

7.6 MILLION

NEWLY DISPLACED

An estimated 7.6 million people were newly displaced due to conflict or persecution, including 1.1 million new refugees - the highest number of new arrivals in one year since 1999. Another 6.5 million people were newly displaced within the borders of their countries - the second highest figure of the past ten years.⁽²⁾

23,000 PERSONS PER DAY

FORCED TO FLEE

During the year, conflict and persecution forced an average of 23,000 persons per day to leave their homes and seek protection elsewhere, either within the borders of their countries or in other countries.

35.8 MILLION

PROTECTED BY UNHCR

Some 35.8 million persons were of concern to UNHCR by end 2012, the second highest number on record.⁽³⁾ Of this figure, 17.7 million were IDPs and 10.5 million were refugees - 2.3 million people more than in 2011. The refugee figure was close to that of 2011 (10.4 million) and the number of IDPs had increased by 2.2 million since end 2011.

10 MILLION

STATELESS

Statelessness is estimated to have affected at least 10 million people in 2012; however, data captured by governments and communicated to UNHCR were limited to 3.3 million stateless individuals in 72 countries.

4/5TH

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Developing countries hosted over 80 per cent of the world's refugees, compared to 70 per cent ten years ago. The 49 Least Developed Countries were providing asylum to 2.4 million refugees by year-end.

TOP

HOST

Pakistan was host to the largest number of refugees worldwide (1.6 million), followed by the Islamic Republic of Iran (868,200), Germany (589,700) and Kenya (565,000).

50%

BELOW 5,000 USD

More than half of the refugees under UNHCR's mandate resided in countries where the GDP per capita was below USD 5,000.

