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## **NEW UN REFUGEE STATISTICS SHOULD SPUR AUSTRALIA TO CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION IN ASIA**

Last month's election of a new government in Malaysia provides the perfect opportunity for the Australian Government to rethink how it can play a constructive role in working for effective answers for refugees in the Asia-Pacific region, the Refugee Council of Australia says.

Reflecting on new United Nations statistics which show that the global number of people who are now refugees is at a 70-year high, RCOA chief executive officer Paul Power said Australians and their government should not allow themselves to be overwhelmed by grim statistics but should redouble efforts to seek practical answers.

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) released its annual Global Trends report for World Refugee Day, revealing that the world's refugee population jumped by 2.9 million during 2017 to 25.4 million, surpassing the previous record set in 1992. UNHCR's Global Trends report estimates the number of forcibly displaced people at the end of 2017 at 68.5 million, including 40.0 million people displaced with the borders of their country of origin, 25.4 million as refugees elsewhere and 3.1 million people still seeking asylum.

"While these statistics can overwhelm us into inaction, even with 2017's increase, only 0.3% of the world's people are refugees," Mr Power said. "Finding answers is not impossible, with sufficient political will. Australia can choose to make a difference in two ways – by increasing support to the nations hosting the largest numbers of refugees and by exploring how Australia's diplomacy, aid and practical help could make a difference in our near region."

The world's refugees comprise 5.2 million Palestinians in the Middle East under the care of the UN Relief and Works Agency and 19.3 million refugees globally under UNHCR's mandate. Of these 19.3 million refugees, 68% are from just five source countries – Syria 6.3 million, Afghanistan 2.6 million, South Sudan 2.4 million, Myanmar 1.1 million and Somalia 986,000. Just 10 countries are hosting 63% of the world's refugees – Turkey 3.4 million, Pakistan 1.39 million, Uganda 1.35 million, Lebanon 999,000, Iran 979,000, Germany 970,000, Bangladesh 932,000, Sudan 907,000, Ethiopia 889,000 and Jordan 691,000.

RCOA's analysis of the UNHCR statistics shows that Australia's contribution to the support of refugees is more modest. Of the 3.46 million people who had their refugee status recognised in 2017 and the 102,755 refugees who were resettled, Australia assisted 23,111 of them (0.65%). In terms of initial protection through recognition of refugee status or further protection through resettlement, Australia's effort was 20<sup>th</sup> overall, 25<sup>th</sup> on a per capita basis and 45<sup>th</sup> relative to national Gross Domestic Product.

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“Australia can and should do more to resettle refugees from countries which are unable to meet their basic needs but our national efforts should not stop there,” Mr Power said. “We can achieve even more for refugees through constructive diplomacy, targeted humanitarian action and bringing well-motivated governments and civil society organisations together to work on practical change.

“The new coalition government in Malaysia was elected on a platform which includes ratifying the Refugee Convention, giving work rights and formal registration to Malaysia’s 150,000 refugees and working for diplomatic solutions for the crises which have displaced Rohingya and Palestinians refugees. While much less dramatic, there are the early signs of change in both Thailand and Indonesia, with greater openness to addressing the needs of refugees.

“Unfortunately, these changes are largely being missed by an Australian Government which, up to this point, has been much more focused on detention, deterrence and deflection of people seeking refuge. Our organisation is doing its best to draw Australian decision-makers’ attention to the changes happening in the region and the benefits for all, including Australia, of a region which provides greater protection and stability for people forcibly displaced by persecution.

“Largely hidden behind the rightful international attention to the shocking mass displacement of 900,000 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar are the circumstances of 200,000 refugees from other ethnic groups from Myanmar, now living in Thailand, Malaysia, India and Indonesia. Many of these 200,000 refugees still hope to return home, when conditions improve. The possibility of building a sustainable peace for these refugees should be a high priority for Australian foreign policy in the region.

“Of course, Australia will never be accepted as a visionary international leader while its reputation remains so badly tarnished by its shocking offshore detention policy. A prompt and fair outcome for the 1600 people who remain on Nauru and Manus Island is a fundamentally important first step, one which will be seen by our neighbours as a signal that Australia is ready for a new level of constructive engagement.”

### **Australia in global refugee statistics, 2017**

	Global total	Australian total	Australia’s share	Overall rank	Per capita	To total GDP
Asylum seekers recognised as refugees, 2017	3,463,179	7,996	0.23%	31	42	66
Refugees resettled from other countries, 2017	102,755	15,115	14.71%	3	2	2
Refugees recognised or resettled, 2017	3,565,934	23,111	0.65%	20	25	45
Refugees recognised or resettled, 2008-17	19,266,647	170,637	0.89%	26	31	59
Asylum applications received in 2017	4,345,053	36,245	0.83%	18	23	65
Asylum applications pending, 31 December 2017	3,090,898	47,978	1.55%	13	22	57
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	19,941,347	48,482	0.24%	45	57	91

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## Refugees recognised in 2017, by country of asylum

