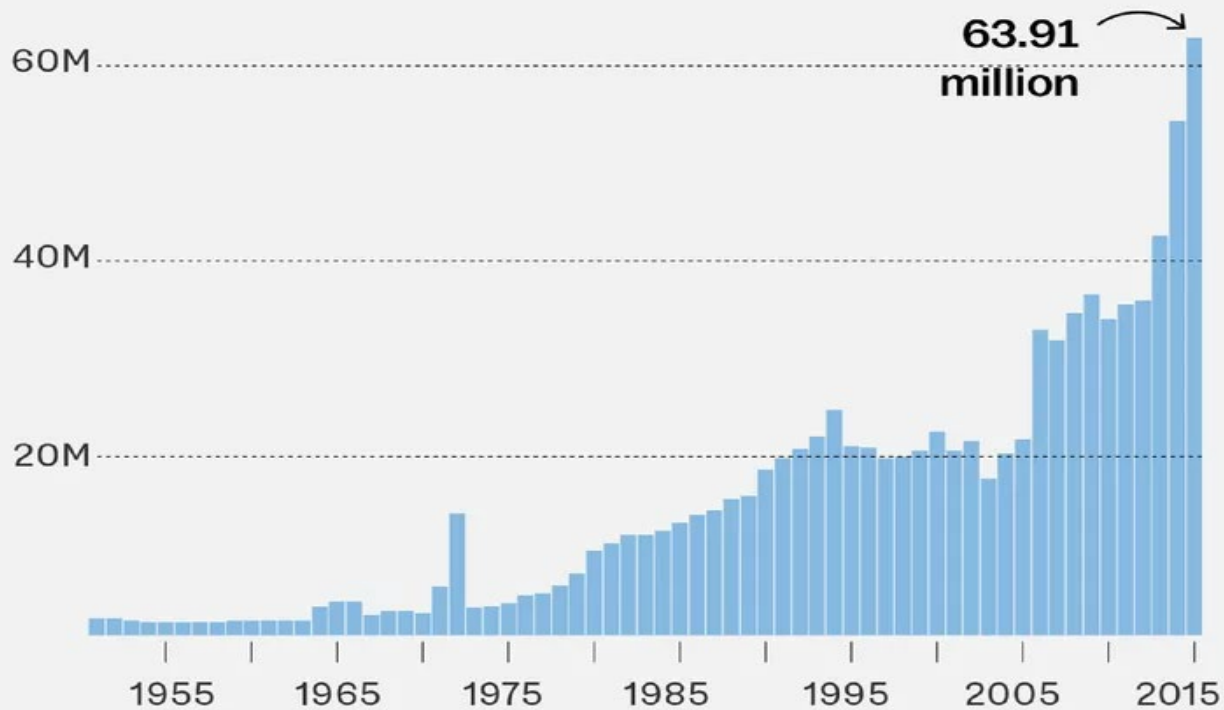


The refugee crisis is at historic proportions

Persons of concern, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, and others



Source: UNHCR

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What is a refugee?

A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

Myanmar

Myanmar (formerly Burma) is a Southeast Asian nation between Thailand and India.



How many refugees live in there?

At the end of 2015, there were approximately 451,800 refugees. This made it the eighth largest refugee population in the world.

what ethnic groups live there?

Karen, Shan, Mon, Chin, Kachin, Rakhine and Karenni.

What religious groups live there?

Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism,
Animism.

What it is like to live there?

Myanmar security forces continued to commit grave abuses against _____
Rohingya Muslims throughout 2018 . Cases of rape, torture, arbitrary
detention, and violence against Rohingya are commonplace, They Go days
without food and water.



What are they known for?



Myanmar is considered as the Golden Land. They're mostly known for their temples, the famous Yangon University of Medicine, and their limestone landscape of Mon state, the very tall Sakura Tower in Yangon, Myanmar's capital.

Where the refugees in Myanmar are escaping to?

Bangladesh is home to 32,000 registered (Myanmar) **Rohingya refugees** who are sheltering in two camps in the southeastern district of Cox's Bazar. In May 2015 that another 300,000 **Rohingya refugees** were living in Bangladesh.

When and why did it begin?

Beginning in 2012, the first incident occurred when a group of **Rohingya** men were accused of the rape and murder of a Buddhist woman and so the Myanmar began to kill and burn kids and women and men of the rohingya culture.

