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THE 10 LARGEST REFUGEE CRISES IN 2025

Conflict is a key driver of displacement and one of the key reasons many people become refugees. Of the 10 largest refugee crises in the world today, all 10 countries of origin are facing some form of conflict or violence.

Of the 31 million refugees around the world, 83% come from these 10 countries — and more than 54% come from just the top three.

10. ERITREA

Ongoing violence and political instability in Eritrea have made it one of the largest refugee crises for the last several years.

9. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

For more than a decade, a humanitarian crisis in the Central African Republic has gone largely unnoticed in global media. This conflict, which began in 2012, led to a nearly 360% increase in Central African refugees.

8. SOMALIA

Decades of crisis in Somalia have led to ongoing displacement for hundreds of thousands of civilians. Last year, numbers were at their highest since 2019, with over 860,000 Somali refugees registered around the world.

Image: Amburo* (28) is a mother of four children from Baidoa, now living in a displacement camp in Daynile District, Mogadishu. The Somalia Cash Consortium, led by Concern Worldwide, has provided critical humanitarian aid through mobile money transfers since 2018, reaching over 1.8 million people.
Photo: Adnan Mohamed/Concern Worldwide *name has been changed.





Image: Concern's Yemen Country Director Victor Moses meets a mother and her a child at a health clinic supported by Concern in one of the displacement camps in Yemen.

Photo: Ammar Khalaf/Concern Worldwide

7. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Last year, the number of refugees fleeing decades of crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo exceeded 1 million - currently the total is just over 1.06 million. *"This is not business as usual in the DRC,"* said Concern's DRCs country director, Antoine Sagot-Prieux, last March. *"We need people to know what is happening here."*

6. MYANMAR & THE ROHINGYA CRISIS

Violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State displaced nearly 750,000 stateless Rohingya in just a few weeks. Ultimately, of the 1.3 million refugees from Myanmar, the Rohingya make up the majority, however many others have fled ongoing conflict and instability in the country.

5. SUDAN

Following the onset of conflict in 2023, the crisis in Sudan has continued to worsen. Over 2.09 million Sudanese refugees are recorded in 2025, an 18% increase compared to this time last year, and more than double pre-war figures.

4. SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan's refugee population has dropped a bit in the last year, from 2.98 million reported last year to 2.29 million reported this year. This brings the displacement down from a peak, but still leaves many civilians in need of essential services (including more who have been internally displaced at protection of civilian sites).

3. UKRAINE

In February 2022, ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine led to a full-blown humanitarian crisis which led to the rapid displacement of over 5 million Ukrainians. These numbers have shifted in the intervening two years, with over 6 million displaced last year. Approximately 3.7 million are also internally displaced throughout the country.

2. AFGHANISTAN

The ongoing crisis in Afghanistan has made it one of the top countries of origin for refugees. One out of every six refugees are from Afghanistan and over 6.1 million Afghans are internationally displaced – largely in neighbouring Pakistan and Iran.

1. SYRIA

Syria continues to be the world's largest refugee crisis, representing nearly 25% of the total global refugee population. As of mid-2023, 6.49 million Syrians have sought refuge, primarily in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, and Turkey. In Lebanon, there are no formal camps, which leaves its population of over 1 million Syrians living across 2,000 communities, often in overcrowded temporary shelters.

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All numbers are via the UNHCR's Refugee Statistics Portal and include refugees under UNHCR mandate. For the purposes of this article and to keep data consistent, we do not include Venezuelans displaced abroad or Palestinians under UNRWA mandate, which are classified differently. Unfortunately, no one data set is going to give us the complete picture of our current global displacement crisis.

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