



# **PID PHILIPPE GERONDAL**

## **Chairperson of the Refugee Relief Committee**



# *Europa Forum Dublin 2025*

## *Refugee Relief Committee Seminar*

### *Speakers*

- PID Philippe Gerondal : General Presentation
- PID Marcel Daniels : Lions stand with Ukraine
- PID Hayri Ülgen : Rebuilding after the earthquake in Turkey and Syria
- PCC Ysabel Pacheco : Rebuilding after floodings in the Valencia area (Spain)
- PDG Bjorn Hägerstrand : Winter is coming to Ukraine. 1,2,3 and 4 ?
- LCIF Staff Member : Benjamin Futransky
- POD Philippe Gerondal : conclusion



# *The 3 main categories of refugees*

- *Political and war refugees*
- *Victims of natural disasters*
- *Economic refugees*



# *Political and war refugees*

*A human drama, created by humans*

**123,2 MILLION**

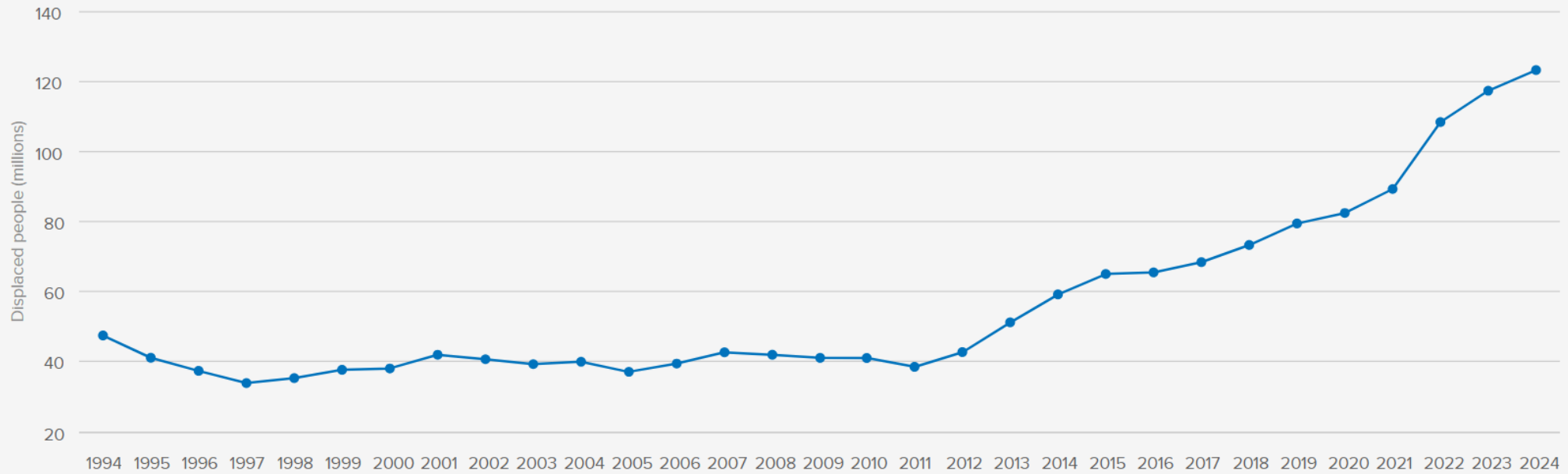
***Forcibly displaced people worldwide***

***( 73,5 million are internally displaced people)***

***= 1 in every 67 people on earth has been forced to flee***



At the end of 2024, 123.2 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order.