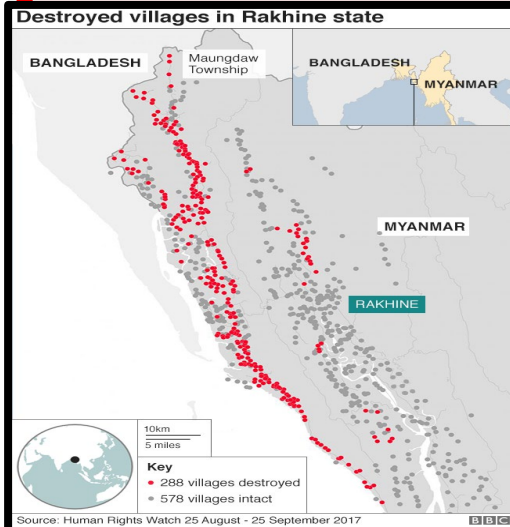
How Many Have died during this crisis?

Reports say that 6,700 Rohingya, including at least 730 children have been killed within in a month and around a total of 43,000 have been lost and presumed dead as of January 2020.



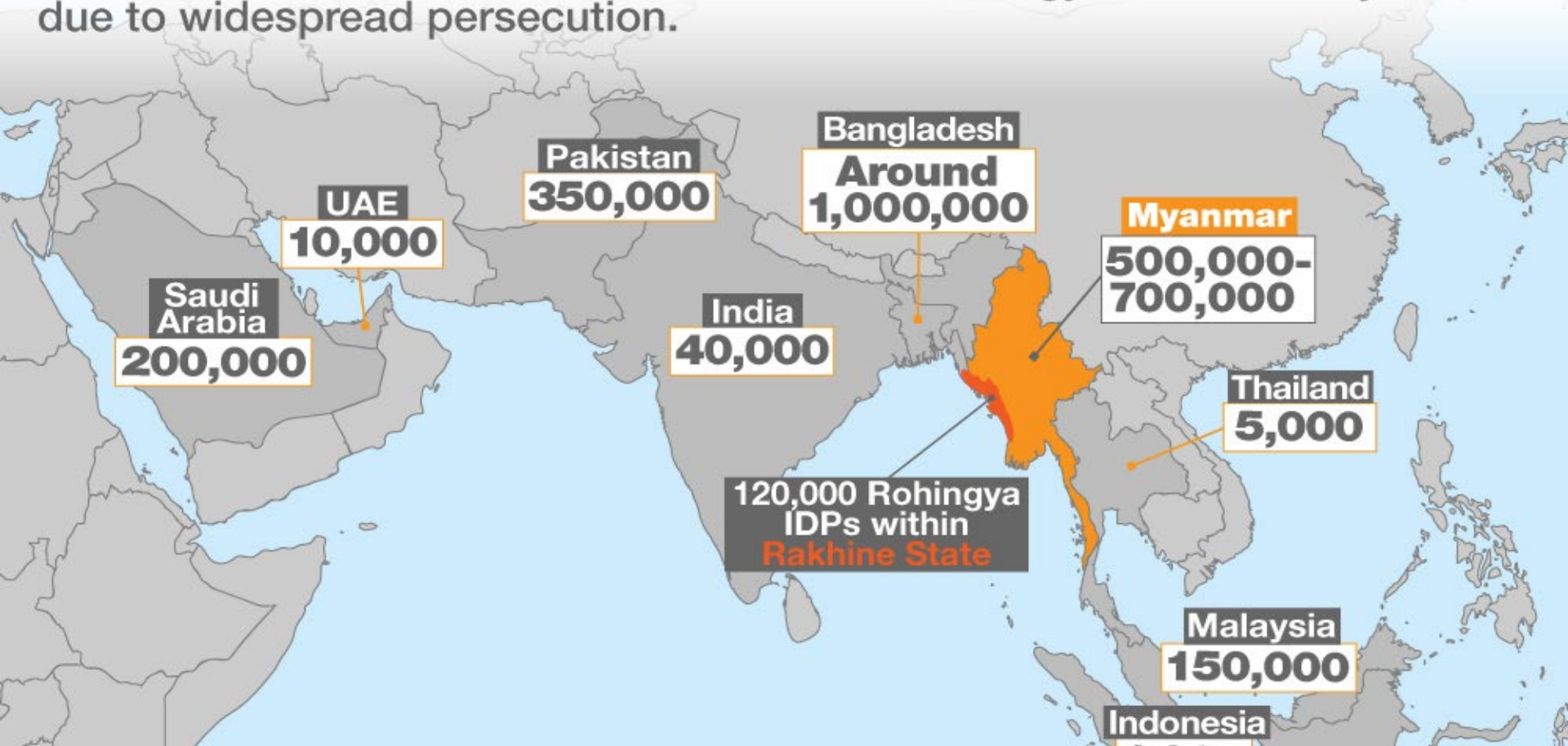
What has happened to these Refugees homes?