Country of asylum	Group recognition	Granted temporary protection	Individual recognition	Total recognised as refugees	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	-	681,184	15,443	696,627	1	8.627	3	765.62	14
Bangladesh	-	655,500	3	655,503	2	3.980	4	2293.44	5
Uganda	459,644	-	58,811	518,455	3	12.096	1	18773.72	1
Sudan	479,735	-	4,524	484,259	4	11.949	2	11619.61	2
Germany	-	-	294,128	294,128	5	3.583	5	69.84	27
Dem. Rep. of Congo	104,356	-	163	104,519	6	1.284	17	2450.97	4
Ethiopia	103,812	-	124	103,936	7	0.990	22	1213.30	9
France	-	-	43,005	43,005	8	0.662	28	14.70	42
Cameroon	39,348	-	1,307	40,655	9	1.691	12	1040.46	12
Greece	-	22,055	11,624	33,679	10	3.014	7	148.51	26
Angola	32,802	-	-	32,802	11	1.101	19	274.66	21
Egypt	-	21,011	10,911	31,922	12	0.327	41		
Italy	-	-	31,798	31,798	13	0.536	31	14.57	43
Austria	-	-	28,848	28,848	14	3.301	6	60.39	29
Sweden	-	-	27,249	27,249	15	2.749	8	45.36	33
United States	-	-	26,764	26,764	16	0.082	57	1.31	99
Kenya	20,990	-	2,364	23,354	17	0.470	36	264.57	22
Tanzania	22,458	-	717	23,175	18	0.404	38	408.99	16
Malaysia	-	-	18,712	18,712	19	0.591	29	51.28	32
South Sudan	16,193	-	86	16,279	20	1.295	16	5096.74	3
Rwanda	16,091	-	9	16,100	21	1.319	15	1619.07	6
Zambia	-	-	15,581	15,581	22	0.910	23	594.06	15
Lebanon	95	14,552	285	14,932	23	2.455	9	278.48	20
Switzerland	-	-	14,199	14,199	24	1.675	13	19.14	39
United Kingdom	-	-	13,584	13,584	25	0.205	45	4.63	68
Jordan	223	10,798	2,242	13,263	26	1.367	14	311.68	18
Canada	-	-	13,121	13,121	27	0.358	40	7.30	61
Belgium	-	-	12,575	12,575	28	1.100	20	22.37	38
Niger	7,006	4,418	6	11,430	29	0.532	32	1158.17	10
Russian Federation	-	-	10,433	10,433	30	0.073	62	6.07	63
<b>Australia</b>	-	-	<b>7,996</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0.327</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5.33</b>	<b>66</b>
Netherlands	-	-	7,833	7,833	32	0.460	37	8.29	56
Burundi	-	-	5,587	5,587	33	0.514	33	1468.33	8
Spain	-	-	4,818	4,818	34	0.104	55	3.20	78
Mauritania	4,275	-	182	4,457	35	1.009	21	820.06	13
India	-	-	4,452	4,452	36	0.003	117	1.56	95
Norway	-	-	4,206	4,206	37	0.793	25	9.49	49
Finland	-	-	3,232	3,232	38	0.586	30	11.16	47
Central African Rep.	3,192	-	29	3,221	39	0.690	26	1488.45	7
Somalia	2,093	-	874	2,967	40	0.202	46	381.31	17
Mexico	-	-	2,825	2,825	41	0.022	87	2.33	86
Yemen	2,187	39	497	2,723	42	0.096	56	196.75	24
Denmark	-	-	2,706	2,706	43	0.472	35	7.32	59
Indonesia	-	-	2,654	2,654	44	0.011	97	2.47	84
Chad	2,282	-	305	2,587	45	0.174	50	225.23	23
South Africa	-	-	2,288	2,288	46	0.040	70	6.17	62
Thailand	674	-	1,187	1,861	47	0.027	83	3.85	73
Bulgaria	-	-	1,705	1,705	48	0.241	44	26.32	35
Guinea-Bissau	1,687	-	4	1,691	49	0.909	24	1068.90	11
Congo, Republic of	-	-	1,578	1,578	50	0.300	43	150.70	25
Other countries (105)	1,591	1,258	18,056	20,905					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,320,734</b>	<b>1,410,815</b>	<b>731,630</b>	<b>3,463,179</b>					

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 3

## Refugees resettled in 2017, by receiving country

Country of resettlement	Resettlement arrivals	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Canada	26,600	2	0.726	1	14.79	1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>15,115</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.617</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10.07</b>	<b>2</b>
Norway	2,821	7	0.532	3	6.36	3
Sweden	3,412	5	0.344	4	5.68	4
New Zealand	1,015	13	0.213	6	4.60	5
Finland	1,088	11	0.197	7	3.76	6
Luxembourg	182	18	0.312	5	2.51	7
Netherlands	2,265	9	0.133	9	2.40	8
Belgium	1,309	10	0.115	10	2.33	9
United Kingdom	6,212	4	0.094	12	2.12	10
Iceland	48	21	0.143	8	1.65	11
United States	33,368	1	0.102	11	1.63	12
Malta	17	29	0.039	17	1.14	13
Latvia	40	25	0.021	21	1.11	14
Lithuania	59	20	0.021	20	1.09	15
Switzerland	663	15	0.078	13	0.89	16
France	2,525	8	0.039	16	0.86	17
Austria	381	16	0.044	15	0.80	18
Germany	3,015	6	0.037	18	0.72	19
Ireland	273	17	0.058	14	0.71	20
Spain	1,071	12	0.023	19	0.71	21
Croatia	40	24	0.010	24	0.66	22
Estonia	19	28	0.014	23	0.62	23
Italy	985	14	0.017	22	0.45	24
Uruguay	16	30	0.005	25	0.25	25
Chile	66	19	0.004	26	0.24	26
Romania	43	22	0.002	28	0.18	27
Portugal	41	23	0.004	27	0.16	28
Korea, South	30	26	0.001	29	0.02	29
Denmark	5	31	0.001	30	0.01	30
Japan	29	27	0.000	31	0.01	31
Brazil	2	32	0.000	32	-	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,755</b>					