2012 IN REVIEW

Trends at a glance

35.8
MILLION

PERSONS
OF CONCERN
TO UNHCR



**GLOBAL
LEADER_{ON}
STATISTICS
ON REFUGEES**

45.2
MILLION

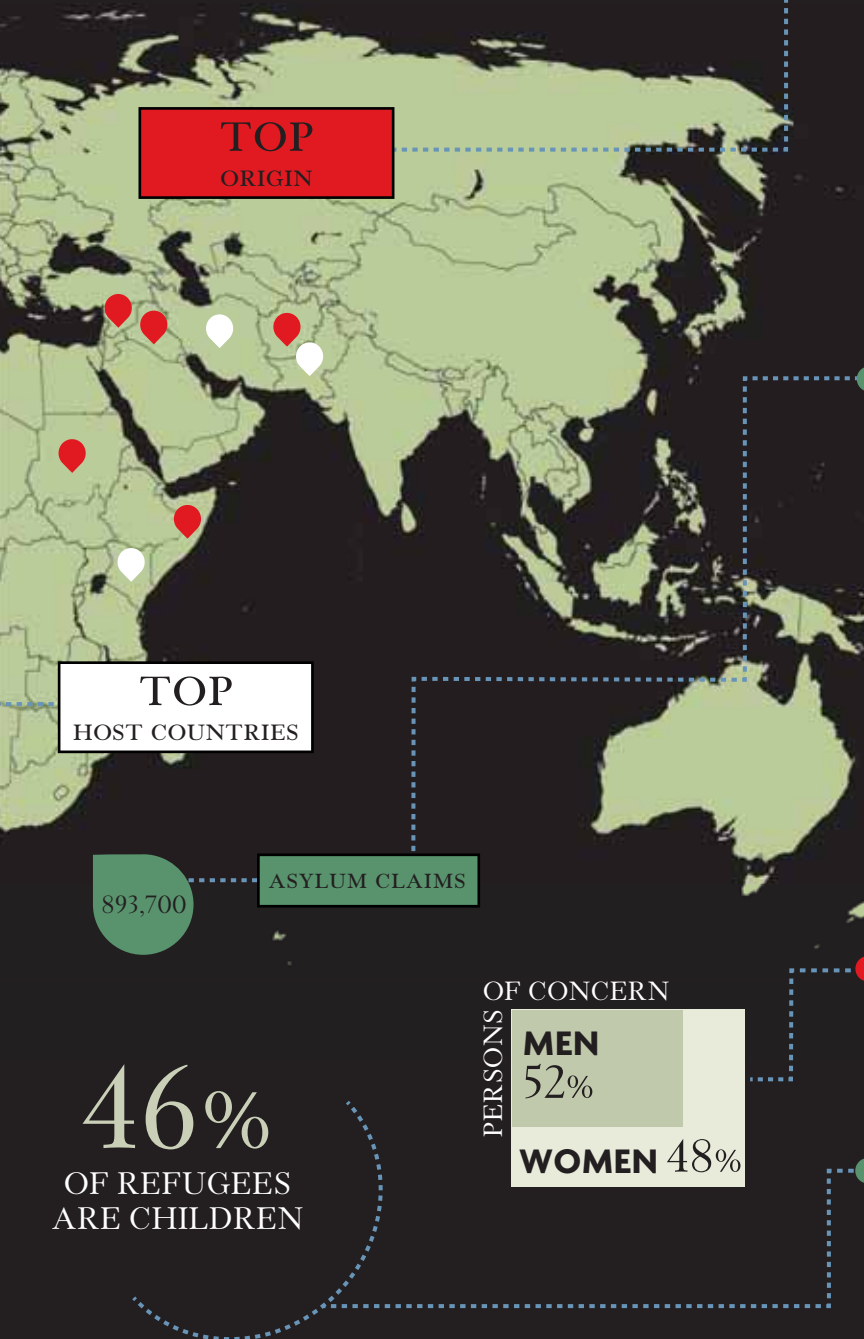
**FORCIBLY
DISPLACED
PEOPLE
WORLDWIDE**

¹ Source: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

² Idem.

³ The highest figure since 1993 when recording keeping began was in 2009 with 36.5 million persons of concern.

By end 2012, 45.2 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, generalized violence and human rights violations. Some 15.4 million people were refugees: 10.5 million under UNHCR's mandate and 4.9 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA. The global figure included 28.8 million internally displaced persons⁽¹⁾ (IDPs) and nearly one million (937,000) asylum-seekers. The 2012 level was the highest since 1994, when an estimated 47 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide.



TOP THREE

HOST PER GDP

Pakistan hosted the largest number of refugees in relation to its economic capacity with 552 refugees per 1 USD GDP (PPP) per capita. Ethiopia (303) and Kenya (301) ranked second and third, respectively.

TOP

ORIGIN

More than half (55%) of all refugees worldwide came from five countries: Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq, the Syrian Arab Republic, and Sudan.

526,000

RETURN

Over the course of 2012, 526,000 refugees repatriated voluntarily, half of them either to Afghanistan, Iraq or Côte d'Ivoire. This figure was similar to that of 2011 (532,000), and while an improvement on the figures of 2009 and 2010, it was still lower than those of all other years in the past decade.

22 COUNTRIES

RESETTLEMENT

During the year UNHCR submitted over 74,800 refugees to States for resettlement, and more than 71,000 departed with UNHCR's assistance. According to governmental statistics, 22 countries admitted 88,600 refugees for resettlement during 2012 (with or without UNHCR's assistance). The United States of America received the highest number (66,300).

893,700

ASYLUM CLAIMS

More than 893,700 people submitted individual applications for asylum or refugee status in 2012. UNHCR offices registered 13 per cent of these claims. With an estimated 70,400 asylum claims, the United States of America was the world's largest recipient of new individual applications, followed by Germany (64,500), South Africa (61,500), and France (55,100).

21,300

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

Some 21,300 asylum applications were lodged by unaccompanied or separated children in 72 countries in 2012, mostly by Afghan and Somali children. It was the highest number on record since UNHCR started collecting such data in 2006.

48%

WOMEN AND GIRLS

Refugee women and girls accounted for 48 per cent of the refugee population in 2012, a proportion that has remained constant over the past decade.

46%

CHILDREN

Children below 18 years constituted 46 per cent of the refugee population in 2012. This was in line with 2011 but higher than a few years ago.