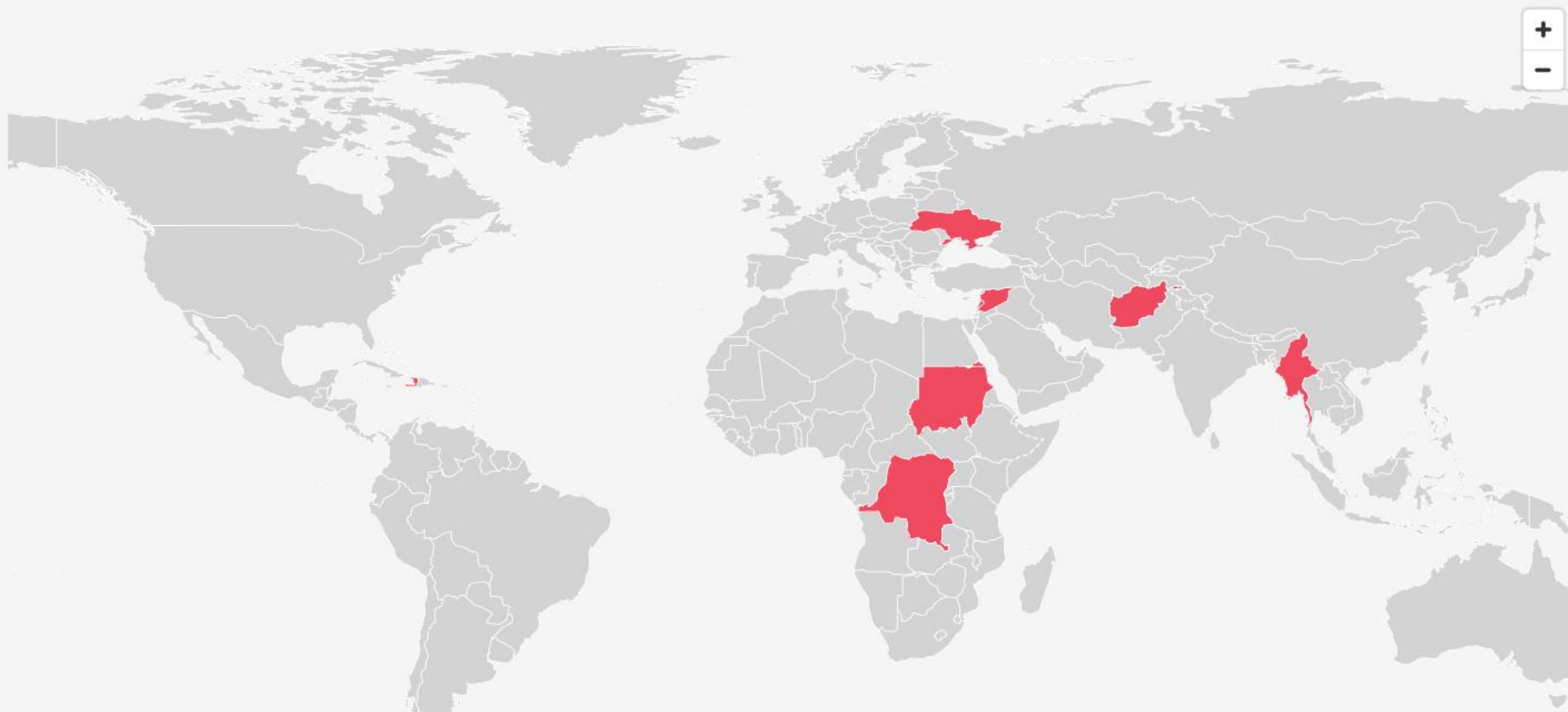
Source: UNHCR Global Trends 2024, 12 June 2025.

Source : <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics>

**X2 : displaced nearly doubled during the last decade**



## Key displacement situations in 2024



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# *Current emergencies*

- **Afghanistan**
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- **Rohingya**
- **Sudan**
- **Syria**
- **Ukraine**
- **Venezuela**



# 69%

originate from just five countries

Nearly seven in ten of all refugees under UNHCR's mandate and other people in need of international protection come from just five countries.

Venezuela	6.2 million
Syrian Arab Republic	6.0 million
Afghanistan	5.8 million
Ukraine	5.1 million
South Sudan	2.3 million

# 37%

hosted in five countries

Islamic Republic of Iran, Türkiye, Colombia, Germany and Uganda hosted over one-third of the world's refugees and other people in need of international protection.

Islamic Republic of Iran	3.5 million
Türkiye	2.9 million
Colombia	2.8 million
Germany	2.7 million
Uganda	1.8 million

Source : <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics>



**49** MILLION  
are children

At the end of 2024, of the 123.2 million forcibly displaced people, an estimated 49 million (40 per cent) are children below 18 years of age.

**1.8** MILLION  
refugees returned or were resettled

More than 1.6 million refugees returned to their countries of origin during 2023 while 188,800 were resettled (with or without UNHCR's assistance).

**4.4** MILLION  
stateless people

Data on some 4.4 million stateless people residing in 101 countries was reported at end-2024. The true global figure is estimated to be significantly higher.

**2.3** MILLION  
children were born as refugees

Between 2018 and 2024, an average of 337,800 children were born as refugees per year.