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 25

## Recognition and resettlement of refugees 2017, by receiving country

Country of asylum or resettlement	Refugees recognised, 2017	Rank	Refugees resettled, 2017	Rank	Refugee recognition and resettlement	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	696,627	1			696,627	1	8.63	3	765.62	14
Bangladesh	655,503	2			655,503	2	3.98	4	2293.44	5
Uganda	518,455	3			518,455	3	12.10	1	18773.72	1
Sudan	484,259	4			484,259	4	11.95	2	11619.61	2
Germany	294,128	5	3,015	6	297,143	5	3.62	5	70.55	27
Dem. Rep. of Congo	104,519	6			104,519	6	1.28	18	2450.97	4
Ethiopia	103,936	7			103,936	7	0.99	24	1213.30	9
United States	26,764	16	33,368	1	60,132	8	0.18	52	2.95	82
France	43,005	8	2,525	8	45,530	9	0.70	29	15.57	44
Cameroon	40,655	9			40,655	10	1.69	13	1040.46	12
Canada	13,121	27	26,600	2	39,721	11	1.08	22	22.09	39
Greece	33,679	10			33,679	12	3.01	8	148.51	26
Angola	32,802	11			32,802	13	1.10	21	274.66	21
Italy	31,798	13	985	14	32,783	14	0.55	34	15.02	46
Egypt	31,922	12			31,922	15	0.33	42		
Sweden	27,249	15	3,412	5	30,661	16	3.09	7	51.04	33
Austria	28,848	14	381	16	29,229	17	3.34	6	61.19	29
Kenya	23,354	17			23,354	18	0.47	39	264.57	22
Tanzania	23,175	18			23,175	19	0.40	41	408.99	16
<b>Australia</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15,115</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23,111</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15.40</b>	<b>45</b>
United Kingdom	13,584	25	6,212	4	19,796	21	0.30	44	6.74	63
Malaysia	18,712	19			18,712	22	0.59	32	51.28	32
South Sudan	16,279	20			16,279	23	1.29	17	5096.74	3
Rwanda	16,100	21			16,100	24	1.32	16	1619.07	6
Zambia	15,581	22			15,581	25	0.91	27	594.06	15
Lebanon	14,932	23			14,932	26	2.46	9	278.48	20
Switzerland	14,199	24	663	15	14,862	27	1.75	12	20.04	40
Belgium	12,575	28	1,309	10	13,884	28	1.21	19	24.69	37
Jordan	13,263	26			13,263	29	1.37	14	311.68	18
Niger	11,430	29			11,430	30	0.53	35	1158.17	10
Russian Federation	10,433	30			10,433	31	0.07	63	6.07	65
Netherlands	7,833	32	2,265	9	10,098	32	0.59	33	10.68	51
Norway	4,206	37	2,821	7	7,027	33	1.33	15	15.85	42
Spain	4,818	34	1,071	12	5,889	34	0.13	57	3.91	74
Burundi	5,587	33			5,587	35	0.51	37	1468.33	8
Mauritania	4,457	35			4,457	36	1.01	23	820.06	13
India	4,452	36			4,452	37	0.00	120	1.56	97
Finland	3,232	38	1,088	11	4,320	38	0.78	28	14.92	47
Central African Rep.	3,221	39			3,221	39	0.69	30	1488.45	7
Somalia	2,967	40			2,967	40	0.20	48	381.31	17
Mexico	2,825	41			2,825	41	0.02	89	2.33	89
Yemen	2,723	42			2,723	42	0.10	58	196.75	24
Denmark	2,706	43	5	31	2,711	43	0.47	40	7.33	61
Indonesia	2,654	44			2,654	44	0.01	97	2.47	87
Chad	2,587	45			2,587	45	0.17	53	225.23	23
South Africa	2,288	46			2,288	46	0.04	76	6.17	64
Thailand	1,861	47			1,861	47	0.03	81	3.85	75
Bulgaria	1,705	48			1,705	48	0.24	46	26.32	35
Guinea-Bissau	1,691	49			1,691	49	0.91	26	1068.90	11
Congo, Republic of	1,578	50			1,578	50	0.30	43	150.70	25
Other countries (105)	20,905		1,920		22,825					
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,463,179</b>		<b>7,422</b>		<b>3,470,601</b>					

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, calculated from data tables 3 and 25

