



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

AT A GLANCE

1 in 18

Inhabitants of the region is forcibly displaced

83%

Refugees and asylum seekers originate from the countries in the region

25%

Refugees in the region were born in asylum

Regional Bureau for the East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes (EHAGL) Strategic Plan: 2025 - 2027

OUR VISION

In a context characterised by conflict, persecution, and climate-driven displacement, but also one of resilience, opportunities and innovation, UNHCR envisions a region where refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons are protected and live more dignified lives, while pursuing solutions.

THE REGION TODAY

The region remains vulnerable to armed conflict, political and socio-economic instability, and climate induced disasters creating new waves of displacement and exacerbating existing humanitarian needs. UNHCR is responding to four situations - Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and Burundi - and is also affected by the DRC Situation. At the regional level, UNHCR works with Regional Economic Communities, UN sister agencies, NGOs and others to support protection and solutions with and for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

UNHCR continues to work with development partners to mainstream forcibly displaced populations into development planning and sustainable responses, promoting inclusion and solutions from the start. New partnerships with the private sector and progress on the localization agenda contribute to sustainable responses, which are anchored in efforts to enhance the resilience and self-reliance of displaced populations and their hosts.

Resettlement and Complementary Pathways needs remain equally significant. Onward movement of refugees from their first countries of asylum requires a regionally harmonized approach. A route-based approach will be applied in response to mixed movements of refugees and migrants, promoting more humane and effective responses, and delivering better outcomes for people on the move, as well as affected communities and States.

Over the next three years, UNHCR will consolidate and enhance its efforts to provide protection, assistance and solutions for and with forcibly displaced and stateless populations, and promote improved responses to forced displacement in the region, in line with the priorities of Member States and RECs, and in collaboration with a wide and diverse range of stakeholders.

KEY POPULATION STATISTICS

 **5.8M**
Refugees and asylum seekers

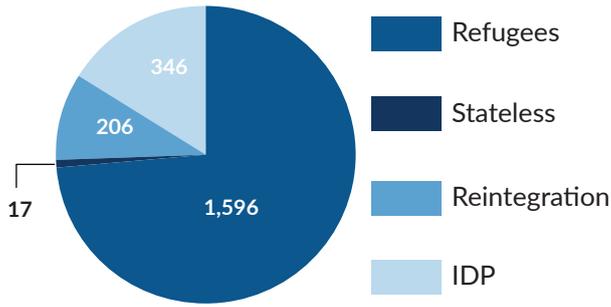
 **18M**
Internally Displaced Persons

 **249K**
Refugee returns in 2025

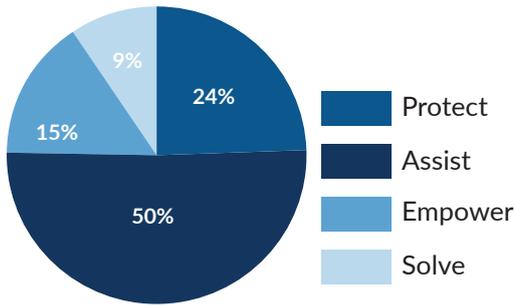
 **53.4K**
Stateless Persons

Key population statistics as of May 2025

NEEDS-BASED REQUIREMENTS (2025) BY BUDGETARY POPULATION GROUPS (Million USD)*



NEEDS-BASED REQUIREMENTS (2025) BY GLOBAL IMPACT AREA (%)



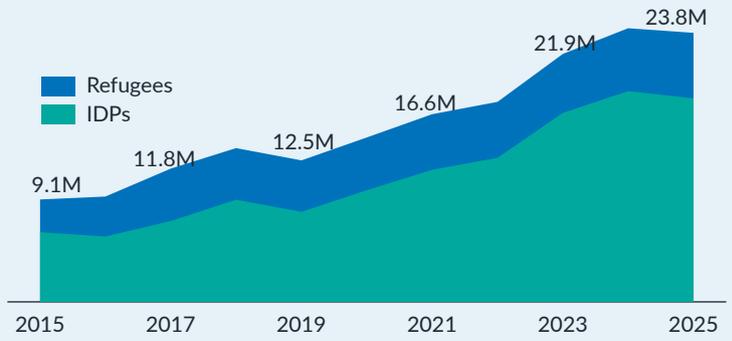
*the needs based requirements are for all operations in the EHAGL region, including the Regional Bureau