**73%**  
hosted in low- and middle-income countries

Low- and middle-income countries host 73 per cent of the world's refugees and other people in need of international protection. The Least Developed Countries provided asylum to 23 per cent of the total.

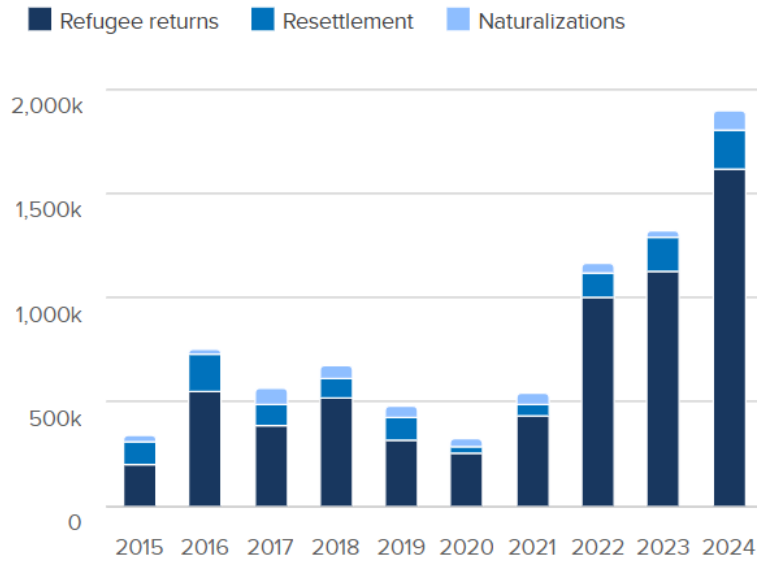
**67%**  
hosted in neighbouring countries

67 per cent of refugees and other people in need of international protection lived in countries neighbouring their countries of origin.

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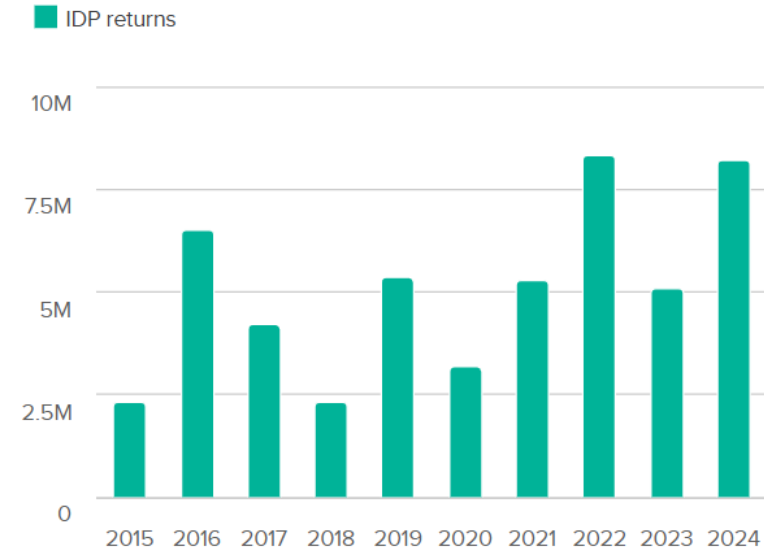


### Refugee returns, resettlement and naturalization | 2015 - 2024



\* Resettlement figures are according to government statistics.

### IDP returns | 2015 - 2024



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## ***Refugees: a lasting issue***

***EX: The war in former Yugoslavia: 1991-1999***

***To date : still more than 100,000 refugees and displaced persons.***



# ***Refugees in Europe***

## ***12,4 million***

### ***Major Host Countries***

***Türkiye : 2,9 million ( Global ranking : 2)***

***Germany : 2,7 million (Global ranking : 4)***



# The tragedy of the Ukrainian Refugees

***Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe :***  
**6.154.000**

***Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe***  
**571.300**

**Total :**      **6 725 300**

***More than 5 million internally displaced people in Ukraine***

***Some 17.6 million people in need of emergency humanitarian aid in Ukraine***

The tragedy of Ukrainian refugees.

