

# Refugee and IDP Data—2023

At the end of 2023, **117.3 million** people had been forcibly displaced from their homes.

**68.3 million** internally displaced people (IDPs) + **37.6 million** refugees and Venezuelans displaced abroad\* + **6.9 million** asylum seekers + **5.8 million** other people in need of international protection = **1 out of 69** people worldwide

There are more displaced people today than at any time in recorded history.

## Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

### Countries with the Most IDPs

- Sudan 9.1 million IDPs
- Syria 7.2 million IDPs
- Democratic Republic of the Congo 6.7 million IDPs
- Colombia 5.1 million IDPs
- Yemen 4.5 million IDPs

## Refugees and Venezuelans Displaced Abroad\*

### Top (5) Countries of Origin for Refugees

- Afghanistan 6.4 million refugees
- Syria 6.4 million refugees
- Venezuela 6.1 million displaced abroad
- Ukraine 6.0 million refugees
- South Sudan 2.3 million refugees

### Top (5) Host Countries for Refugees

- Iran 3.8 million refugees
- Turkey 3.3 million refugees
- Colombia 2.9 million refugees
- Germany 2.6 million refugees
- Pakistan 2.0 million refugees

## Asylum Seekers

### Received Most Asylum Applications

- U.S. 1.2 million applicants
- Germany 329,104 applicants
- Egypt 183,051 applicants
- Spain 163,192 applicants
- Canada 146,729 applicants

\* In 2023 the UNHCR included Venezuelans displaced abroad as refugees although most have not officially received refugee status from the responsible agencies.

## Spotlight: Afghanistan

Afghanistan's population in 2024 was approximately 43 million.

Approximately 21% of Afghans have left their homes



**1 million Afghans**

nearly 6 million have fled the country

more than 3 million internally displaced

### Afghan Refugees

- Afghans fled violent conflict, natural disasters, chronic poverty, food insecurity, and human rights violations.
- 3,000-5,000 Afghans fled to Iran daily in 2024.
- More than half of the Afghan population (23.7 million) was estimated to need humanitarian assistance in 2024.