5 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

UNHCR'S work is guided by five strategic priorities:

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Inclusive, Solutions-Oriented Emergency Preparedness and Response prioritizing "solutions from the start" in its emergency preparedness and response, promoting alternatives to camps and fostering the protection, inclusion, and resilience of displaced populations alongside their host communities.
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Diversified Resource Mobilization and Transformative Partnerships with public and private stakeholders to mobilize and leverage financing, influence, and expertise in support of sustainable approaches to protection and solutions.
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Evidence-Based Advocacy and Data-Informed Action will advance the rights, inclusion, and development opportunities of forcibly displaced and stateless persons through evidence-driven advocacy and communications, and the systematic provision of critical, comprehensive, and coherent data to inform efficient programming, policy, and decision-making.
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Strengthened People Management and Workforce Planning will enhance the delivery of its protection and solutions mandate through strategic human resources support to operations and managers, focused on effective workforce planning, talent management, and strengthened people leadership across the region.
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Efficiency and Sustainable Responses will improve performance by using data to identify and implement efficient business processes across operations. This will help streamline workflows, avoid duplication and parallel systems, optimize resources, and strengthen impact delivery by UNHCR and partners.

Forcibly Displaced Population almost Tripled in 10 Years



KEY TRENDS

24% of forcibly displaced persons are **Refugees**

76% of forcibly displaced persons are **IDPs**

44% of refugees are of working age

91% of refugees are hosted by **5 countries** (Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and South Sudan)

89% of IDPs are located in **3 Countries** (Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia)

29% of refugees are employed

19% of UNHCR's global persons of concern are hosted in EHAGL region

15% higher employment rate for refugees in urban areas than in the camps

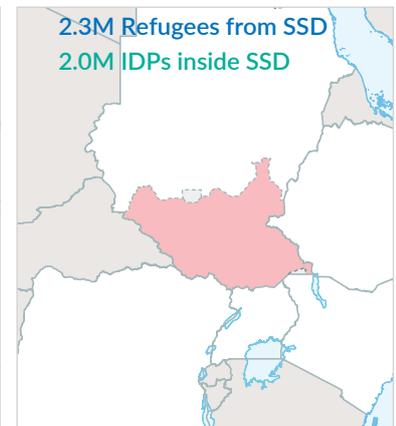
62% of refugees live in poverty

SITUATIONS

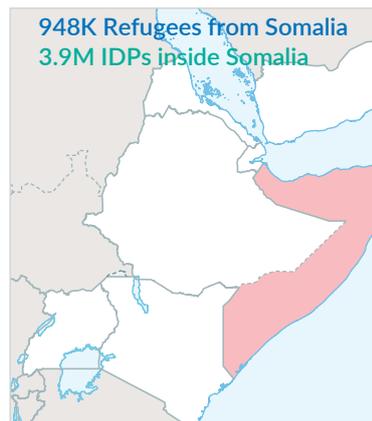
Sudan Situation



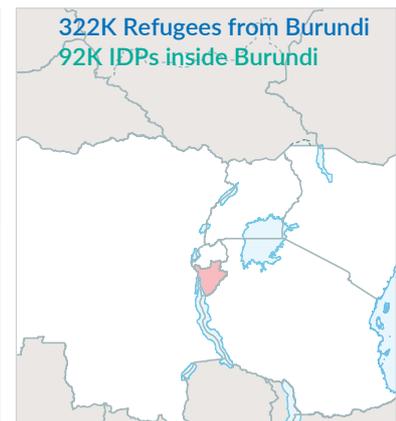
South Sudan Situation



Somalia Situation



Burundi Situation



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