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Causes of Displacement & Forced Migration: Historical Context

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1. History of migration 1850-1950

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Key Historical Movements, 1846 to 1940

Origins	Auxiliary Origins	Destination	Number
Europe	2.5 million from India, china, Japan, Africa	Americas	55-58 Million
India, southern China	4 million from Africa, Europe, northeastern Asia, Middle East	Southeast Asia, Indian Ocean Rim, South Pacific	48-52 million
Northeastern Asia, Russia		Manchuria, Siberia, central Asia, Japan	46-51 million

Source: Adam McKeown, „Global Migration, 1846-1970," *Journal of World History* 15, no. 2 (June 2014) 155-89.

World Population Growth (millions) by regions, 1850-1950

	1850 population	1950 population	Increase (%)
Receiving			
Americas	59	325	450
North Asia	22	104	370
Southeast Asia	42	177	320
Sending			
Europe	265	515	94
South Asia	230	445	94
China	420	520	23
Africa	81	205	153
World	1200	2500	108

Source: Colin Mcevdey and Richard Jones, *Atlas of World Population History* (London: Penguin, 1978), via Adam McKeown.

Post-World War I Migration & Displacement

Refugees at Gare de Lyon in Paris, France, early in World War I. The conflict is believed to have displaced as many as 7.5 million people. *Everett Collection* via Wall Street Journal.

Asia:
Migration peaked in the 1920s – 1.25 million migrants to Southeast Asia in 1927 and 1.5 million to North Asia in 1929.

Transatlantic:
Transantlantic migration was affected most by WWI, but recovered to 1.2 million migrants in 1924.

The Great Depression also curttailed migration, except the command economies of Japan and the Soviet Union, which produced up to 1.8 million migrants per year into North Asia by the late 1930s.

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2. Displacement
1940-1960

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Post-World War II 1940-1960

9 incidents displaced 81.6 million people

Partition of India & Pakistan
14 million Indians & Pakistani in 1947

Post- WWII
1 million Russians, Ukrainians & Belarusans, 1948-1950

Chinese Cultural Rev.
385,000 political dissadents form China to Hong Kong, 1950-54

Post-World War II
11.3 million forced laborers from European countries to Germany, 1945-1950

Soviet suppression of Hungarian uprising
200,000 Hungarians to Austria & Yugoslavia, 1956

World War II
40 million Europeans between 1940-1945

Post-World War II
13 million Germans from Soviet union, Czechoslovakia and Poland, 1940-1950

Est. of Israel
750,000 Palestinians to W. Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria & Lebanon, 1948-1950

Formation of a communist government in North Vietnam
1 million Roman Catholics from N to S Vietnam, 1954-1956

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Source: The Washington Post

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3. Movements since 1990

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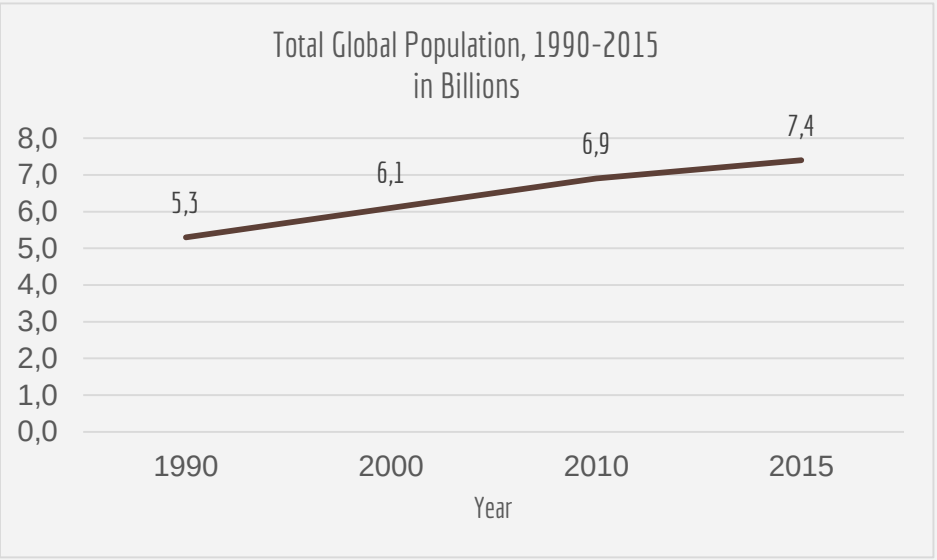
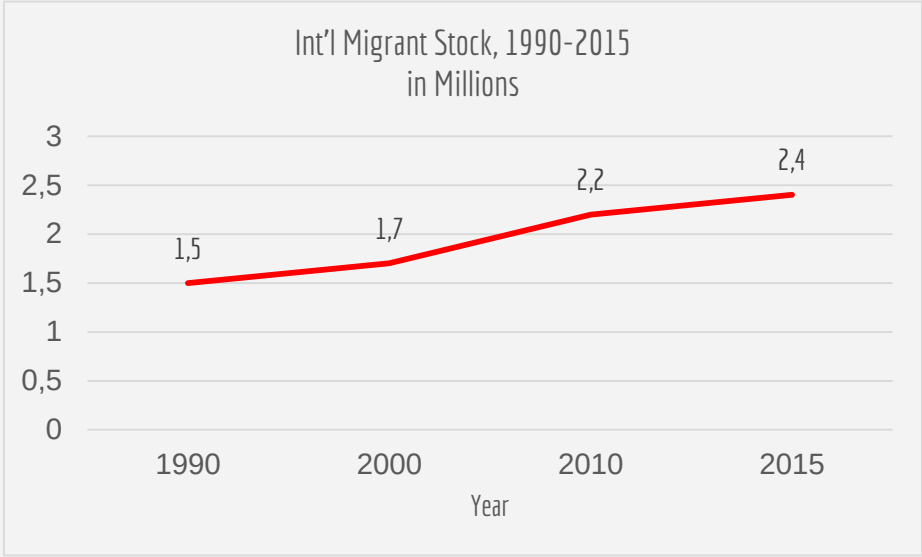
Migration vs. Population 1990 - 2015