At least 288 villages were partially or totally destroyed by fires after August 2017 according to satellite imagery with around 578 villages left and destruction continuing up until today.



Following Myanmar's fleeing Rohingya

Since the late 1970s, more than one million Rohingya have fled Myanmar due to widespread persecution.



Syrian Refugees



TURKEY

AL-HASSAKEH

RAQQA

ALEPPO

IDLIB

LATTAKIA

HAMA

DEIR EZ-ZOR

TARTOUS

SYRIA

HOMS

Damascus

RURAL
DAMASCUS

QUNEITRA

DERAA

SWEIDA

IRAQ

ISRAEL

JORDAN

0 30 60
MILES

CYPRUS

LEBANON

What is life like at a Syrian refugee camp?

Inadequate provision of vaccinations and medicines, makeshift schools are overcrowded, zero employment prospects, and living in tents.

What is the Syrian refugee crisis?

The citizens of Syria that want to flee their country because of war.

What caused the refugee crisis?

The Syrian civil war which began
March 15th 2011.



1) What countries did the refugees flee to?

Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, United States, etc...

1) How many years have refugees been fleeing the country?

The civil war in Syria started in 2011 and is still going on today. Total of 9 years.

1) How many Syrians have been affected?

12 million people have been affected by the Syrian civil war.



Where did the refugees go?

**5.7 million fled Syria and went to Lebanon,
Turkey**

How many refugees are leaving their country?

about 6.7 million refugees

How many refugees are children?

about 3 million children are refugees



How were the refugees treated when they arrived?

1) What did they do when they got to the new country?

Many host countries are not able to keep them there so they go back to their country when the peace is settled.

1) Do they get special treatment when they arrive?

They get help with pay if they are eligible.

1) Do they go to the new country to escape war?



A lot of them escape the war and the latest numbers for it were 12,587 refugees in 2015

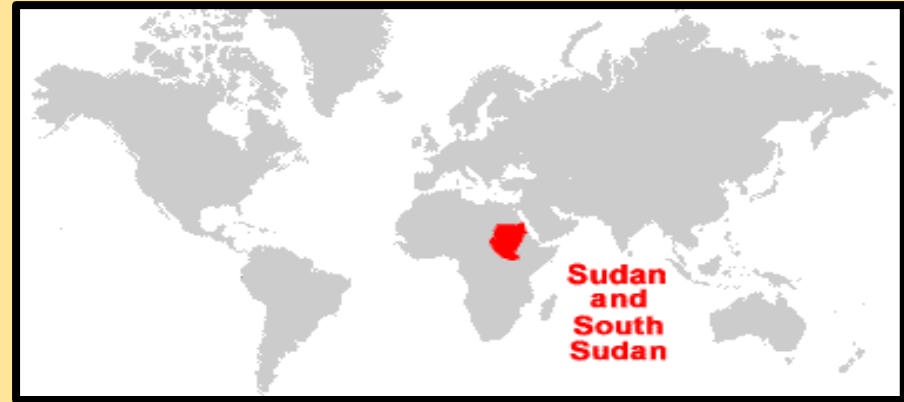


Kids in the refugee camps are given toys to comfort them and help time pass. These toys bring them joy in such a terrible time.



These boats transport the refugees to safer spots, usually in other countries. These Syrian refugees are hopeful that they'll have a better life.

SOUTH SUDAN



Q: How many people became refugees and how did it happen?



happen?



A: led the country becoming home to the 3rd largest refugee crisis, behind Afghanistan and Syria. July 2018, there were about 2.5 million South Sudanese refugees, with the number expected to rise to 3 million by the end of year if the war continues.

Q: What are the causes for the conflict in south Sudan?

A: ethnic tensions- North Sudan consists mainly of Arabic Muslims while the vast majority of South Sudan consists of Christians and Non-Arabs. The two regions battled over power and control of the government.



Q: What did the government do to the markets when riots broke out?



A: Government and opposition groups have blocked food supplies in certain areas, and have been looting markets and private homes for food. This has led to multiple traders running out of markets because they are worried about possible attacks, and also leading to homelessness and starvation.

