

# UNHCR IN 2017 MISSION

The High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems. To date (December 2017), 148 States are parties to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and/or to its 1967 Protocol.

UNHCR's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. In its efforts to achieve this objective, the Office strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, and to return home voluntarily. By assisting refugees to return to their own country or to settle permanently in another country, UNHCR also seeks lasting solutions to their plight.

UNHCR's Executive Committee (101 member States as of October 2017) and the UN General Assembly have authorized involvement with other groups. These include former refugees who have returned to their homeland; internally displaced people; and persons who are

stateless or whose nationality is disputed. To date (December 2017), 89 States are parties to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 70 to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

The Office seeks to reduce situations of forced displacement by encouraging States and other institutions to create conditions which are conducive to the protection of human rights and the peaceful resolution of disputes. In all of its activities, it pays particular attention to the needs of children and seeks to promote the equal rights of women and girls.

The Office carries out its work in collaboration with many partners, including governments, regional organizations, and international and non-governmental organizations. It is committed to the principle of participation, believing that refugees and others who benefit from the Office's activities should be consulted over decisions which affect their lives.

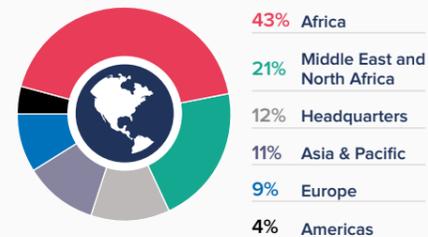
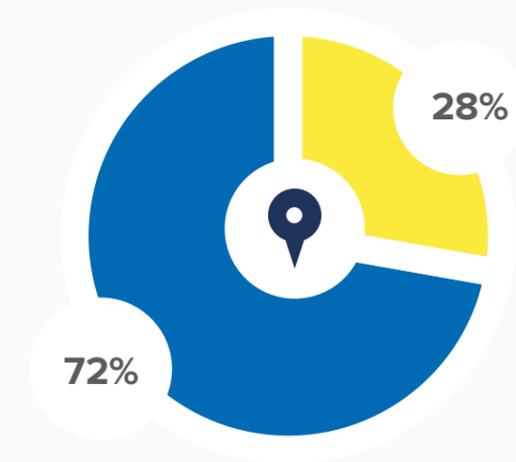
## GLOBAL PRESENCE

UNHCR IS PRESENT IN 130 COUNTRIES WITH 478 LOCATIONS

**15,273** GLOBAL WORKFORCE  
**11,423** STAFF MEMBERS  
**3,850** AFFILIATE WORKFORCE MEMBERS\*

### STAFF MEMBERS

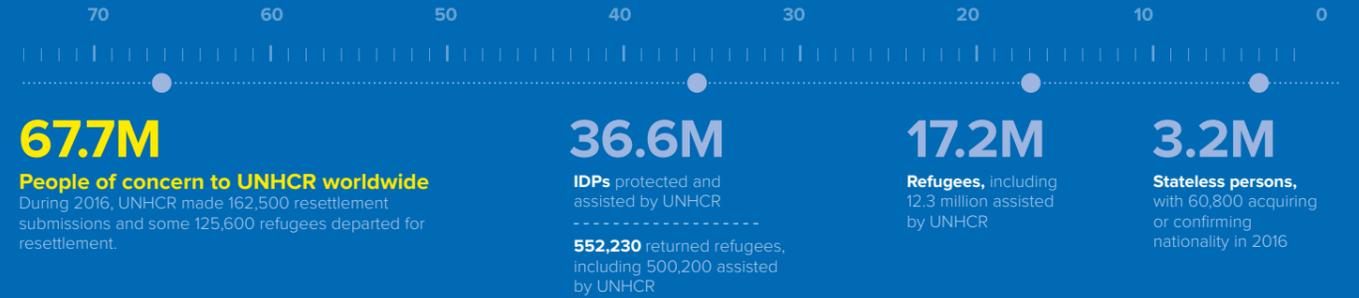
● International ● National



\* UNVs, individual contractors and consultants hired through UNOPS or directly, deployees, secondees, and interns, of whom 47% are male and 53% female

## JANUARY

Developing countries hosted 84 per cent of the world's refugees under UNHCR's mandate. The least developed countries provided asylum to more than 4.2 million refugees or about 26 per cent of the global total.



# 2017 PEOPLE OF CONCERN INCREASED BY 5.4%

UNHCR needed \$7.9 billion to respond  
The funding gap was 43%

### TOP 10 REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRIES



**31%**  
Of the world's refugees are hosted in three countries

- Turkey
- Lebanon
- Bangladesh
- Jordan
- Pakistan
- Iran (Islamic Rep. of)
- Sudan
- All other countries
- Uganda
- Germany
- Ethiopia

### UNHCR EXPENDITURE



**\$4.1 billion**  
Total expenditure

- Pillar 1 Refugees 83%
- Pillar 2 Stateless 1%
- Pillar 3 Returnees 2%
- Pillar 4 IDPs 14%

### TOP 10 DONORS

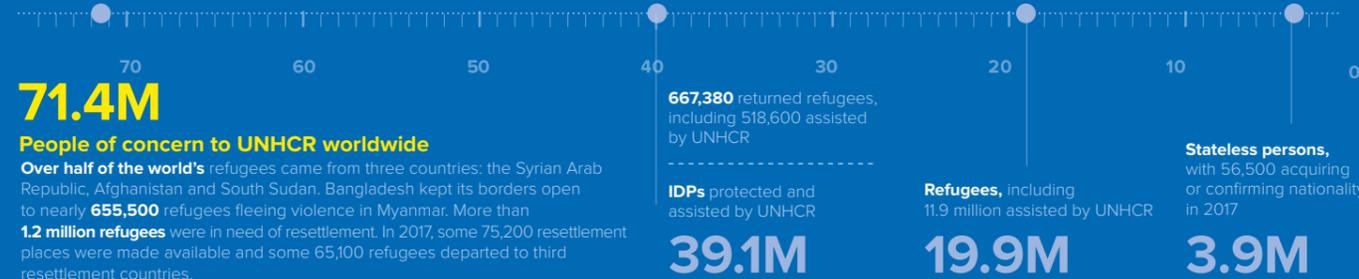


**\$3.9 billion**  
Voluntary contributions  
\$400 million from the private sector

- USA
- Japan
- Norway
- Netherlands
- Germany
- UK
- Canada
- European Union
- Sweden
- Private donors in Spain

## DECEMBER

The vast majority of refugees—some 85%—under UNHCR's mandate remain in low and middle-income countries, close to conflict.



**39.1M** IDPs protected and assisted by UNHCR  
**19.9M** Refugees, including 11.9 million assisted by UNHCR  
**3.9M** Stateless persons, with 56,500 acquiring or confirming nationality in 2017