## Refugees recognised and resettled, 2008-17

Country of asylum or resettlement	Recognised and resettled, 2008-17	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	3,874,045	1	47.98	4	4257.73	21
Uganda	1,492,007	2	34.81	6	54026.90	3
Lebanon	1,332,458	3	219.08	1	24850.02	5
Jordan	1,077,279	4	111.03	2	25316.17	4
Germany	1,004,582	5	12.24	17	238.53	47
Sudan	895,981	6	22.11	12	21498.73	6
United States	884,803	7	2.71	51	43.35	80
Ethiopia	883,456	8	8.41	24	10313.04	17
Bangladesh	655,649	9	3.98	43	2293.95	27
Kenya	576,313	10	11.60	19	6528.91	20
Russian Federation	440,414	11	3.08	47	256.07	45
Cameroon	368,370	12	15.32	14	9427.50	18
Dem. Rep. of Congo	328,449	13	4.04	42	7702.12	19
Iraq	305,839	14	7.99	27	1369.89	30
Afghanistan	298,843	15	8.42	23	13798.91	11
Canada	280,242	16	7.65	28	155.82	53
Sweden	261,738	17	26.41	10	435.67	38
South Sudan	257,385	18	20.47	13	80583.91	1
Egypt	233,212	19	2.39	54		
Liberia	230,239	20	48.64	3	69099.34	2
Tanzania	219,579	21	3.83	44	3875.11	23
France	186,065	22	2.86	50	63.61	74
Niger	180,346	23	8.40	25	18273.99	7
Yemen	172,313	24	6.10	36	12450.36	16
Italy	170,750	25	2.88	49	78.25	69
<b>Australia</b>	<b>170,637</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6.97</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>113.74</b>	<b>59</b>
Malaysia	167,748	27	5.30	37	459.69	37
Chad	157,305	28	10.56	22	13695.37	12
Tunisia	155,627	29	12.93	16	3861.90	24
Syria	150,678	30	8.22	26		
Congo, Republic of	146,566	31	27.85	9	13997.33	10
United Kingdom	137,872	32	2.08	55	46.95	79
Rwanda	134,611	33	11.03	21	13536.91	13
Austria	105,640	34	12.09	18	221.16	48
Netherlands	104,894	35	6.16	34	110.96	61
Mauritania	97,829	36	22.14	11	17999.82	8
Switzerland	95,570	37	11.28	20	128.85	57
Belgium	76,995	38	6.74	33	136.95	55
Norway	75,697	39	14.27	15	170.78	50
South Africa	61,098	40	1.07	62	164.73	52
India	59,661	41	0.05	126	20.95	89
Burkina Faso	59,367	42	3.10	46	4064.28	22
Greece	54,982	43	4.92	39	242.45	46
Burundi	50,888	44	4.68	40	13373.98	14
Ecuador	43,739	45	2.63	53	410.23	39
Denmark	39,497	46	6.89	32	106.82	63
Israel	36,711	47	4.41	41	98.22	68
Angola	34,520	48	1.16	61	289.04	43
Central African Rep.	33,069	49	7.08	30	15281.42	9
Djibouti	29,060	50	30.37	7	13287.61	15
Other countries (131)	376,457					
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,266,647</b>					

Source: Calculated by RCOA from UNHCR Global Trends data tables for 2008 to 2017

## Refugees and asylum seekers 2017, by country of asylum

Country of asylum	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total	Rank	Total per 1000 popn	Rank	Total per \$b GDP	Rank	Asylum seekers	Rank
Turkey	3,480,348	-	3,480,348	1	43.100	4	3825.04	23	308,855	3
Pakistan	1,393,143	-	1,393,143	2	7.070	27	-	-	3,496	58
Uganda	1,350,504	-	1,350,504	3	31.510	5	48902.95	2	44,642	15
Lebanon	998,890	-	998,890	4	164.237	1	18629.06	6	15,333	32
Iran	979,435	-	979,435	5	12.070	16	2338.25	27	84	123
Germany	970,365	-	970,365	6	11.820	17	230.40	58	429,304	2
Bangladesh	932,216	-	932,216	7	5.660	34	3261.58	26	118	118
Sudan	906,599	-	906,599	8	22.370	9	21753.50	4	18,211	30
Ethiopia	889,412	-	889,412	9	8.470	23	10382.56	13	2,609	65
Jordan	691,023	-	691,023	10	71.217	3	16239.11	10	43,818	18
Dem. Rep. of Congo	537,087	-	537,087	11	6.600	28	12594.67	12	806	82
Kenya	431,901	-	431,901	12	8.690	22	4892.90	20	56,514	9
Chad	411,482	-	411,482	13	27.620	6	35824.66	3	660	88
Cameroon	314,406	22,982	337,388	14	14.030	13	8634.59	14	5,784	51
France	337,177	-	337,177	15	5.190	37	115.27	69	63,127	7
China	321,718	-	321,718	16	0.230	102	22.83	97	721	86
Tanzania	308,528	-	308,528	17	5.380	36	5444.87	19	44,172	17
United States	287,129	-	287,129	18	0.880	76	14.07	107	642,721	1
South Sudan	283,409	-	283,409	19	22.539	8	88731.68	1	1,898	72
Iraq	277,672	-	277,672	20	7.250	26	1243.73	34	13,038	34
Yemen	270,919	-	270,919	21	9.590	20	19575.07	5	9,773	38
Sweden	240,962	-	240,962	22	24.310	7	401.09	44	51,646	12
Egypt	232,648	-	232,648	23	2.380	52	-	-	56,583	8
India	197,146	-	197,146	24	0.150	111	69.22	79	10,519	36
Rwanda	162,263	8,727	170,990	25	14.010	14	17195.29	7	445	95
Italy	167,335	-	167,335	26	2.820	49	76.69	74	186,648	5
Niger	165,732	-	165,732	27	7.720	25	16793.19	8	289	103
Russian Federation	126,035	-	126,035	28	0.880	77	73.28	77	2,198	66
Venezuela	7,876	114,934	122,810	29	3.840	39	1217.81	35	904	79
United Kingdom	121,837	-	121,837	30	1.840	58	41.49	85	40,365	19
Austria	115,263	-	115,263	31	13.189	15	241.30	55	56,304	10
Canada	104,778	-	104,778	32	2.860	48	58.26	81	51,874	11
Thailand	54,446	50,169	104,615	33	1.520	61	216.26	59	2,077	68
Netherlands	103,860	-	103,860	34	6.100	31	109.87	71	5,818	50
Malaysia	102,849	990	103,839	35	3.280	46	284.55	53	47,531	14
Algeria	94,258	-	94,258	36	2.280	54	476.94	42	6,356	47
Switzerland	93,056	-	93,056	37	10.980	19	125.47	68	23,739	27
Ecuador	47,416	45,000	92,416	38	5.560	35	866.77	37	11,917	35
South Africa	88,694	-	88,694	39	1.560	60	239.14	56	191,333	4
Mauritania	51,427	26,000	77,427	40	17.521	12	14246.00	11	756	83
Afghanistan	75,928	-	75,928	41	2.140	56	3505.93	24	218	110
Burundi	62,361	-	62,361	42	5.740	33	16389.22	9	3,550	57
Norway	59,236	-	59,236	43	11.170	18	133.64	66	2,996	62
Congo, Republic of	48,512	-	48,512	44	9.219	21	4632.99	22	7,094	46
<b>Australia</b>	<b>48,482</b>	-	<b>48,482</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1.980</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>32.32</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>47,978</b>	<b>13</b>
Belgium	42,168	-	42,168	46	3.690	42	75.00	75	18,760	29
Zambia	41,269	-	41,269	47	2.410	51	1573.47	31	4,677	53
Angola	41,127	-	41,127	48	1.380	64	344.37	49	30,143	24
Greece	32,945	6,054	38,999	49	3.490	45	171.97	63	44,221	16
Denmark	35,672	-	35,672	50	6.220	29	96.47	72	4,265	54
Other countries (127)	478,138	49,409	527,547						474,010	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,617,082</b>	<b>324,265</b>	<b>19,941,347</b>						<b>3,090,898</b>	

