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Living Together with Refugees

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A problems we all face

- Alan Kurdi, a three-year old child who was found dead on a Turkish beach, was trying to flee the Syrian War and escape to Europe
- Who is responsible for Alan's death?



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Refugee crisis

- Have you ever heard of refugees?
- What does the term refugee refer to?
- How do you think the refugee problem is related to our lives?



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1. Who are refugees?



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- Refugee: People who have been forced to flee to other countries or leave their homeland to avoid various conflicts, disasters, or persecution (UN Refugee Convention, Article 1)

cf) Migrant



2. Why do refugees leave their countries?

- War refugees: Syrian, Somali, Afghan refugees
- Political refugees: Yemeni, Kurdish, Venezuelan refugees
- Religious refugees: Rohingya refugees
- Climate refugees: Kiribati refugees



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3. When did the refugee crisis start? (History of refugees since the 20th century)



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- Jewish refugees (1934): 2.5 million refugees fleeing Nazi oppression
- Palestinian refugees (1948): 700,000 refugees as a result of Jews building Israel in the Palestinian region

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- Vietnamese refugees(1973-1988): 1 million refugees fleeing from Vietnam's communization
- Rwandan refugees (1990): 3 million refugees as tribal conflict spread to war

4. How many refugees are there? (as of 2024)

- 1.5% of the world's population
- Tripled in the past 15 years
- Major source countries: Syria, Yemen, Ukraine, Afghanistan, South Sudan, etc.



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5. Refugee children and adolescents

- Half of all refugees
- Threats to children
- Right to education



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6. What is happening in the source countries of refugees?



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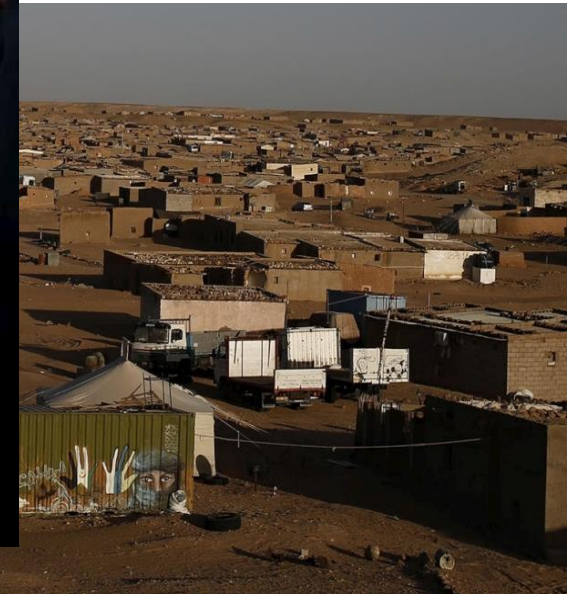
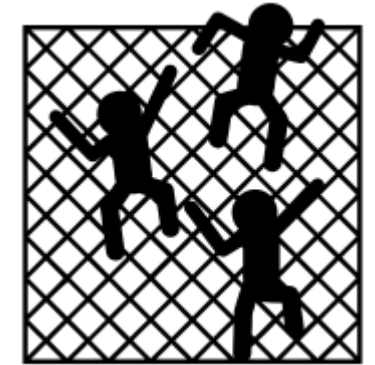
- Syria: Long-term civil war since 2011 (5 million refugees)
- Afghanistan: Numerous wars and terrorism (2.6 million refugees)
- Myanmar: Government's discriminatory policy against Rohingya and genocide (700,000 refugees)

7. What awaits those who leave their homeland?

- Life-threatening escape and journey
- Refugee camp
- Seeking asylum
- Forced repatriation



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8. What are ways to help refugees?