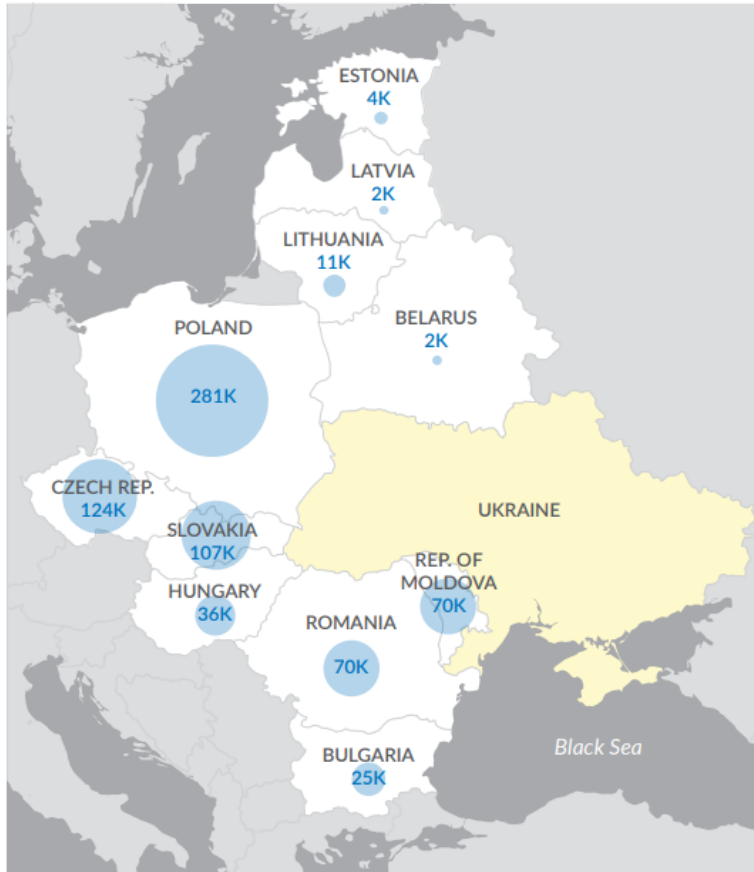


PID Philippe Gerondal Past LCIF Trustee

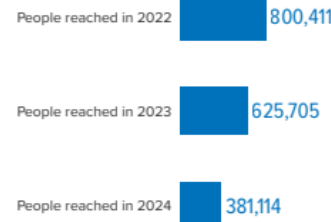




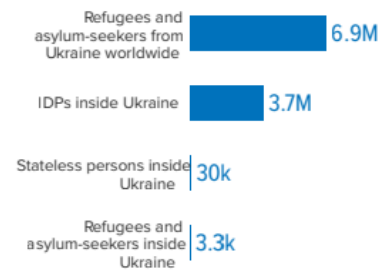
Czech Republic	124,000	Republic of Moldova	36,000
Estonia	4,000	Romania	70,000
Hungary	36,000	Slovakia	107,000
Latvia	2,000		



### People reached inside Ukraine by UNHCR and partners



### Population planning figures relevant to the situation as of end-2024



## ***LCIF help programs***

***Establishment of the Refugees and Displaced Person fund (to date collected donations : USD 11,984,277)***

***Refugee Assistance Grants : to date 107 for USD 9,746,231***

- ***Revised to include more ways to help:***
  - ***Immediate needs,***
  - ***Transitional needs,***
  - ***Integration needs,***
  - ***Possibly in the future: Reconstruction***





## ***Victims of natural disasters***

***Every year, 9 million people die in natural disasters and 160 million are physically and/or materially affected.***

***“The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction estimates that the annual number of victims of natural disasters will increase by 15% each year.”***



# ***LCIF Programs***

## ***Disaster Global Cause Area***

### ***Grants :***

***for fiscal year 25-26 :USD 8,099,426***

#### ***Includes:***

- ***emergency grants (including former community recovery grants)— USD 3,196,203***
- ***refugee grants—USD 2,257,092***
- ***major catastrophe grants—USD 700,000***
- ***disaster preparedness grants—USD 258,046***



# Economic refugees

**Number in the millions**

**A challenge for Europe**

**Victims of human trafficking**



## LCIF's tools for meeting this challenge:

**Improve the living conditions of these people in their own environment, so that they don't feel the need to leave.**

### Examples of LCIF programs:

- ✓ Matching grants
- ✓ Districts and Clubs Impact Grants
- ✓ Hunger relief programs
- ✓ Health programs
- ✓ ETC...



« Regardless of borders, races, or ambitions, it is man who is at the heart of everything. It is he who must be saved. » »

Charles De Gaulle

