

# Refugees: know the facts 1

## DO YOU KNOW? Where refugees come from?

- ◆ 68.5 million *displaced people* worldwide (those who have fled their home but remain within their country's borders).
- ◆ 25.4 million *refugees* (people who have fled their own country and are seeking refuge elsewhere).
- ◆ 3.1 million *registered asylum seekers* worldwide (refugees who have sought asylum from another country)
- ◆ One person is forced to leave their home every two seconds of every day.
- ◆ 95% of displaced people/ refugees remain within their country's borders.
- ◆ Half of all refugees are under 18. 173,800 are *unaccompanied children*.
- ◆ 68% of the world's refugees come from:
  - ◇ Syrian Arab Republic (6.3 million)
  - ◇ Afghanistan (2.6 million)
  - ◇ South Sudan (2.4 million)
  - ◇ Myanmar (1.2 million)
  - ◇ Somalia (986,400)

Since August 2017, 647,000 refugees have fled Myanmar. More than 2 million people have fled their homes in Yemen following bombardment by UK bombs.

## Where refugees go to?

Most refugees go to:

Turkey -3.5 million

Pakistan -1.4 million

Uganda - 1.4 million

Lebanon - 998,900

Islamic Rep. of Iran - 979,400

Germany - 970,400

Bangladesh - 932,200

Sudan - 906,600

**(UK: 27,966)**

Number of refugees per head of local population

Lebanon 1:4

Jordan 1:3

Turkey 1:23

**(UK: 1:2,324)**

1% are resettled; the remainder will remain in refugee camps, live in other countries as *stateless people* without legal protection or will eventually return home (5 million, mostly displaced people).

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# Refugees: know the facts 2

## Europe

- ◆ By Sept , 82,100 refugees had arrived in Europe in 2018.
- ◆ 2,119 (2.5% of those crossing) people died in the Mediterranean.
- ◆ The Calais camp was destroyed in 2016 but between 1000-1500 refugees are still in and around Calais, a number of which are children. who had hoped to cross to the UK under the Dubs scheme (the Government has closed the scheme).

## UK

- ◆ The total number of refugees in the UK supported by the UK government is 49,536 (less than 0.08% of the UK population).
- ◆ The UK accepts about 10,000 refugees per annum.
- ◆ Of the 20,000 Syrian refugees David Cameron promised refuge by 2020, just under 14,000 have arrived in the UK to date. (Germany expects to take about 180,000.)
- ◆ This year (up to end September 2018) 27,966 people had applied for asylum in the UK (0.17% of the world's refugees and displaced people and 0.04% of the UK's population).
- ◆ The *UK refuses 70% of asylum applications* (65% in respect of children although a further 16% are given leave to remain until age 17 1/2).

## Craven

Craven has welcomed 29 Syrian refugees (0.05% of local population) under the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Scheme. A mix of resettlement help has been provided by statutory agencies and local volunteers and the scheme is working well. The experience shows that we can do it, and do it well, when we put our minds to it.

## Rich and Poor

The poorest nations have shouldered most of the relief work.

The poorest countries in Europe (Greece, Italy) have taken most of the refugees arriving here.

The poorest towns and local authority have accepted most of the refugees in the UK.

The UK is the world's 6th richest nation. Craven is one of the richest areas of the country (top 1/3). We can and should do more.