Percentage Increase:

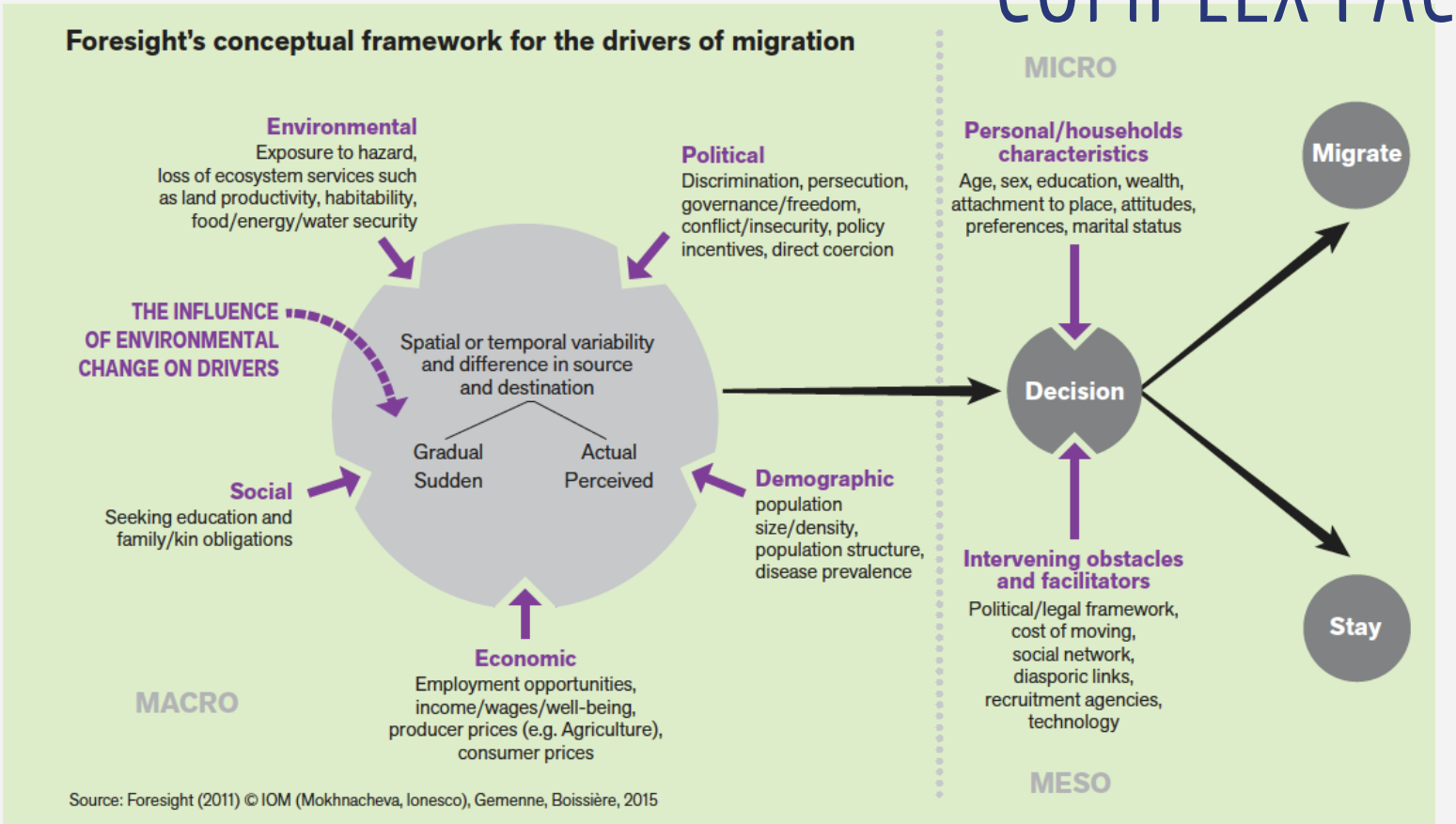
Global Population:
- 1950-2015: 296% increase
- 1980-2015: 140% increase