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 1

## Applications for asylum received in 2017

Country of asylum	Individual asylum applications	Group recognition	Temporary protection applications	Total asylum applications	Rank	Applications per 1000 popn	Rank	Applications per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	126,050	-	681,184	807,234	1	9.997	3	887.18	17
Bangladesh	120	-	655,500	655,620	2	3.981	6	2,293.85	5
Uganda	57,257	459,644	-	516,901	3	12.060	1	18,717.45	1
Sudan	7,468	479,735	-	487,203	4	12.022	2	11,690.25	3
United States	208,289	-	-	208,289	5	0.638	50	10.20	92
Germany	198,317	-	-	198,317	6	2.416	15	47.09	48
Italy	126,466	-	-	126,466	7	2.131	18	57.96	44
Ethiopia	920	103,812	-	104,732	8	0.997	40	1,222.59	9
Dem. Rep. of Congo	162	104,356	-	104,518	9	1.284	31	2,450.94	4
France	93,031	-	-	93,031	10	1.432	25	31.80	57
Greece	56,953	-	22,055	79,008	11	7.071	4	348.40	22
Tanzania	36,502	22,458	-	58,960	12	1.028	39	1,040.52	13
Egypt	27,810	-	21,011	48,821	13	0.499	58		
Canada	47,840	-	-	47,840	14	1.306	29	26.60	61
Cameroon	3,955	39,348	-	43,303	15	1.801	22	1,108.23	11
South Sudan	25,192	16,193	-	41,385	16	3.291	11	12,957.11	2
Kenya	19,025	20,990	-	40,015	17	0.805	43	453.32	21
<b>Australia</b>	<b>36,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,245</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.480</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24.16</b>	<b>65</b>
Peru	34,167	-	-	34,167	19	1.128	34	147.55	33
Brazil	33,770	-	-	33,770	20	0.165	80	15.79	76
United Kingdom	33,512	-	-	33,512	21	0.506	57	11.41	87
Angola	-	32,802	-	32,802	22	1.101	36	274.66	25
Spain	31,731	-	-	31,731	23	0.687	48	21.06	68
South Africa	24,174	-	-	24,174	24	0.425	62	65.18	39
Malaysia	23,653	-	-	23,653	25	0.747	45	64.82	40
Austria	22,471	-	-	22,471	26	2.571	14	47.04	49
Jordan	10,555	223	10,798	21,576	27	2.224	16	507.04	20
Sweden	21,543	-	-	21,543	28	2.173	17	35.86	54
Japan	19,650	-	-	19,650	29	0.179	76	3.80	118
Zambia	18,194	-	-	18,194	30	1.062	37	693.69	18
Lebanon	2,953	95	14,552	17,600	31	2.894	13	328.24	23
Switzerland	16,665	-	-	16,665	32	1.966	20	22.47	66
Rwanda	10	16,091	-	16,101	33	1.319	28	1,619.17	7
Israel	15,368	-	-	15,368	34	1.846	21	41.12	51
Netherlands	14,899	-	-	14,899	35	0.875	42	15.76	77
Mexico	14,596	-	-	14,596	36	0.113	85	12.03	84
Russian Federation	14,086	-	-	14,086	37	0.098	90	8.19	97
Belgium	14,035	-	-	14,035	38	1.228	33	24.96	64
Niger	306	7,006	4,418	11,730	39	0.546	55	1,188.57	10
Korea, South	9,942	-	-	9,942	40	0.177	78	5.87	106
Syria	9,852	-	-	9,852	41	0.538	56		
India	8,910	-	-	8,910	42	0.007	144	3.13	121
Nigeria	8,787	-	-	8,787	43	0.046	105	21.50	67
Malawi	6,878	-	-	6,878	44	0.368	65	1,019.57	14
Ecuador	6,816	-	-	6,816	45	0.410	63	63.93	41
Burundi	6,799	-	-	6,799	46	0.626	52	1,786.86	6
Libya	6,595	-	-	6,595	47	1.037	38	151.14	32
Costa Rica	6,337	-	-	6,337	48	1.298	30	103.40	35
Chile	5,656	-	-	5,656	49	0.303	67	20.18	69
Panama	5,584	-	-	5,584	50	1.355	26	83.70	37
Other countries (113)	93,408	17,981	1,297	112,686					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,613,504</b>	<b>1,320,734</b>	<b>1,410,815</b>	<b>4,345,053</b>					

