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WELCOME
HERE!**





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Destination CANADA: How refugees reach safety in Canada

Training Materials on Refugee Rights

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Review: Who is a refugee?



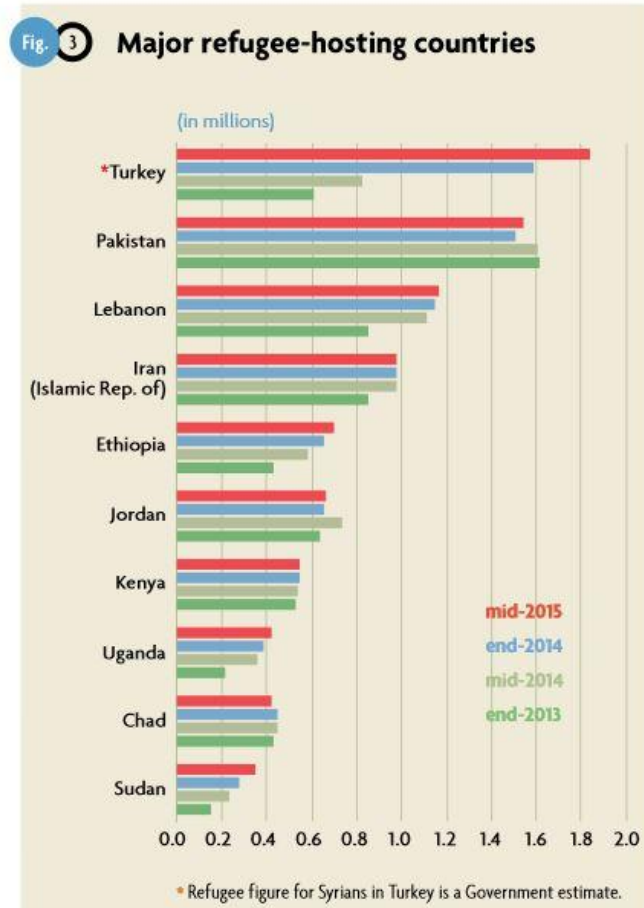
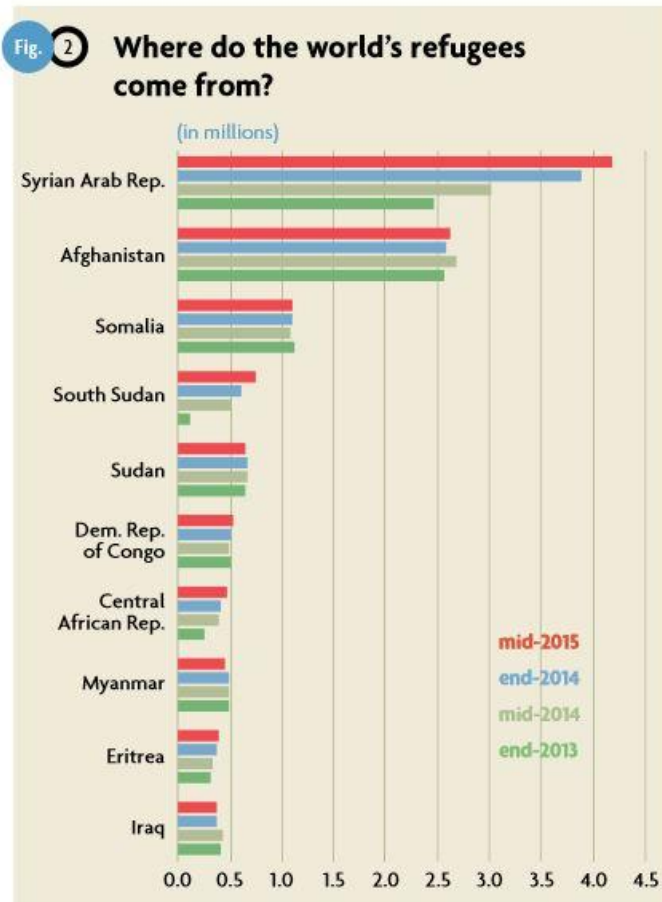
- Outside their country
- Due to a well-founded fear
- Of persecution
- On one of 5 grounds
- Unable to go back