Int'l Migrant Stock:
- 1980-2015: 160% increase

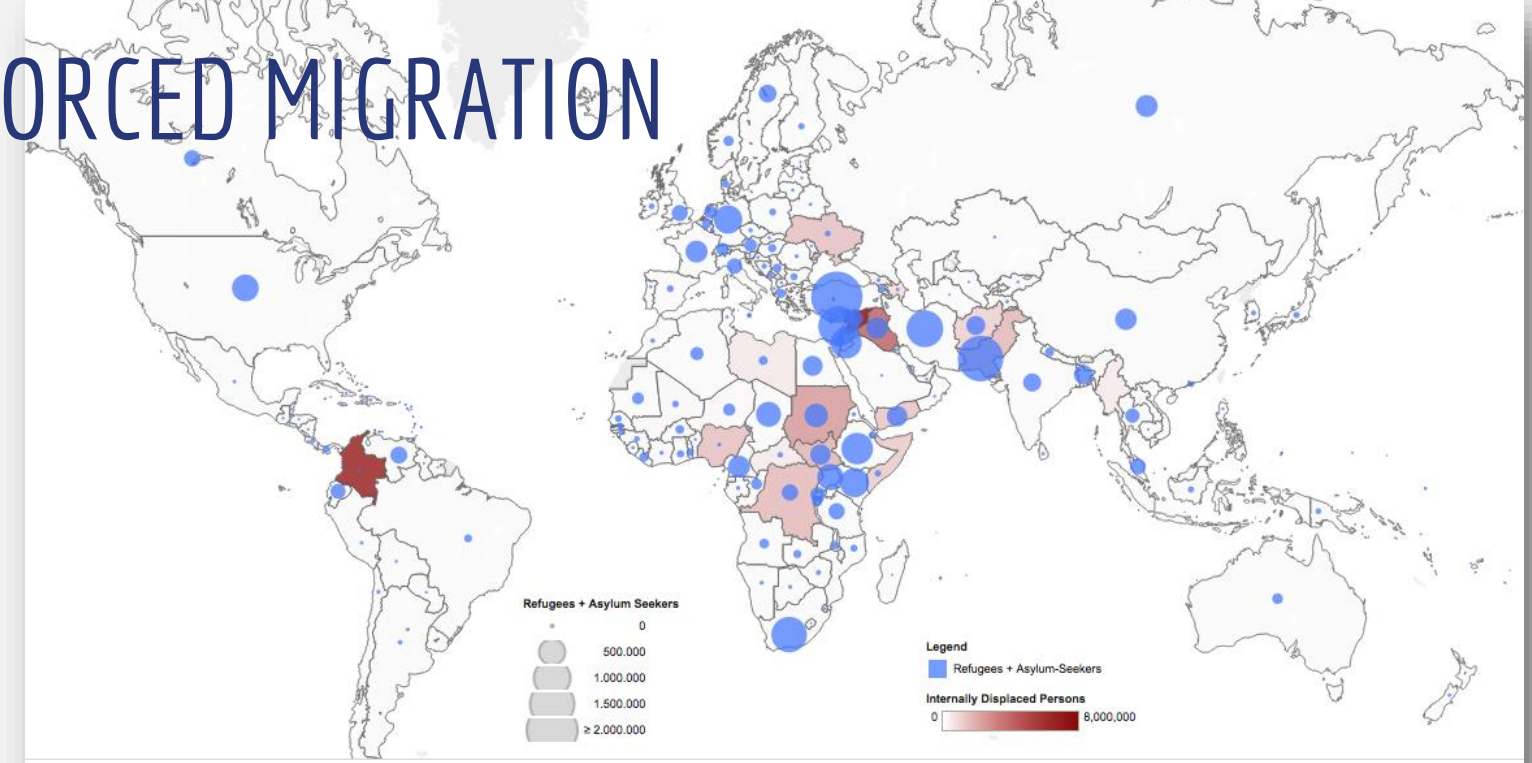
Source: UN-DESA; note: UN-DESA Int'l Migrant Stock data only begins in 1980