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data tables 3 and 10 (excluding administrative and judicial review applications)



## Asylum cases pending, 31 December 2017

Country of asylum	Cases pending, 31 Dec 2017	Rank	Cases pending per 1000 popn	Rank	Cases pending per \$b GDP	Rank
United States	642,721	1	1.970	21	31.49	58
Germany	429,304	2	5.229	6	101.93	38
Turkey	308,855	3	3.825	12	339.44	19
South Africa	191,333	4	3.365	14	515.88	16
Italy	186,648	5	3.145	16	85.54	42
Brazil	85,746	6	0.418	55	40.09	50
France	63,127	7	0.972	39	21.58	68
Egypt	56,583	8	0.579	48		
Kenya	56,514	9	1.137	33	640.23	14
Austria	56,304	10	6.443	4	117.87	35
Canada	51,874	11	1.416	28	28.84	63
Sweden	51,646	12	5.210	7	85.97	41
<b>Australia</b>	<b>47,978</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.959</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31.98</b>	<b>57</b>
Malaysia	47,531	14	1.501	26	130.25	32
Uganda	44,642	15	1.042	34	1616.53	5
Greece	44,221	16	3.957	11	195.00	24
Tanzania	44,172	17	0.770	40	779.54	11
Jordan	43,818	18	4.516	9	1029.73	8
United Kingdom	40,365	19	0.610	47	13.75	76
Peru	37,757	20	1.247	32	163.05	27
Libya	35,668	21	5.606	5	817.40	10
Spain	34,871	22	0.755	41	23.15	67
Japan	31,204	23	0.285	63	6.04	98
Angola	30,143	24	1.011	36	252.39	22
Israel	29,735	25	3.572	13	79.56	43
Malawi	25,991	26	1.389	29	3852.80	2
Switzerland	23,739	27	2.801	17	32.01	56
Mozambique	18,800	28	0.617	45	1312.76	6
Belgium	18,760	29	1.642	24	33.37	52
Sudan	18,211	30	0.449	53	436.97	17
Syria	18,108	31	0.988	38		
Lebanon	15,333	32	2.521	19	285.96	20
Somalia	14,705	33	0.999	37	1889.86	3
Iraq	13,038	34	0.340	60	58.40	44
Ecuador	11,917	35	0.717	44	111.77	36
India	10,519	36	0.008	137	3.69	114
Mexico	10,368	37	0.080	87	8.55	89
Yemen	9,773	38	0.346	58	706.14	12
Korea, South	9,571	39	0.171	70	5.65	100
Djibouti	9,361	40	9.782	2	4280.29	1
Nigeria	8,652	41	0.045	98	21.17	69
Chile	8,477	42	0.454	52	30.25	61
Zimbabwe	8,394	43	0.510	51	432.79	18
Costa Rica	7,451	44	1.526	25	121.58	34
Panama	7,297	45	1.770	23	109.38	37
Congo, Republic of	7,094	46	1.348	30	677.49	13
Algeria	6,356	47	0.154	72	32.16	55
Ukraine	6,229	48	0.134	75	52.29	47
Ireland	6,035	49	1.272	31	15.67	74
Netherlands	5,818	50	0.342	59	6.15	97
Other countries (116)	98,141					
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,090,898</b>					

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 1

## Refugees and asylum seekers 2017, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total	Rank	Asylum seekers	Rank
Syria	6,290,908	17,747	6,308,655	1	146,749	4
Afghanistan	2,621,091	3,175	2,624,266	2	334,003	1
South Sudan	2,439,848	59	2,439,907	3	6,464	61
Myanmar	1,106,555	50,188	1,156,743	4	41,092	20
Somalia	986,382	15	986,397	5	58,345	18
Sudan	691,430	3,128	694,558	6	52,200	19
Dem. Rep. of Congo	611,875	8,936	620,811	7	136,355	5
Central African Rep.	545,525	-	545,525	8	13,012	46
Eritrea	464,136	22,081	486,217	9	78,450	11
Burundi	439,329	-	439,329	10	60,479	16
Iraq	360,596	1,946	362,542	11	272,643	2
Vietnam	334,069	2	334,071	12	7,119	57
Rwanda	258,997	-	258,997	13	12,866	47
Nigeria	216,020	22,982	239,002	14	92,099	8
China	207,722	-	207,722	15	89,337	9
Colombia	76,688	114,934	191,622	16	32,484	27
Mali	150,326	-	150,326	17	15,102	39
Ukraine	139,327	265	139,592	18	37,686	23
Pakistan	128,929	2	128,931	19	76,936	12
Iran	118,261	376	118,637	20	75,096	13
Western Sahara	90,764	26,000	116,764	21	1,847	89
Sri Lanka	115,639	-	115,639	22	18,942	34
Palestinian	99,641	-	99,641	23	8,879	53
Ethiopia	87,455	-	87,455	24	133,851	6
Russian Federation	61,590	-	61,590	25	38,686	22
Turkey	61,386	-	61,386	26	33,806	26
Côte d'Ivoire	40,019	-	40,019	27	26,550	28
Mauritania	36,530	-	36,530	28	7,544	56
Serbia and Kosovo	34,986	115	35,101	29	13,241	43
Haiti	28,438	-	28,438	30	37,011	24
Senegal	26,596	-	26,596	31	25,201	29
El Salvador	25,879	-	25,879	32	104,903	7
Croatia	24,873	-	24,873	33	273	121
Yemen	23,553	-	23,553	34	24,642	31
Egypt	22,110	-	22,110	35	14,610	41
Guinea	20,340	-	20,340	36	34,550	25
Bosnia and Herzegovina	17,694	-	17,694	37	1,883	88
Zimbabwe	17,434	-	17,434	38	22,281	32
Ghana	16,973	-	16,973	39	17,588	36
Bangladesh	16,780	11	16,791	40	68,230	15
Chad	16,340	-	16,340	41	3,120	81
Guatemala	16,289	-	16,289	42	72,726	14
Gambia	14,578	-	14,578	43	22,236	33
Honduras	14,427	-	14,427	44	59,788	17
Tibetan	13,534	-	13,534	45	13	179
Congo, Republic of	13,292	-	13,292	46	13,111	45
Indonesia	7,044	5,447	12,491	47	5,391	66
Cambodia	12,200	36	12,236	48	1,587	92
Albania	12,176	-	12,176	49	18,764	35
Mexico	11,677	-	11,677	50	85,086	10
Other countries (156)	219,684	634	220,318		493,841	
Stateless	53,358	-	53,358		8,905	
Various/unknown	155,789	46,186	201,975		33,295	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,617,082</b>	<b>324,265</b>	<b>19,941,347</b>		<b>3,090,898</b>	