The Afghanistan Refugee Crisis

- The Afghanistan Refugee Crisis is a crisis that began in 1979, and since then, has continued to occur. The refugees leave their home with no place to go. Most travel to Pakistan, while other go to Iran and India.



How many people were affected from this?

Up to 6 million people were affected.

How many people died in the crisis?

About 1 million died in the crisis.

Why did the refugees flee?

**Very poor conditions and
it was very violent.**





Afghanistan Refugees



How many refugees are in Afghanistan?

- Almost 2.5 million registered refugees are in Afghanistan today.

What is the reason Afghanistan refugees are fleeing?

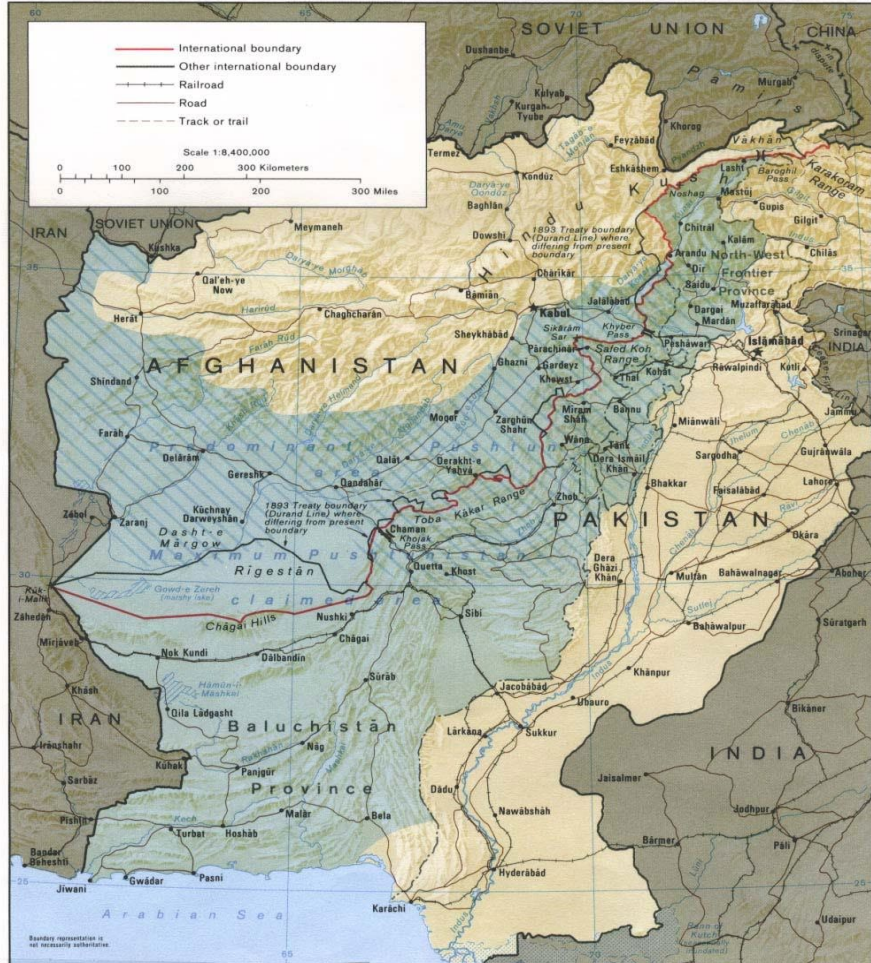
- Most, if not all of the refugees flee from the violence of the communist-led Teraki and Amin government.

What percent does the Afghanistan refugees make up?

- Afghanistan accounts for 2.6 million out of the 21.1 million refugees around the world. That is 10% and the 2nd largest refugee population after the Palestinian.



Afghanistan-Pakistan Border



Above is a picture showing hundreds of Afghan refugees: men, women, and children travelling by foot.

To the left, you can see a picture of a map of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Many Afghans move there because they are very close to each other.

What was the main cause of the Afghanistan Refugee?

In 1979, the invasion of the Soviet Union caused the Afghanistan Refugee, but in 2016, the main cause was because of violence and ongoing war within their communities and homes.

Of those who were forced to leave, how did they get their destination?

Some travel by trucks, while others sail, or walk.

How long has this crisis been going on for?

The crisis beginning started after the soviet union invaded in 1979, and ended in mid 1989. But since then, there have been waves of crises, the latest being in 2016.



How many refugees are there in Pakistan?

Afghanistan holds about 1.38 million refugees in their country. Afghanistan has been home to refugees since 1979.

Where do the refugees go?

Most refugees from Afghanistan travel to Pakistan and Iran to stay safe.