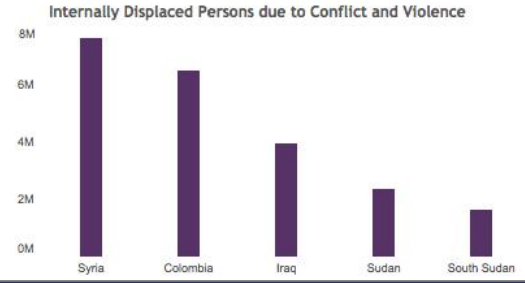
4. Today

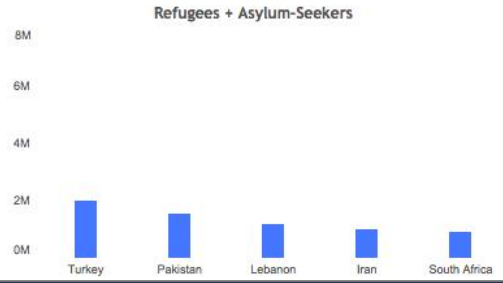
COMPLEX FACTORS



FORCED MIGRATION







*Source: IOM visualization based on UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2015. Figures of asylum-seekers based on persons whose asylum claim was pending as of June 2015, regardless of the stage of the procedure. Internally displaced persons (IDP) refers to individuals assisted by UNHCR, including people in IDP-like situations (with similar protection risks but not reported as IDPs). Stocks recorded by June 2015 or latest available estimates. The map does not include *newly displaced by disasters* during the same period as this is a flow-type of data, therefore not directly comparable with stocks of refugees, asylum-seekers (pending cases) and conflict induced IDPs as of June 2015.

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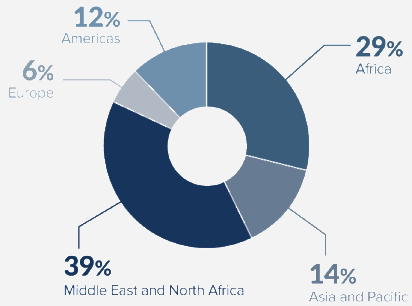
Forcibly displaced persons, 2015

65.3 million
forcibly displaced people worldwide

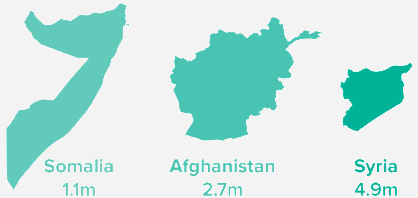
Refugees
21.3 million

Stateless people
10 million

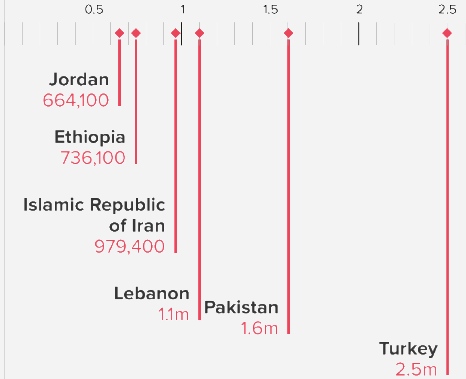
Where the world's displaced people are being hosted



