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a global fund for education in emergencies

Global Compact on Refugees EDUCATION

Stockholm, February 2019

181 Votes in Favor

On 17 December 2018, the General Assembly affirmed the legally non-binding Global Compact on Refugees with 181 votes in favour, 2 against and 3 abstentions

Humanitarian imperative:

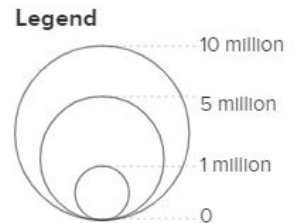
Obligation of the international community "to provide humanitarian assistance wherever it is needed" where governments are unwilling or unable to provide basic services.



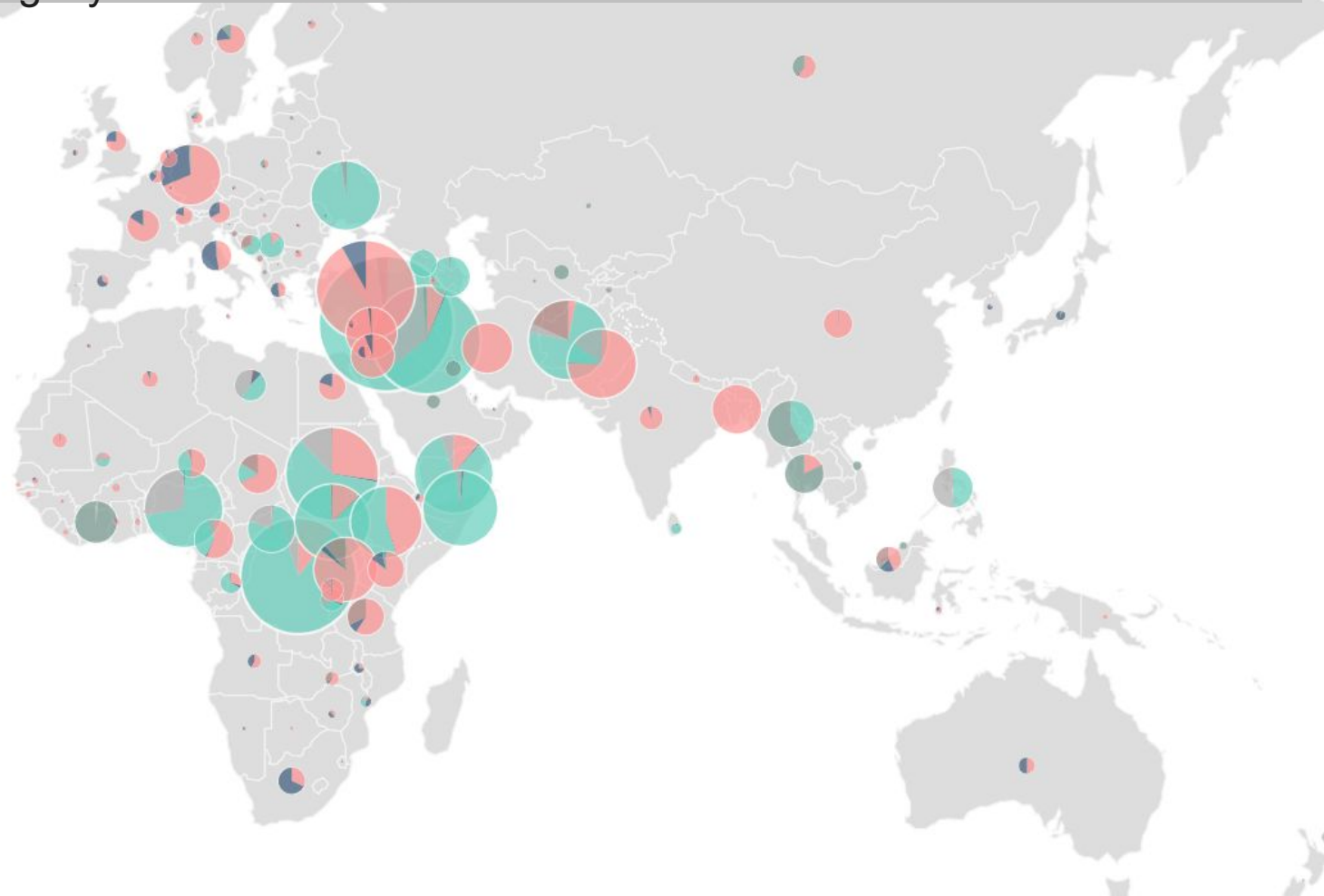
UNHCR STATISTICS

The World in Numbers

71.44 million persons of concern globally - end of 2017



- Objectives:**
- Ease the pressures on host countries;
 - Enhance refugee self-reliance;
 - Expand access to third-country solutions;
 - Support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity.





Will change the way the world responds to refugee situations

- Amidst soaring crisis levels of global displacement, a handful of countries (some among the poorest in the world) have borne the brunt of what is really a global responsibility.
- Too many refugees have had their lives on hold -- confined to camps or a basic existence, unable to flourish or contribute to the communities where they live.
- The global compact on refugees is a new deal for refugees and the communities hosting them, so both groups can count on robust support.

The compact is the first global agreement on refugees since the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol

The 1951 Treaty set out the rights of refugees and obligations of States and remains as relevant today as ever.

- The new compact builds on that, and the policies and practices developed since, to address what has been a perennial gap in the current refugee system.
- It sets out practical measures to be taken by states and others to ensure refugees can thrive alongside their hosts.
- The New York Declaration of 2016 contained strong political commitments to forge a stronger, fairer response to refugees based on humanitarian values - The compact is about operationalizing those commitments, making them systematic and sustainable.
- It provides a blueprint, guiding the response so host communities get the timely support they need, that refugees can lead productive lives (with access to health, education and job opportunities) and solutions to their plight are sought from the start.



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The global compact supports education in emergencies

- States and relevant stakeholders will contribute resources and expertise to expand and enhance the quality and inclusiveness of national education systems in line with national education laws, policies and planning, and in support of host countries.
- Facilitate access by refugee and host community children (both boys and girls), adolescents and youth to primary, secondary and tertiary education.
- More direct financial support and special efforts will be mobilized to minimize the time refugee boys and girls spend out of education, ideally a maximum of three months after arrival.

Additional support for:

- educational facilities (including for early childhood development, and technical or vocational training);
- teaching capacities (including support for, as appropriate, refugees and members of host communities who are or could be engaged as teachers, in line with national laws and policies);
- efforts to meet the specific education needs of refugees (including through “safe schools” and innovative methods such as online education);
- overcoming obstacles to their enrolment and attendance, including through flexible certified learning programmes, especially for girls, as well persons with disabilities and psychosocial trauma.

Support will also be provided for the development and implementation of national education sector plans that include refugees.



... Measures to strengthen the agency of women and girls, to promote women's economic empowerment and to support access by women and girls to education (including secondary and tertiary education) will be fostered.



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- In support of countries opting to provide local integration, the international community as a whole will, in close cooperation with national authorities of host countries, contribute resources and expertise to assist with the development of a strategic framework for local integration.
- The capacity of relevant State institutions, local communities and civil society will be strengthened to support the local integration process (e.g. to address documentation issues; facilitate language and vocational training, including for women and girls)....



The global compact sets stage for ECW to bring education to refugee children

ECW will work closely with UNHCR in the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework countries, such as Uganda, and in new situations like Venezuela where the Global Compact is applied.