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 2

## Increases in refugee population in 2017, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Population, 1 Jan 2017	Group recognition	Temporary protection	Individual recognition	Total recognised	Rank	Population, 31 Dec 2017
South Sudan	1,436,721	1,000,174	-	2,868	1,003,042	1	2,439,907
Syria	5,524,552	4,211	740,941	162,248	907,400	2	6,308,655
Myanmar	490,289	674	655,500	20,512	676,686	3	1,156,743
Dem. Rep. of Congo	537,474	94,666	-	64,152	158,818	4	620,811
Central African Rep.	490,892	110,485	-	4,758	115,243	5	545,525
Afghanistan	2,501,556	-	3,441	103,555	106,996	6	2,624,266
Iraq	316,097	311	5,835	73,597	79,743	7	362,542
Eritrea	457,265	19,618	187	40,660	60,465	8	486,217
Somalia	1,012,313	8,956	208	36,145	45,309	9	986,397
Burundi	408,087	37,162	-	6,870	44,032	10	439,329
Sudan	650,408	18,515	-	14,018	32,533	11	694,558
Iran	94,123	-	-	29,245	29,245	12	118,637
Nigeria	229,335	9,495	4,418	10,614	24,527	13	239,002
Ukraine	239,079	-	-	13,333	13,333	14	139,592
Mali	156,432	9,058	-	2,635	11,693	15	150,326
Ethiopia	83,967	180	-	9,128	9,308	16	87,455
Pakistan	105,455	-	-	9,206	9,206	17	128,931
China	207,796	-	-	7,666	7,666	18	207,722
Turkey	57,929	-	-	7,432	7,432	19	61,386
Yemen	18,428	2,557	95	3,372	6,024	20	23,553
El Salvador	19,621	-	-	5,526	5,526	21	25,879
Guinea	17,557	-	-	4,505	4,505	22	20,340
Russian Federation	62,802	-	-	4,224	4,224	23	61,590
Bangladesh	13,853	-	-	3,982	3,982	24	16,791
Senegal	23,061	1,687	-	1,961	3,648	25	26,596
Chad	14,193	2,970	-	441	3,411	26	16,340
Gambia	11,600	-	-	3,359	3,359	27	14,578
Guatemala	12,554	-	-	3,298	3,298	28	16,289
Serbia and Kosovo	36,933	-	-	3,190	3,190	29	35,101
Honduras	10,508	-	-	3,187	3,187	30	14,427
Sri Lanka	117,493	-	-	2,806	2,806	31	115,639
Côte d'Ivoire	46,815	-	-	2,668	2,668	32	40,019
Libya	8,836	-	-	2,613	2,613	33	11,216
Egypt	19,796	8	-	2,502	2,510	34	22,110
Venezuela	7,542	-	-	2,401	2,401	35	9,273
Palestinian	97,807	6	37	2,275	2,318	36	99,641
Albania	11,071	-	-	2,090	2,090	37	12,176
Cameroon	10,367	-	-	1,769	1,769	38	11,048
Ghana	15,544	-	-	1,635	1,635	39	16,973
Azerbaijan	10,122	-	-	1,456	1,456	40	10,893
Armenia	10,718	-	-	1,316	1,316	41	10,798
Mexico	10,385	-	-	1,295	1,295	42	11,677
Colombia	256,973	-	-	1,272	1,272	43	191,622
India	7,293	-	-	1,227	1,227	44	7,936
Morocco	2,266	-	-	917	917	45	3,098
Lebanon	4,743	-	-	891	891	46	5,324
Rwanda	286,074	1	-	876	877	47	258,997
Sierra Leone	4,680	-	-	688	688	48	4,498
Vietnam	329,354	-	-	681	681	49	334,071
Congo, Republic of	13,305	-	-	660	660	50	13,292
Other countries (152)	432,433	-	-	13,191	13,191	-	426,228
Stateless	48,698	-	153	6,844	6,997	-	53,358
Various/unknown	182,129	-	-	23,870	23,870	-	201,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,175,324</b>	<b>1,320,734</b>	<b>1,410,815</b>	<b>731,630</b>	<b>3,463,179</b>		<b>19,941,347</b>