54% of refugees worldwide came from three countries



Top hosting countries



Source: UNHCR, 2016

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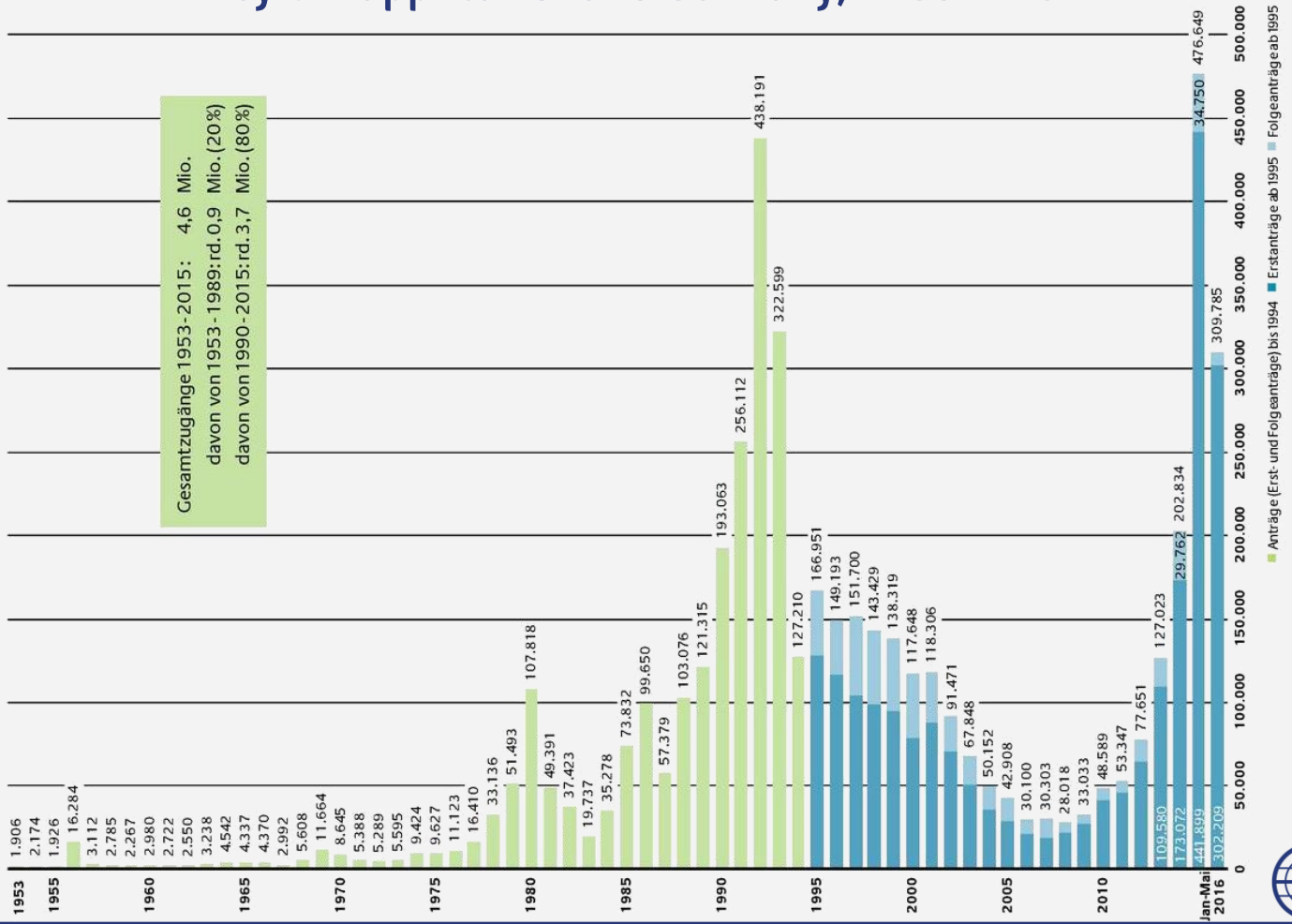
Asylum applications to Germany, 1953 – 2016



Source: BAMF, 2016

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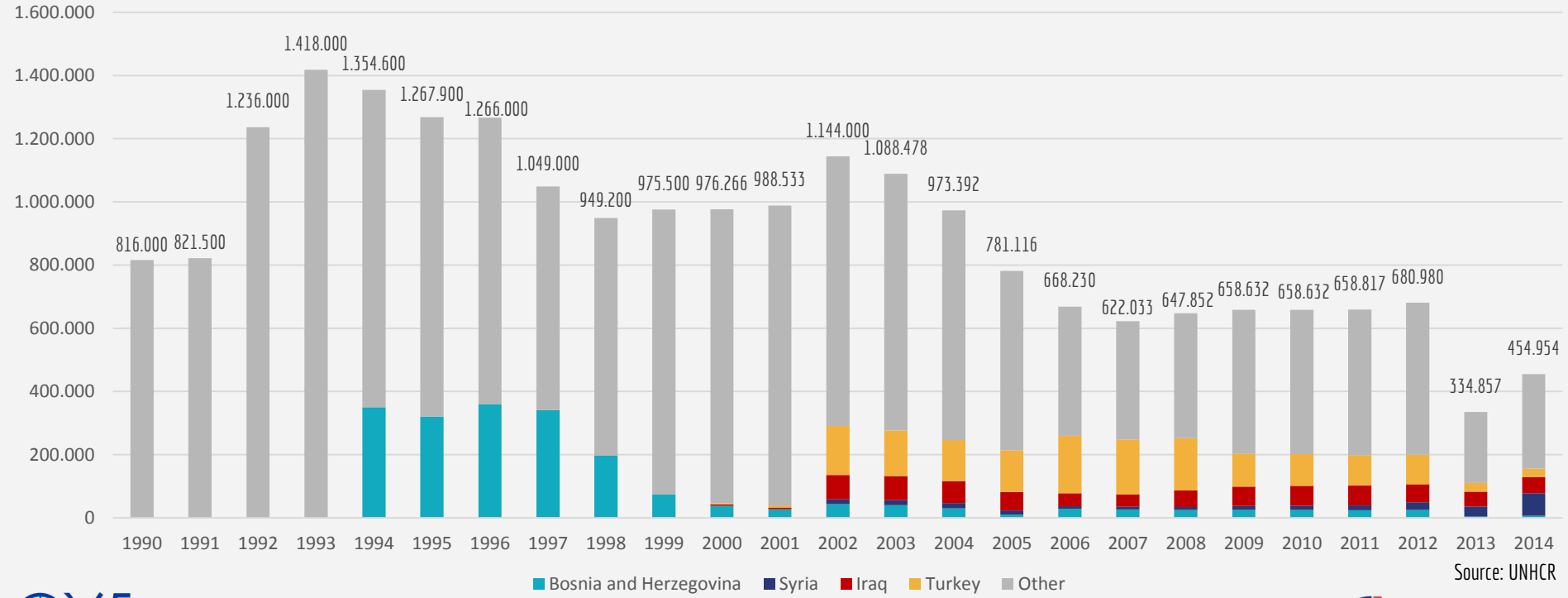
Number of Forcibly Displaced Persons in Germany, 1990 - 2014