What is the child to adult ratio of refugees in Afghanistan?

There about 138,600 refugees in Afghanistan that are under the age of 18. About 2,369,400 adults were refugees in Afghanistan, based on the math.



The background of the image is the flag of Somalia, which consists of a blue field with a white five-pointed star in the center. The flag is shown with a wavy, draped texture. The word "SOMALIA" is written in large, bold, black capital letters across the center of the star.

SOMALIA

...

Crisis of famine death and civil war.

What is causing the mass migration from Somalia?

Civil war, breakdown of law and order, difficult economic conditions, drought and famine have displaced around two million Somali natives. The crisis in Somalia is the result of prolonged drought, violence and insecurity. Drought has led to severe water shortages (price of 200 liter barrel of water tripled).



What are the living conditions like in Somalia?

Many faced dire living conditions, with limited assistance, and faced a range of abuses, including indiscriminate killings, forced evictions, and sexual violence.



How do Somali refugees affect the countries they migrate to?

Many of the refugees end up in refugee camps after migrating. These camps often offer basic healthcare, food rations, housing, and in some cases education and employment. Many camps are poorly funded and disorganised, which causes problems for the host country and the refugees. These circumstances create problems economically and socially.

Exhibit 1.3: Federal Refugee Resettlement Revenues Provided to Minnesota, Federal Fiscal Years 2014-2016

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Cash, Medical, and Administrative Assistance ^a | \$2,729,595 | \$2,492,677 | \$2,796,985 |
| Refugee Social Services Grants | 2,545,188 | 2,660,257 | 3,286,847 |
| Targeted Assistance Grants | 755,628 | 722,368 | 723,647 |
| Student Grants | 429,555 | 433,935 | 521,707 |
| Elderly Grants | <u>48,780</u> | <u>51,865</u> | <u>NA</u> |
| TOTAL | \$6,508,746 | \$6,361,102 | \$7,329,186 |

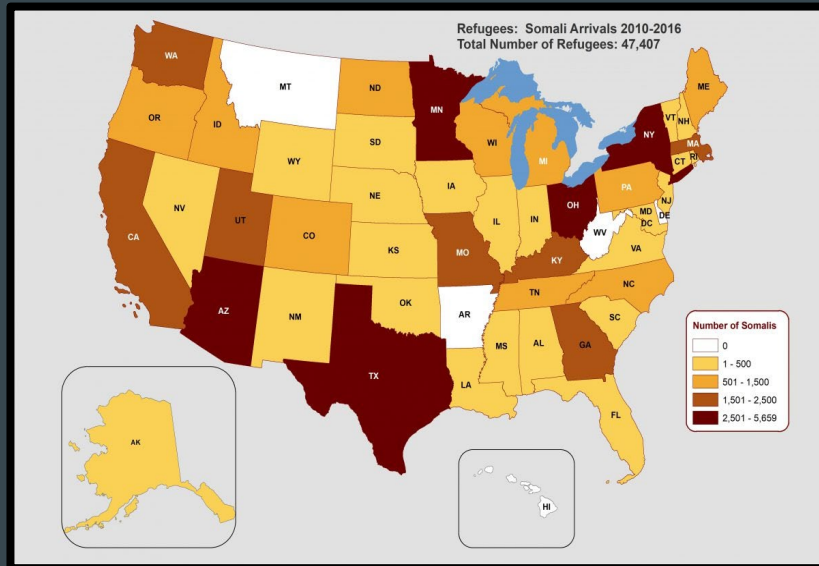
NOTES: Federal grants specifically for the purpose of assisting elderly refugees were rolled into Refugee Social Services Grants after Federal Fiscal Year 2015. Federal grants for the purpose of assisting students who were refugees were rolled into Refugee Social Services Grants after Federal Fiscal Year 2016.

^a This category includes federal funds for the state Resettlement Program Office's administrative costs, Refugee Cash Assistance payments, Refugee Medical Assistance payments, and administration of refugee health screening.

SOURCE: Minnesota Department of Human Services.

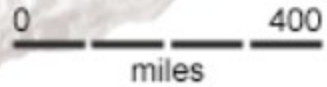
Where did the Somali refugees go?

Somali refugees moved from Greater Somalia primarily to the Arabian peninsula, Europe, North America, Southern Africa and Australia. There are also small Somali populations in other pockets of Europe and Asia.



