



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

AT A GLANCE



1 in 16

Inhabitants of the region is forcibly displaced



83%

Refugees and asylum seekers originate from the country in the region



26%

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 of conflict, persecution, and climate-driven displacement, but also one of innovation and resilience, UNHCR envisions a region where refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons are protected; where solutions are found to help millions of people lead more dignified lives.

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. The EHAGL Region faces four major Situations, the 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, as well as progress on the localization agenda, also contribute to sustainable responses, which is anchored in efforts to enhance the resilience and self-reliance of displaced populations and their host communities.

Resettlement needs remain 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, affected communities and States.

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

KEY POPULATION STATISTICS



5.6M

Refugees and asylum seekers



21.7M

Internally Displaced Persons



409K

Refugee returns in 2024

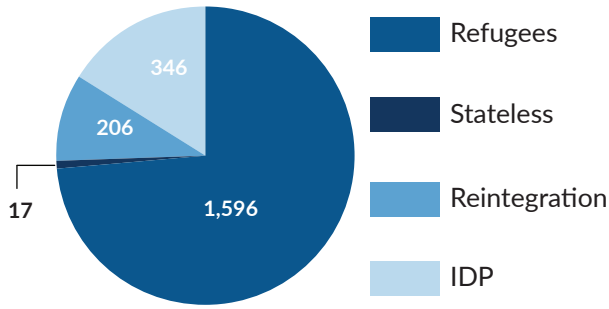


98K

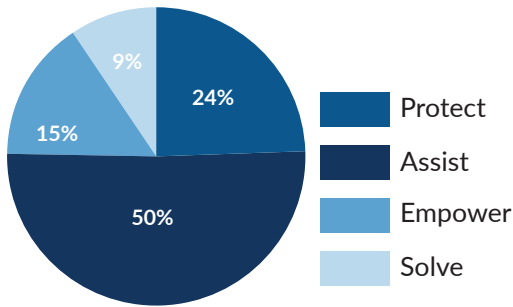
Stateless Persons

Key population statistics as of November 2024

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

7 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

UNHCR'S work is guided by seven strategic priorities:



Sustainable responses

with an overall objective of promoting, supporting and achieving self-reliance, inclusion and solutions.



Emergency preparedness and response

with a focus on 'solutions from the start' and alternatives to camps.



Implementation of Global Refugee Forum pledges

with a focus on transitions from camps to settlements, inclusion and empowerment for women and girls, and strengthened cooperation and solidarity with displaced populations and affected host countries.



Transformative partnerships

with diverse public and private stakeholders to leverage financing, influence, and expertise in support of protection and solutions.



Evidence-driven advocacy and communications

to advance rights, inclusion, and development opportunities for forcibly displaced and stateless persons.



Data-informed responses

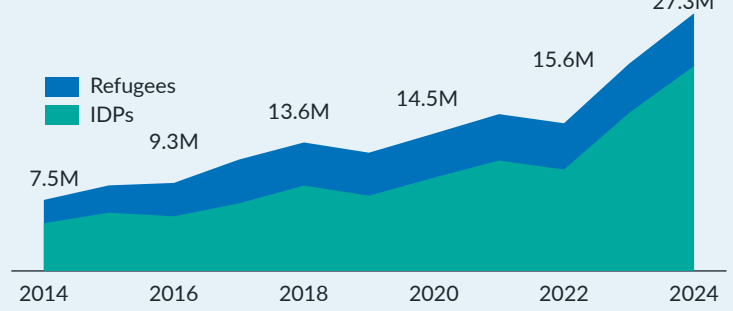
Systematic provision of critical, comprehensive and coherent information and data to inform programming, policy and advocacy.



Strategic HR support

to operations and managers to enhance people management and workforce planning, ensuring the effective delivery of the protection and solutions mandate in the region.

Forcibly Displaced Population Quadrupled in 10 Years



KEY TRENDS IN THE REGION

20% of the forcibly displaced persons are Refugees

80% of the forcibly displaced persons are IDPs

44% of the refugees are of working age

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

91% of the IDPs are located in **3 Countries** (Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia)

29% of the refugees are employed

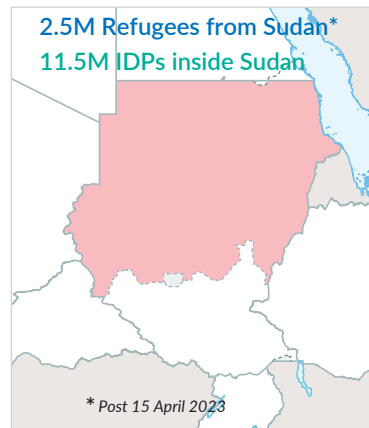
22% of the UNHCR's global persons of concern are hosted in EHAGL region

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

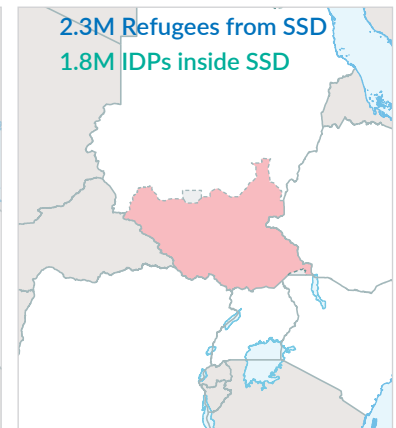
62% of the refugees live in poverty

SITUATIONS

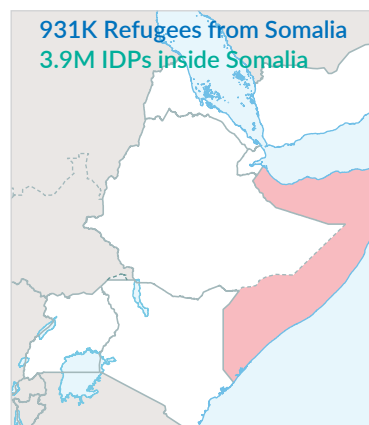
Sudan Situation



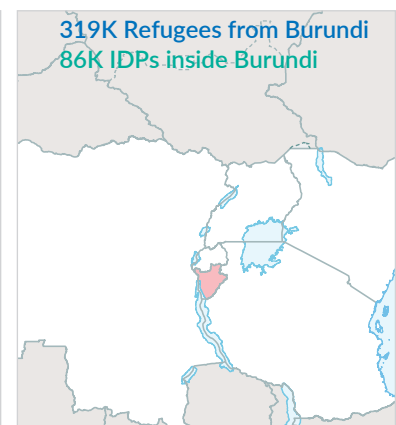
South Sudan Situation



Somalia Situation



Burundi Situation



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