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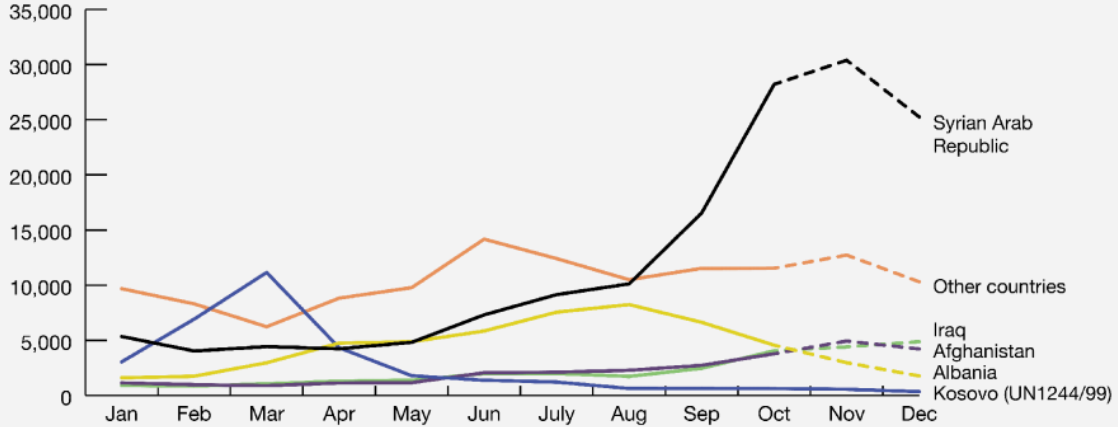
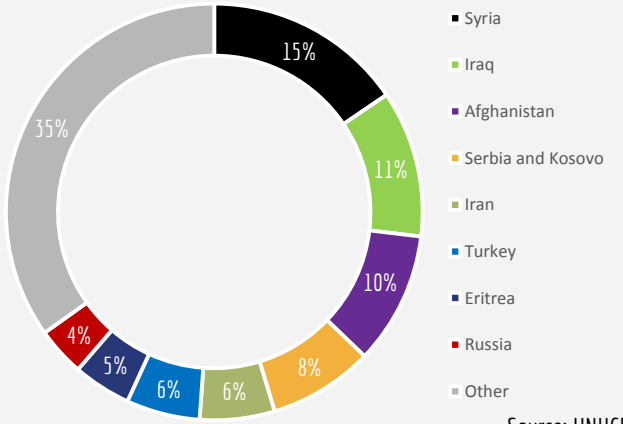
First time asylum applications in Germany, by main citizenships and month, 2015



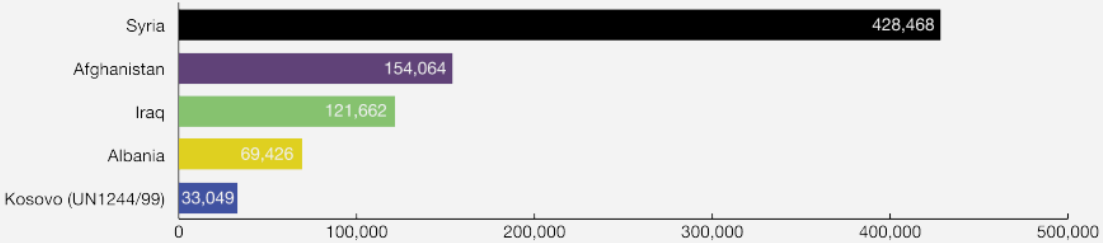
Source: EUROSTAT

Country of Origin of Displaced Persons, 2014



Source: UNHCR

Main countries of origin registered in EASY, Jan—Dec 2015



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NATURAL DISASTER IMPACTS - 2015