Africa's food shortage

The Horn of Africa faces famine as the area experiences its worst drought in 60 years

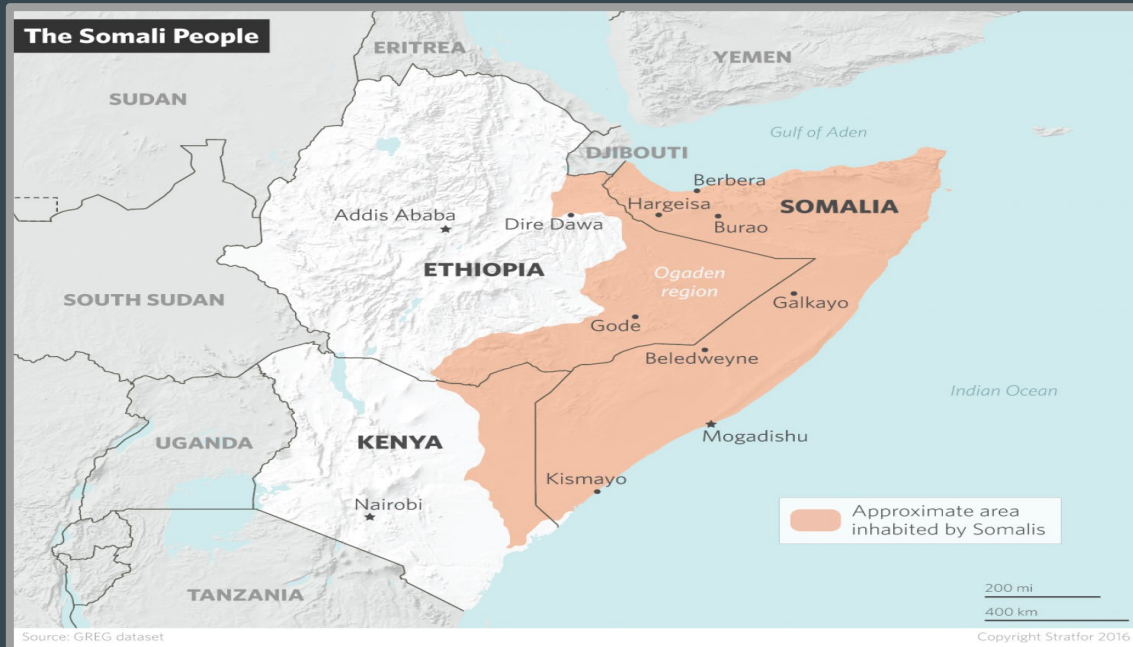



12m
Estimated number of people affected



What caused the current Somali civil war?

The Somali people have relied on foreign aid for many years and when that was taken away, it had troubled a lot of people. Political, Economic, and Social problems are some of the root causes of the Somali civil war.



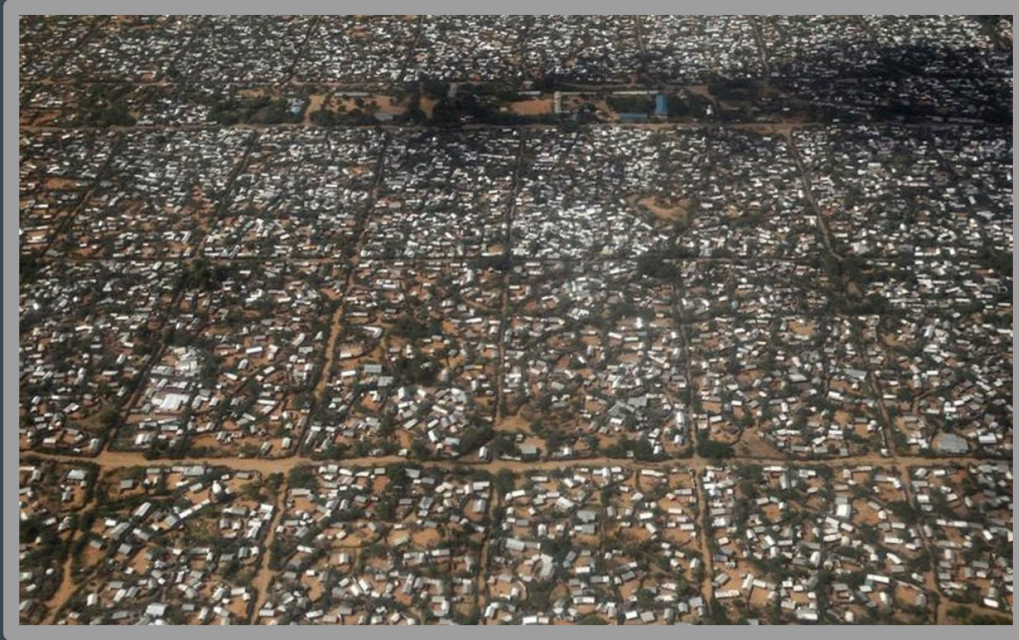
How are the economic conditions like in Somalia?

