

World Refugee Day

June 20, 2024

The first World Refugee Day was held in 2001 to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. The Convention affirms **everyone has a right to seek asylum from persecution** in other countries, and refugees cannot be forced to return to a country where they face serious threats to their life or freedom.

A refugee is...

someone who is outside of their country of nationality/habitual residence and is unable to return due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.



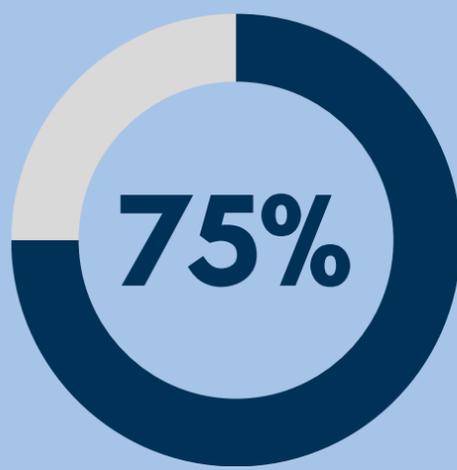
In 2023, there were

117.3 million forcibly displaced people
including

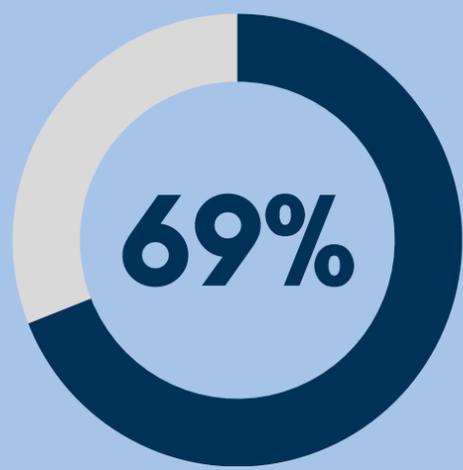
37.6 million refugees

In the last decade, the number of refugees has

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of refugees are hosted in low- and middle-income countries



of refugees are hosted in countries neighbouring their country of origin

73%

of refugees originate from five countries:



Afghanistan - 6.4 million



Syria - 6.4 million



Venezuela - 6.1 million



Ukraine - 6.0 million



South Sudan - 2.3 million