19.2 million of new displacement due to natural disasters

113 countries

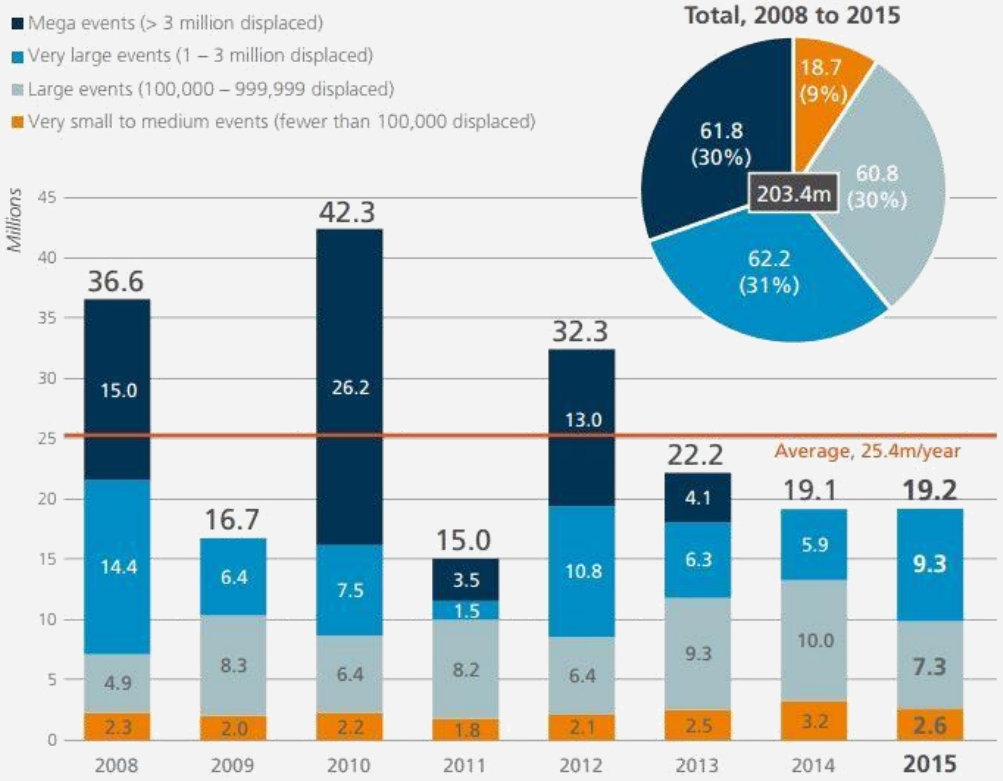
203.4 Million displaced by natural disasters in the last 8 years

Disasters caused twice as many new displacements as conflict

Figures: IDMC

Sudden Disasters & Displacement

New displacements associated with disasters by scale of events, 2008 to 2015



Source: IDMC 2016, "Global Report on Internal Displacement 2016."

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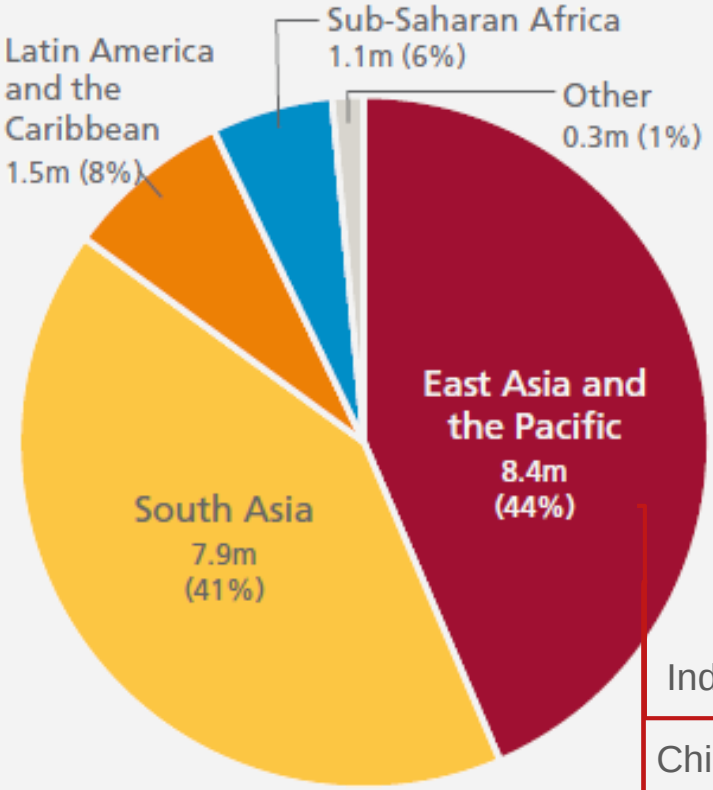
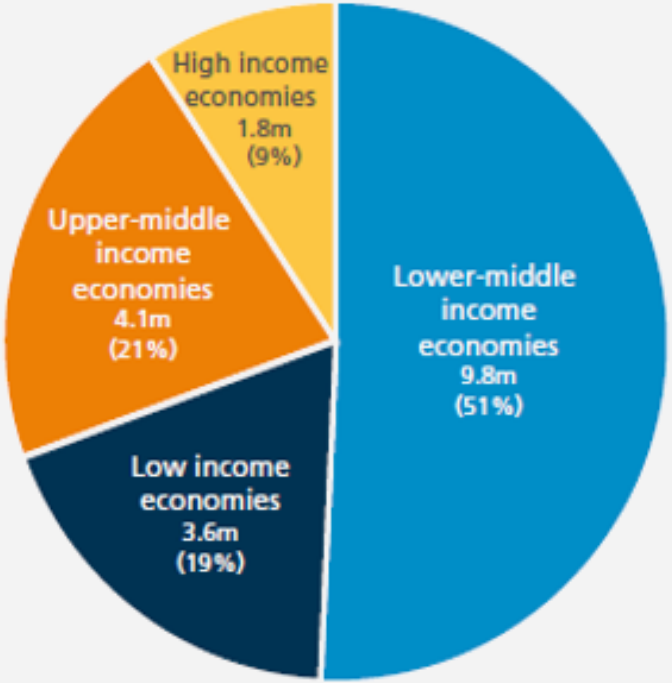