- Providing shelter
- Identification and registration
- Health care
- Providing opportunities for education
- Civil projects
- Emergency relief



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9. Organizations that help refugees

- UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR): Representative organization for international refugee aid established by the UN in 1949
- 120 million refugees and people subject to protection served (as of 2024)



UNHCR photo/ Achilleas Zavallis

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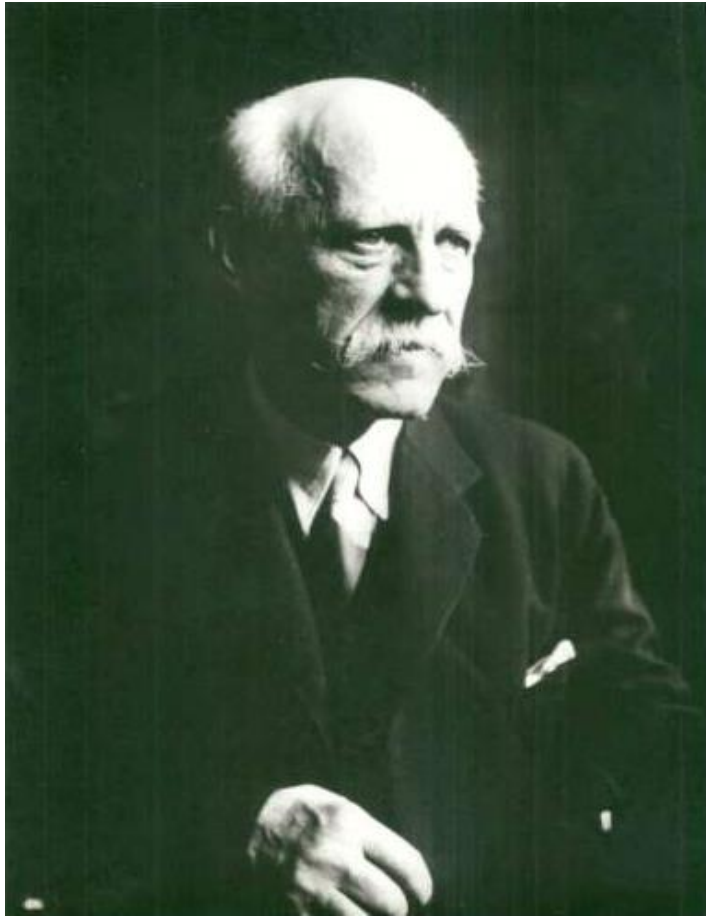


- White Helmets: A civil defense organization voluntarily formed in 2014 by Syrian firefighters
- Rescuing people from the Syrian Civil War sites



The White Helmets photo

10. People helping refugees, Fridtjof Nansen



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- Norwegian explorer and diplomat (1861-1930)
- Rescued 450,000 refugees through "Nansen passport"
- Nobel Peace Prize in 1922

11. People helping refugees, Sakena Yacoobi

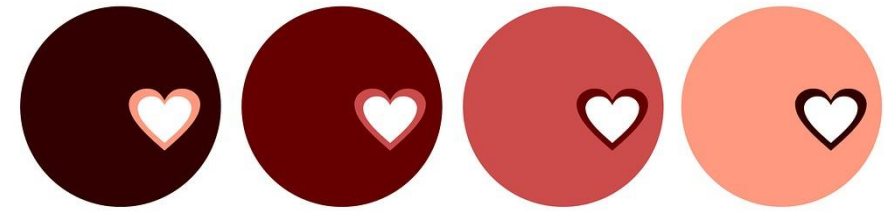


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- Afghanistan refugee and educator
- Founded the Afghan Institute of Learning and educated 14 million Afghan refugees over 21 years
- Sunhak Peace Prize in 2017

12. Should we accept or reject refugees?

- Arguments for accepting:
Positive impact on national economy, duty as global citizen
- Arguments for rejecting:
Burden on national economy, increase in social instability



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13. What attitude should we have towards refugees?



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- As global citizens:
Addressing the issue from
global citizen's perspective
- We were all refugees or are
potential refugees

Story of Syrian girl Naamat Hamawi



Shatila camp in Lebanon