Despite two decades of civil war, the economy of Somalia has survived as an informal economy, based mainly on livestock, remittance/money transfers from abroad, and telecommunications. Due to the lack of the formal government statistics and the recent civil war, it is difficult to gauge the size or growth of the economy.

How is the crisis affecting families in Somalia?

Nearly 7 million are in need of urgent assistance and now even those who ran from Somalia are often now being pushed out of the only safe place they had, Kenya.

As stated in an article about this crisis,
“At least 263,000 Somalis, say they have
agreed to return
home because they fear
Kenya will force them out if they stay.”



What can we do to help these Somali refugees?

One organization that's helping with many of these problems around the world is the IRC (International Rescue Committee). This organization started helping with this crisis in 1981, assisted about 280,000 people per year (recorded in 2018), and are hoping to reach 620,000 people per year by the end of 2020. Their current efficiency is only about 5% in donations and are desperate to raise more so that they may be able to help more efficiently and widely. Donate today at <https://www.rescue.org/country/somalia>



Refugees In The U.S.



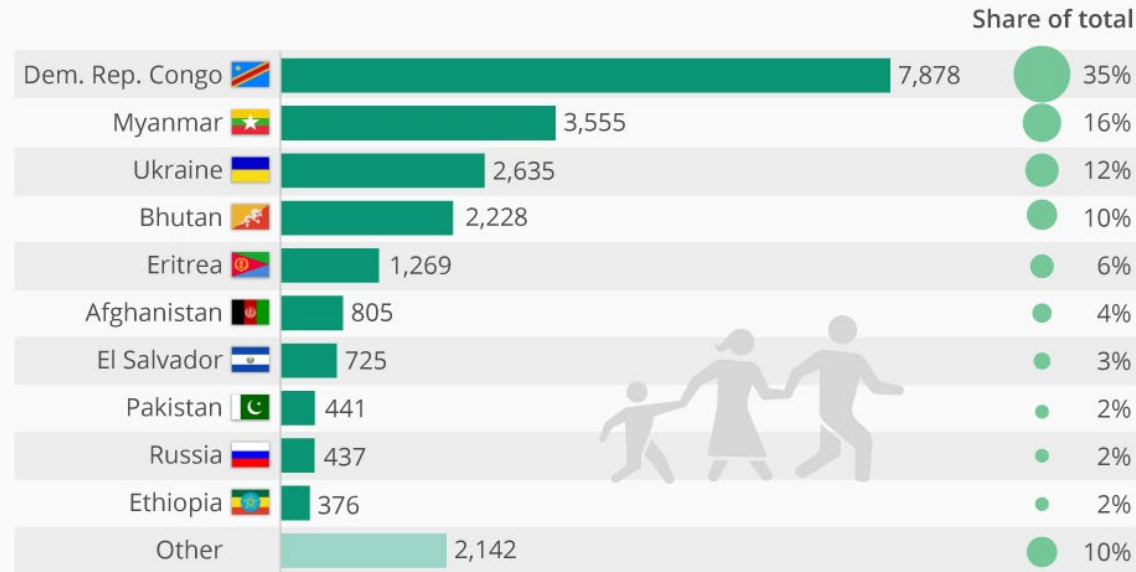
How do Americans treat refugees in the United States?



Where do American refugees come from?

Where America's Refugees Came From In 2018

Top origin countries of refugees entering the U.S. in FY 2018*



* Excluding special immigrant visa recipients and certain humanitarian parole entrants.

Where in the United States do refugees live?

A majority of refugees in the United States have found homes in Texas, Ohio, and New York.

How many refugees are there in the United States?

Last year, President Trump limited the total to 30,000 refugees, corresponding to one of the lowest levels since the beginning of the US refugee program. In the last year of President Obama in office, he set the limit at 110,000 refugees.

Why do refugees seek asylum from their origin countries?

A majority of people flee to avoid violent gang activity, Civil Corruption, and Human sex trafficking.



How do the refugees get to the U.S.?

Refugees get in many ways like sneaking in, or being accepted into the country.

Where do these refugees go after coming to the U.S.?

They will go any state that will accept them.