India 3.7 million

China 3.6 million

Nepal 2.6 million



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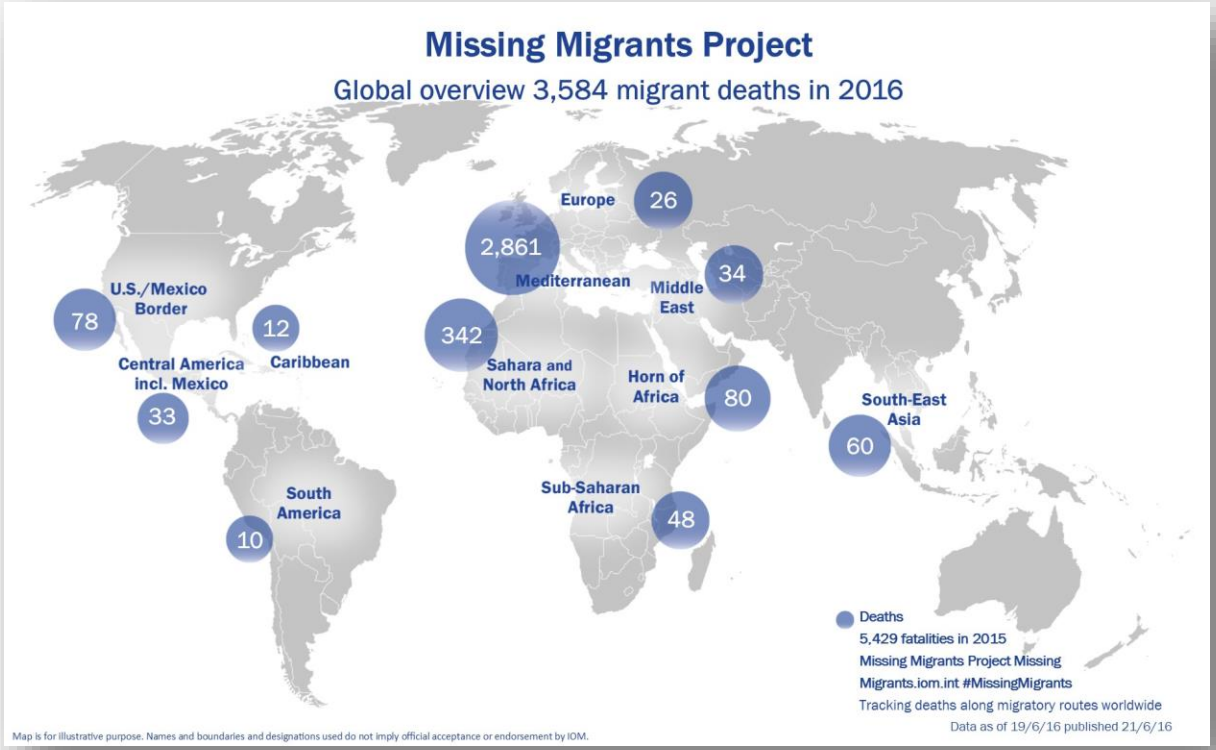

- Europe – transitioned from a ***sending*** region (19th & 20th cent.) to a ***destination*** region (second half of 20th &21st cent.), due to development
- ***Disasters*** are becoming an increasingly significant reason of ***displacement***
- Data on ***migrant journeys*** shows how deadly many routes have become

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