

# The Refugee Portal Project

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The world is currently in the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II, with 5 million forcibly displaced persons worldwide, including 23 million refugees. According to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the world's largest group of refugees are the five million Syrians who have been forced out of their country since the civil war began in 2011; the two largest groups of internally displaced persons (IDPs) are in Syria (4.5 million) and Iraq (3.2 million).

At their best, wealthy Western countries struggle to generate the political will to accept substantial numbers of refugees from developing countries, in part because of natural difficulties in visualizing their response to distant or alien needs. At their worst, they refuse to accept more than token