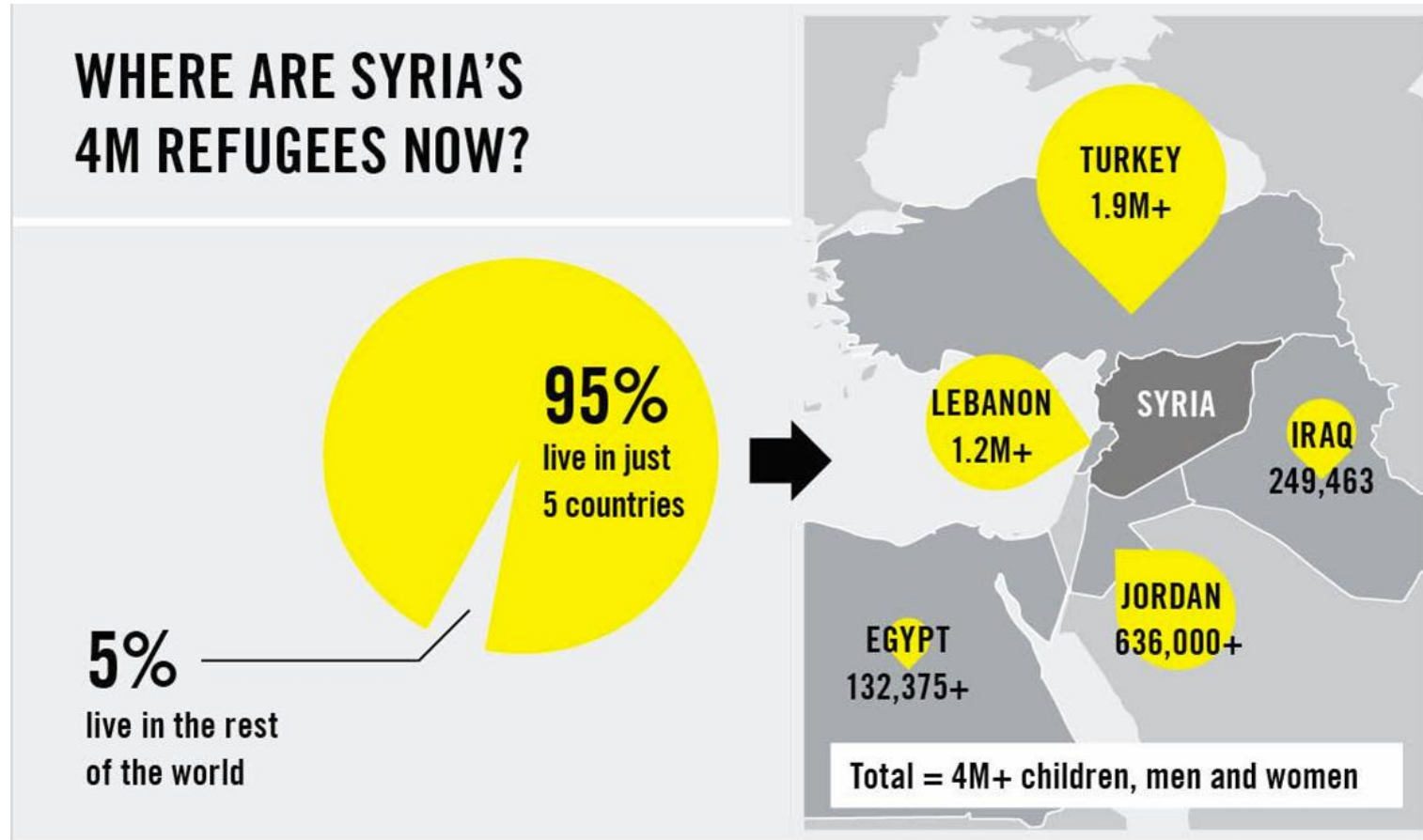
Review: 5 Convention Grounds



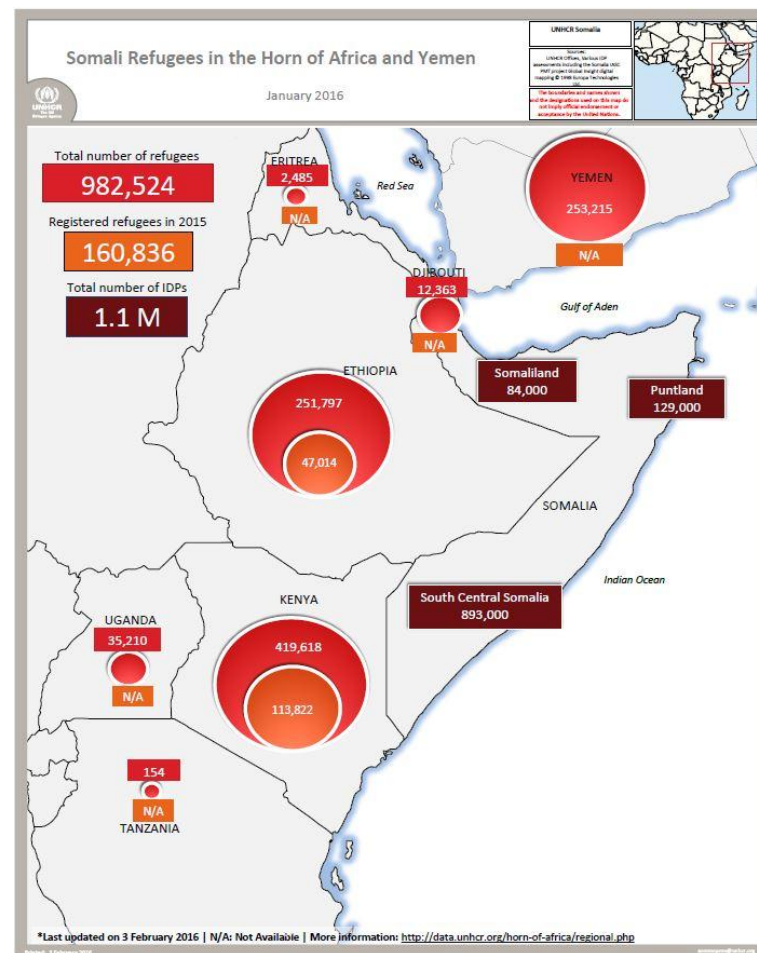
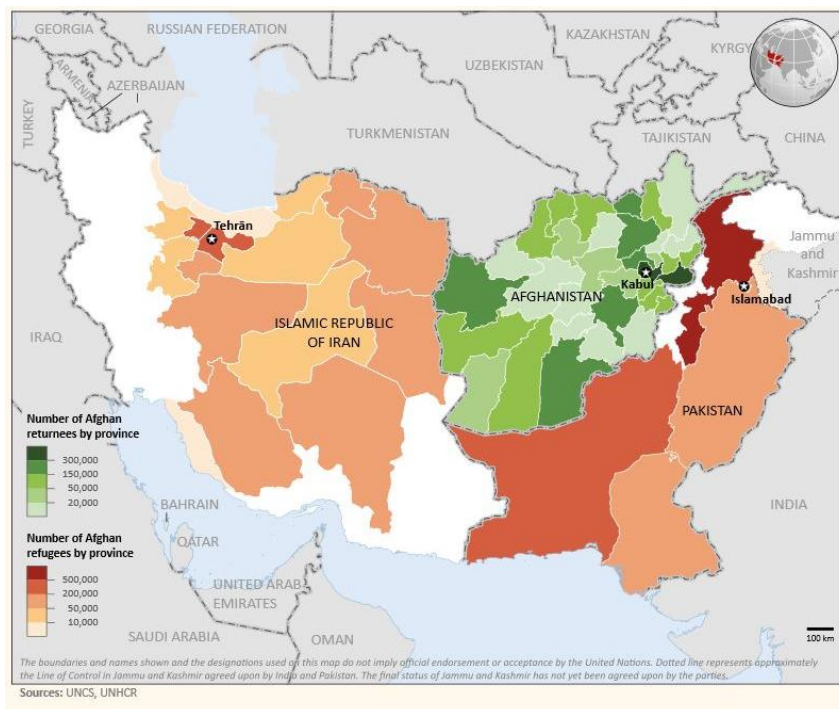
Top Source & Host Countries for Refugees



Host Countries for Syrian Refugees



Host Countries for Afghans & Somalis



Canada's Refugee System



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Two Paths to Safety in Canada



Refugee Claim inside Canada

- Port of Entry
- Inland office



Refugee Resettlement from abroad

- Government Assisted Refugee
- Privately Sponsored Refugee
- Blended Visa Office Referred



Refugee Claim in Canada



- People travel to Canada and make a **refugee claim** upon arrival in Canada.
- They go through a refugee determination process to determine if they are Convention refugees.
- If successful they are allowed to apply to become permanent residents and eventually, citizens.
- If not successful they are required to leave Canada.



