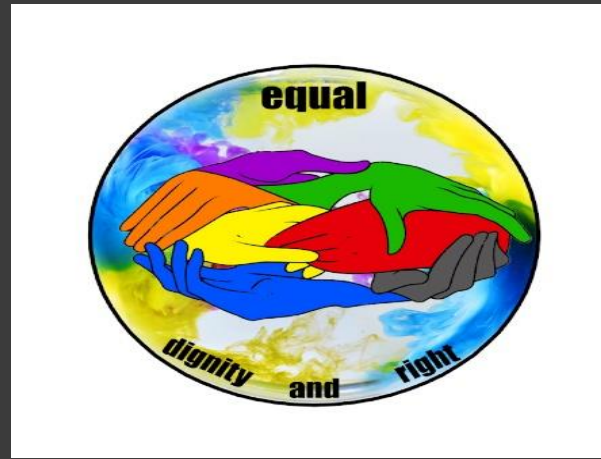
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