GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS - WHERE DOES THE MENA REGION STAND?

DESTINATION OF WORLD REFUGEES
Circles depict account for 85% of the total refugee population in the world. Country names and are shown for the top 15 recipients.

Note: the data for the chart is provided by UNHCR and do not include Palestinian refugees under UNRWA mandate.

REFUGEE SITUATION: KEY NUMBERS

Global picture
68.5 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of conflict, persecution, violence, or human rights violations.

Of those:
- 40 million are internally displaced people (IDP)
- 25.4 million are refugees (of which 19.9 are under UNHCR mandate and 5.3 million were Palestinians under UNRWA’s mandate)
- 3.1 million are asylum-seekers.

In 2017
- 16.2 million were newly displaced in 2017 (11.8 as IDP’s and 4.4 million as refugees or asylum seekers. That is the equivalent of 44,400 forced displacements every day.

Gender
50% are women and girls but only 4 per cent of projects in UN inter-agency appeals were targeted at women and girls in 2014.

1 in 5 refugees or displaced women are estimated to have suffered sexual violence.

60% of preventable maternal deaths occur in humanitarian setting.

The MENA focus
- 68% of all refugees come from 5 countries: Syria (6.3 million), Afghanistan (2.6 million), South Sudan (2.4 million), Myanmar (1.2 million) and Somalia (986,400).
- 41% live in the 5 recipient countries: Turkey, Pakistan, Uganda, Lebanon and Iran.
- 1 in every 6 people living in Lebanon was a refugee under responsibility of UNHCR, followed by Jordan (1 in 14) and Turkey (1 in 23).*

In addition to this, 5,340,443 Palestinians were assisted in 2017 by UNRWA in Jordan (41%), Syria (10%), Lebanon (9%), Gaza (25%) and the West Bank (15%). 95% of those living in Syria were in need of sustained humanitarian assistance and 57% had been internally displaced.

* This figures vary significantly when Palestinian refugees under UNRWA mandate are included.

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