Refugee Resettlement



- Some refugees who are not able to stay in their first country of asylum may be referred for **refugee resettlement**.
- Refugees usually are referred to Canada by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
- They become landed immigrants upon arrival in Canada
- They may be assisted by the government, private sponsors or a blend of the two.



UNHCR Resettlement Criteria

- ★ Legal and physical protection needs
- ★ Survivors of violence and torture
- ★ Medical needs
- ★ Women-at-risk
- ★ Family reunification
- ★ Children and adolescents
- ★ Elderly refugees
- ★ Refugees without local integration prospects

Refugees in Canadian History



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- MV Ocean Lady arrived fall 2009
- MV Sun Sea arrived August 2010



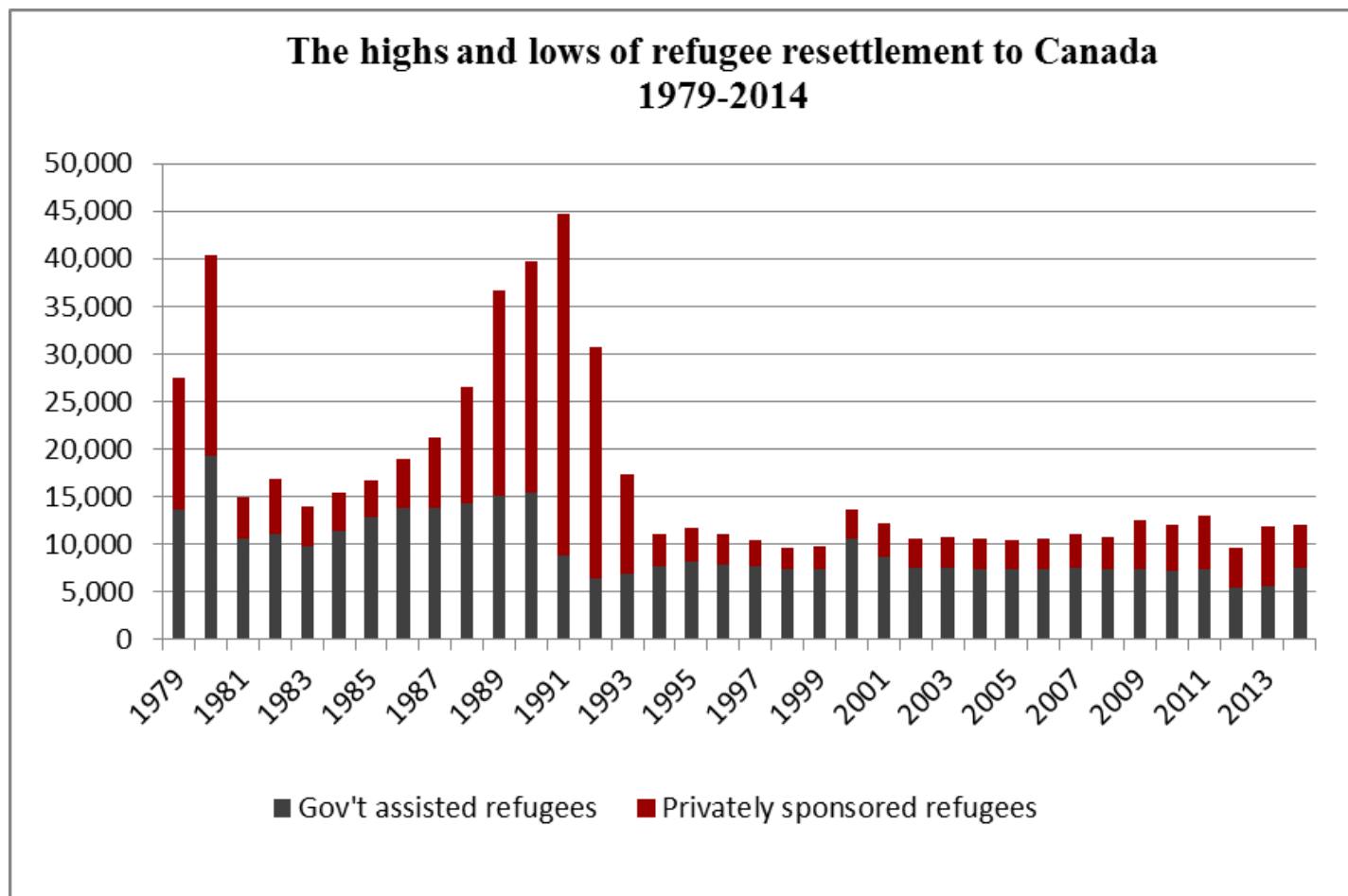
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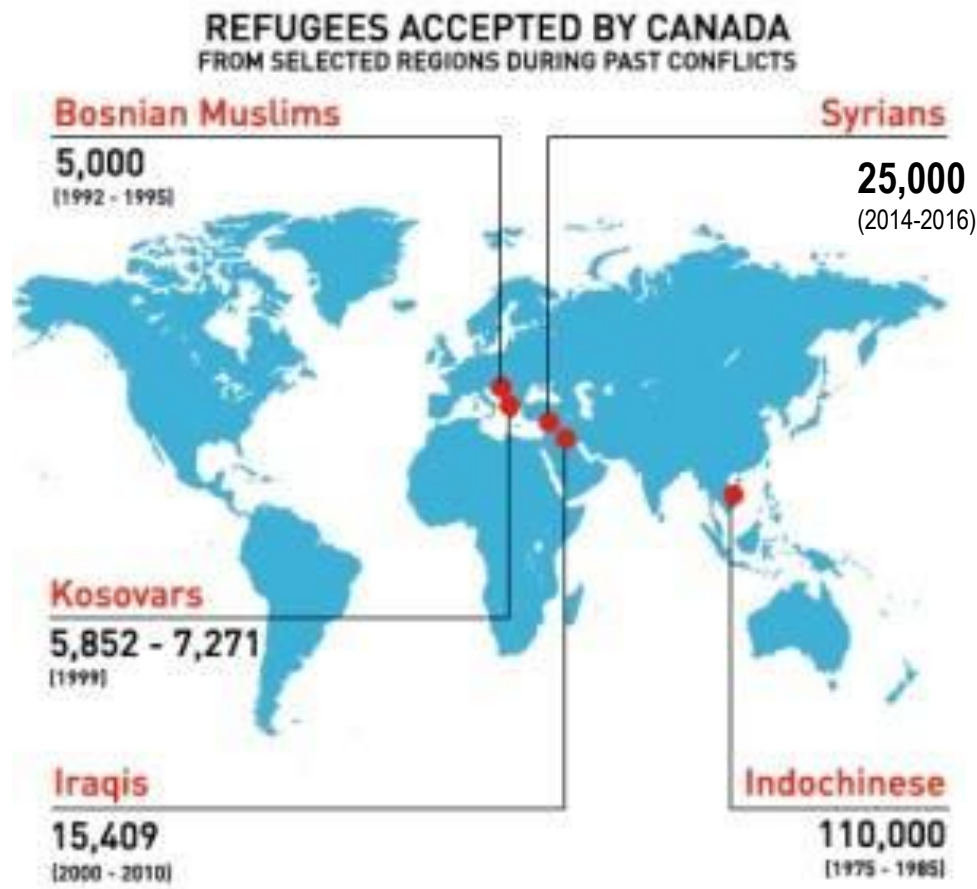
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We want Canada to treat refugees in a way that is...



Don't you?

Refugee Protection in Canada Today

Leader

- Party to two international treaties on refugees
- Active partner with UNHCR, other states in refugee protection incl. resettlement
- Individual status determination
- Right to appeal
- Robust civil society supporting refugees
- Hearing for each claimant guaranteed by Charter (Singh case 1985)
- Expert administrative tribunal at arm's length from government
- Independent decision makers
- Gender and vulnerable person guidelines

Laggard

- Increasing emphasis on resettlement rather than asylum
- Increased use of detention
- Discriminatory list of “safe” countries of origin
- Excruciatingly slow reunification of refugee families
- Continued dependence on remoteness from conflict and rights violations
- Not party to the international treaty on stateless persons

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