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 4

## Decreases in refugee populations 2017, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Population, 1 Jan 2017	Voluntary repatriation	Resettlement departures	Cessation	Naturalisation	Total decreases	Rank	Population, 31 Dec 2017
Nigeria	229,335	282,761	11	2	216	282,990	1	239,002
Syria	5,524,552	77,212	29,329	27	50,358	156,926	2	6,308,655
Central African Rep.	490,892	78,618	348	3	29	78,998	3	545,525
Burundi	408,087	70,612	456	-	243	71,311	4	439,329
Afghanistan	2,501,556	60,545	2,264	125	1,815	64,749	5	2,624,266
Somalia	1,012,313	41,479	3,071	1	2,507	47,058	6	986,397
Rwanda	286,074	18,110	115	1,232	407	19,864	7	258,997
Sudan	650,408	11,674	1,211	4	360	13,249	8	694,558
Dem. Rep. of Congo	537,474	28	7,644	16	990	8,678	9	620,811
Côte d'Ivoire	46,815	8,304	123	3	192	8,622	10	40,019
Iraq	316,097	872	4,214	94	2,689	7,869	11	362,542
Mozambique	50	6,231	-	-	5	6,236	12	50
Mali	156,432	5,076	13	-	94	5,183	13	150,326
Myanmar	490,289	2	4,930	1	197	5,130	14	1,156,743
Bhutan	11,757	-	3,959	-	275	4,234	15	7,952
Eritrea	457,265	468	2,725	2	686	3,881	16	486,217
South Sudan	1,436,721	2,072	418	-	7	2,497	17	2,439,907
Sri Lanka	117,493	1,586	16	44	748	2,394	18	115,639
Iran	94,123	6	891	9	950	1,856	19	118,637
Ethiopia	83,967	3	1,057	1	641	1,702	20	87,455
Colombia	256,973	194	634	14	578	1,420	21	191,622
Chad	14,193	969	4	2	83	1,058	22	16,340
Pakistan	105,455	17	380	1	374	772	23	128,931
Haiti	29,703	2	-	8	627	637	24	28,438
Guinea	17,557	5	10	4	598	617	25	20,340
Russian Federation	62,802	8	3	72	512	595	26	61,590
Serbia and Kosovo	36,933	355	-	19	221	595	27	35,101
Sierra Leone	4,680	-	12	382	95	489	28	4,498
China	207,796	-	38	1	443	482	29	207,722
Nepal	8,380	-	5	-	307	312	30	8,425
Palestinian	97,807	-	221	-	42	263	31	99,641
Mexico	10,385	-	-	-	243	243	32	11,677
Turkey	57,929	-	20	15	169	204	33	61,386
Armenia	10,718	-	-	9	193	202	34	10,798
United States	316	-	-	-	200	200	35	319
Uganda	6,235	2	55	-	142	199	36	6,417
Bangladesh	13,853	-	5	2	183	190	37	16,791
Kenya	7,535	-	-	-	176	176	38	7,574
Zimbabwe	18,161	38	3	-	134	175	39	17,434
Congo, Republic of	13,305	5	4	5	160	174	40	13,292
Cameroon	10,367	1	19	-	152	172	41	11,048
Azerbaijan	10,122	-	3	10	132	145	42	10,893
India	7,293	-	-	1	142	143	43	7,936
Mauritania	36,265	-	1	11	129	141	44	36,530
Cambodia	12,429	-	7	8	111	126	45	12,236
Ukraine	239,079	5	-	61	46	112	46	139,592
Angola	8,406	-	-	9	101	110	47	8,308
Vietnam	329,354	-	34	9	65	108	48	334,071
Senegal	23,061	1	21	1	80	103	49	26,596
Croatia	26,230	44	-	1	56	101	50	24,873
Other countries (154)	409,477	76	146	55	2,155	2,432		442,568
Stateless	48,698	-	37	3	258	298		53,358
Various/unknown	182,129	-	14	14	1,096	1,124		201,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,175,326</b>	<b>667,381</b>	<b>64,471</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>73,412</b>	<b>807,545</b>		<b>19,941,347</b>

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table 4

## Resettlement departures, 2017

Country of asylum	Resettlement departures
Turkey	15,726
Lebanon	12,376
Jordan	4,988
Kenya	4,141
Nepal	3,968
Malaysia	2,631
Thailand	2,489
Egypt	1,933
Uganda	1,905
Ethiopia	1,780
Tanzania	1,583
Burundi	1,436
Rwanda	1,173
Sudan	993
Indonesia	763
Pakistan	736
India	684
Ecuador	639
Iran	515
Malawi	466
Zambia	400
Syria	383
Israel	290
Cameroon	242
Somalia	182
Zimbabwe	174
Malta	171
Chad	165
Sri Lanka	164
Namibia	146
Kuwait	145
Morocco	102
United Arab Emirates	102
Congo, Republic of	90
Guinea	67
Djibouti	61
Mozambique	60
Ghana	52
Algeria	50
Yemen	49
Mauritania	43
South Sudan	41
Russian Federation	31
Ukraine	31
China	25
Senegal	22
Tunisia	21
Dem. Rep. of Congo	18
Belarus	15
Sierra Leone	14
Other countries (36)	190
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,471</b>

Source: UNHCR 2017 Global Trends, data table