

The Year Of Submitting Dangerously: How States Are Dealing with Record Levels of Forced Migration

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Forced Migration Worldwide: 63.5 million

Refugees	21.3 million
Asylum seekers in industrialized countries	3.2
Internally displaced	40.8
Displaced by natural disasters, environmental degradation, loss of livelihood, etc.	????



**24 people a minute displaced
throughout 2015**



Drivers of Forced Migration

COMPLEX EMERGENCIES

- Armed conflict
- Political and economic instability
- Persecution
- Poverty and inequality
- Environmental degradation
- Failures of governance (corruption, discrimination, etc.)



Top Refugee Producing Countries

Country of origin	Refugee and asylum seeker population
Syria	5,118,429
Afghanistan	2,925,146
Somalia	1,179,824
South Sudan	782,934
Sudan	673,872
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	617,917
Myanmar	512,466
Iraq	501,273
Central African Republic	481,772
Eritrea	474,788



Top Refugee Hosting Countries

Host country	Refugee and asylum seeker population
Turkey	2,753,760
Pakistan	1,657,604
South Africa	1,217,708
Lebanon	1,082,993
Iran	979,479
Ethiopia	705,338
Germany	736,740
Jordan	689,053
Kenya	593,881
United States of America	559,370

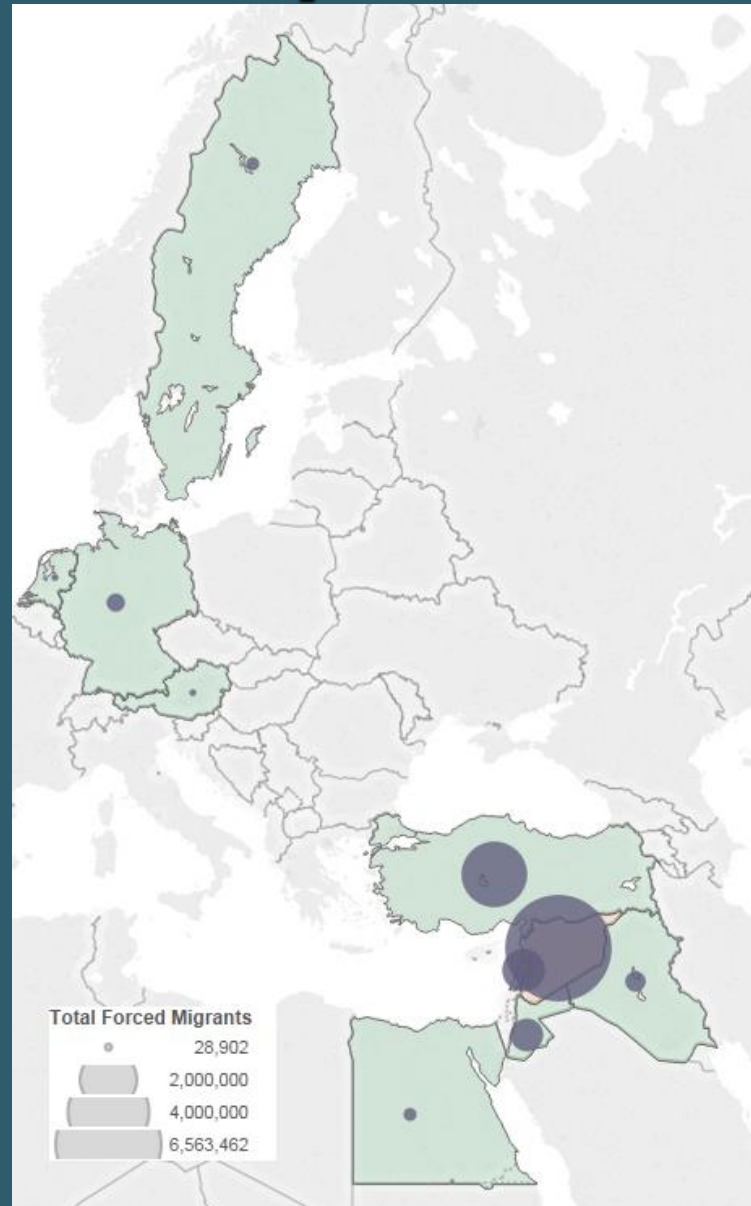


Displacement in the Immediate Neighborhood

- The majority of forced migrants who leave their country of origin remain in neighboring or nearby countries