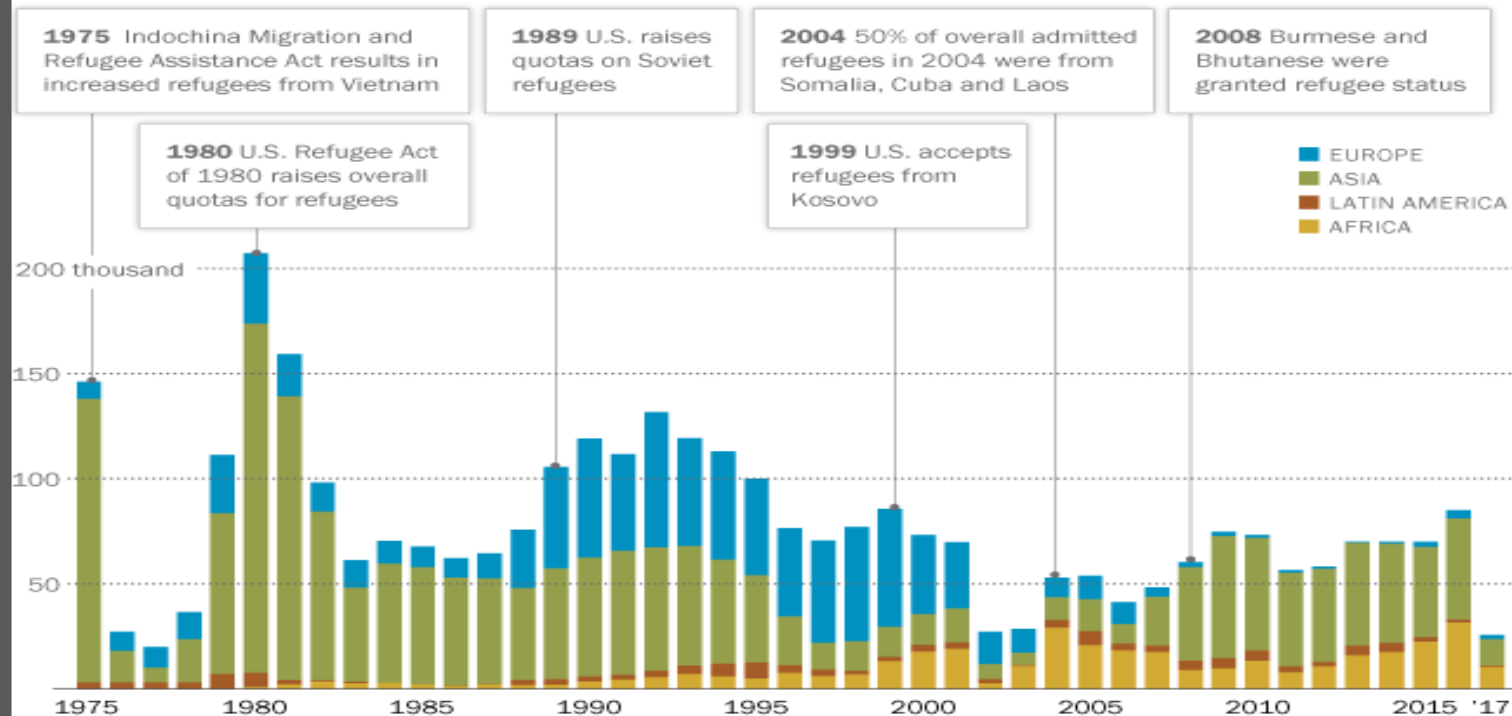
How do refugees get money?

Refugees money through from the Refugee Cash Assistance program (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance program (RMA).



The shifting origins of refugees to the U.S. over time

Number of refugees admitted to the U.S., by region of origin of principal applicant and fiscal year



Source: Refugee Processing Center, 1975-2016.

Note: Data do not include special immigrant visas and certain humanitarian parole entrants. Does not include refugees admitted under the Private Sector Initiative. Europe includes former Soviet Union states. Asia includes Middle Eastern and North African countries. Africa includes sub-Saharan Africa, but also Sudan and South Sudan. Latin America includes Caribbean. Data for fiscal 2017 are through Dec. 31, 2016; fiscal 2017 began Oct. 1, 2016.



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WELCOME**

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Brings the refugees [#JewsForRefugees](#)

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DO NOT
ENTER**

Can a refugee become a U.S. citizen?

Yes. All refugees are **required** to apply for a green card to become a permanent resident after one year in the United States. After five years of residency, they become eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.

