The United States provided over $8 billion in humanitarian assistance in FY 2017, including nearly $3.4 billion from the State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM). These funds provide life-saving assistance and protection to the world’s 68.5 million forcibly displaced people, including 25.3 million refugees, and millions of internally displaced persons (IDPs), conflict victims, stateless persons, and vulnerable migrants. PRM also leads U.S. humanitarian diplomacy – to ensure international humanitarian law is respected while also finding durable solutions for the displaced.

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Global refugee population trend since 2008

All population figures are estimates based on data released by UNHCR in June 2018 and by UNRWA in January 2017. These figures do not reflect population movements in early 2018, such as displacement as a result of conflicts in DRC, South Sudan, Syria, and elsewhere.

Host countries and other areas with largest refugee populations in 2017

These rounded numbers include people in refugee-like situations

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25,000 150,000 500,000 1 million

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