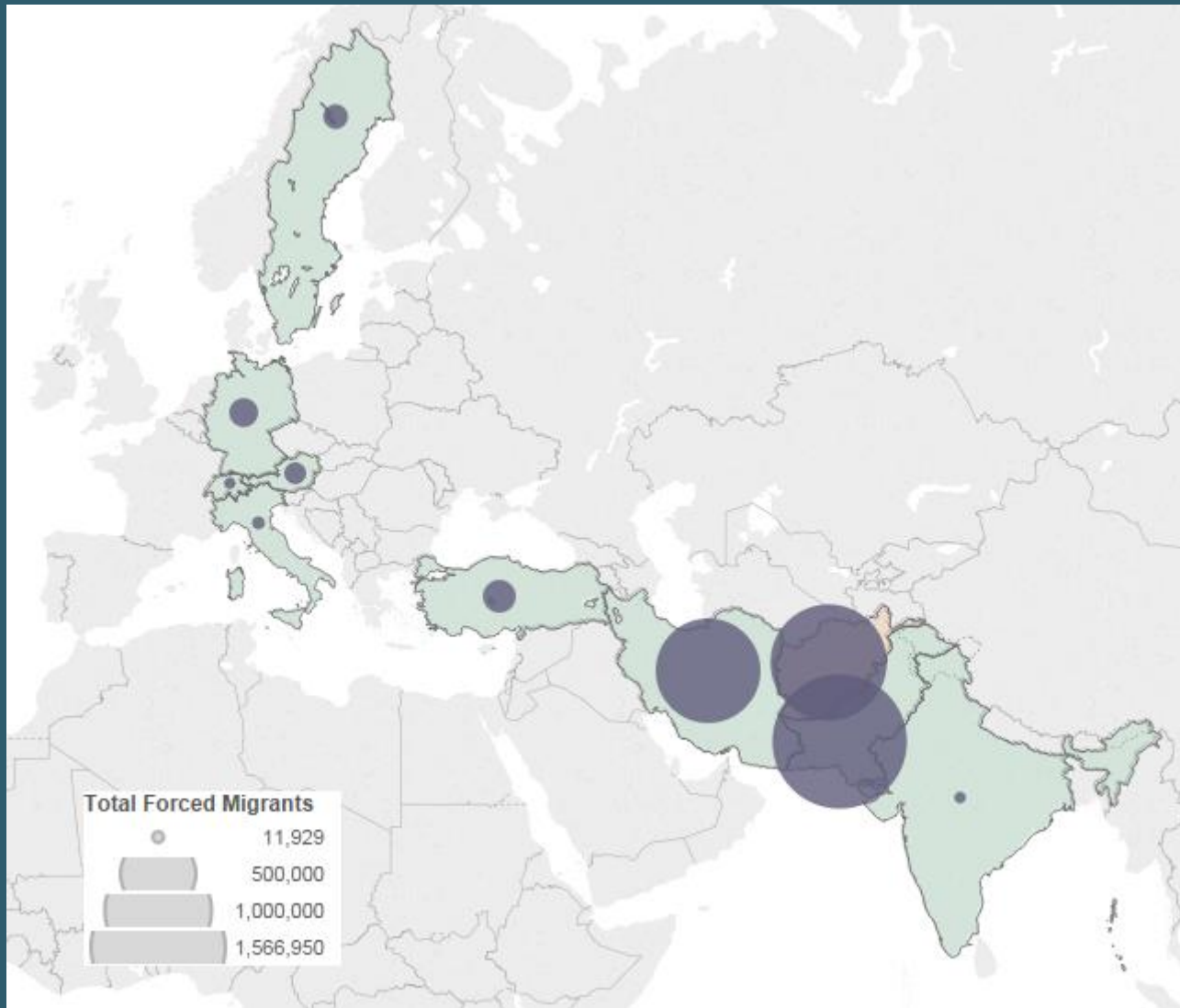
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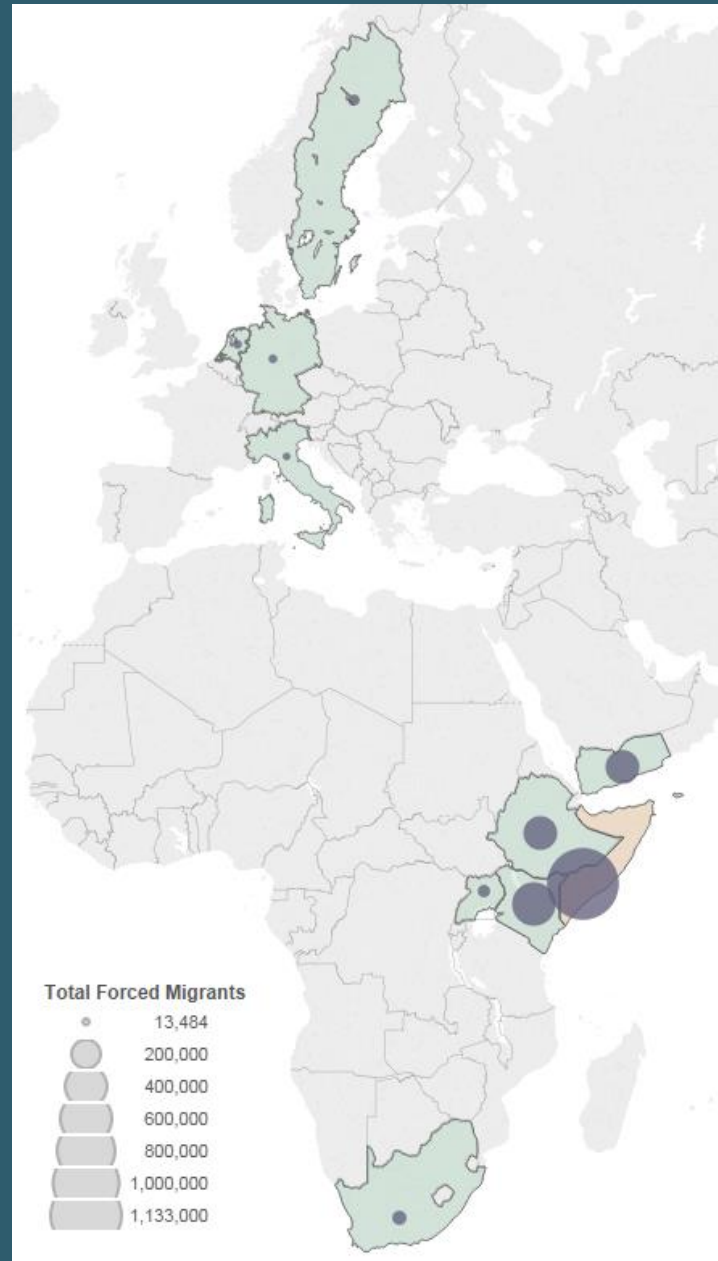
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Major Hosts of Afghan Forced Migrants



Major Hosts of Somali Forced Migrants



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Displacement Further Afield

- Forced migrants may be pushed to travel onwards due to lack of economic opportunity or safety
- Many rely on smugglers to travel towards wealthier destinations



Policy Responses

I. Rescue, protection and burden sharing

II. Border enforcement, denial, deterrence







Government Concerns

- Domestic political risks
- Mixed migration
- National sovereignty
- National Security
- Rule of law





International Conferences 2016

- 1. Syria Crisis Conference (aka “Syria IV”):** February 4, London, co-hosted by the UN Secretary General and the United Kingdom, Norway, Kuwait, and Germany.
- 2. High-level meeting on global responsibility sharing through pathways for admission of Syrian refugees:** March 30, Geneva, under aegis of the UN Secretary General and led by UNHCR.
- 3. Forum on New Approaches to Protracted Forced Displacement:** April 2016, Wilton Park, UK, organized by the World Bank, UNHCR, and the UK Department for International Development (DFID).
- 4. World Humanitarian Summit:** May 23-24, Istanbul, an initiative of the UN Secretary General, managed by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- 5. High-Level Plenary Meeting on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees & Migrants:** September 19, New York, a special session of the UN General Assembly.
- 6. Leaders’ Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis:** September 20, New York, a meeting in parallel with the UN General Assembly convened by U.S. President Obama with co-hosts Canada, Ethiopia, Germany, Jordan, Mexico and Sweden.



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