

Three Refugee Crossword Puzzles

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These puzzles contain a wealth of information about the global refugee crisis. They are designed to aid in understanding the multi-faceted problem of refugees and their protection. Each clue is contextualized in factual statements. Finding the answers is usually not as important as learning about the issues. We hope that the puzzles are challenging and fun, that you enjoy working on them, and that they may in some small way assist the millions of refugees worldwide.

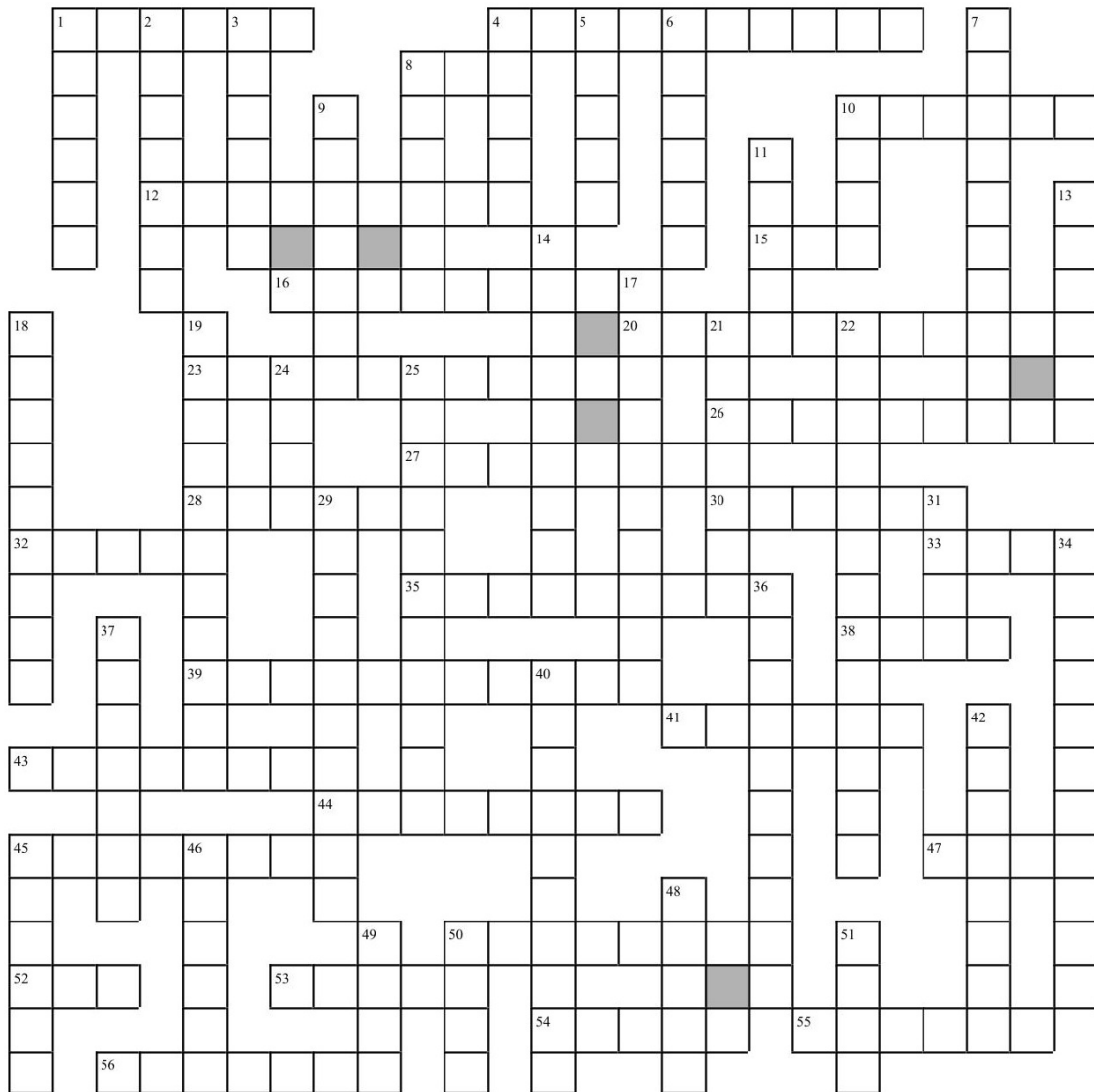


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Refugee Crossword Puzzles (1)



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- 1 “Waves lap gently against a tiny, lifeless body on a deserted beach. Families run from clouds of teargas at a border crossing. A father breaks down in tears as he carries his child ashore. These iconic images of Europe’s refugee _____, its largest since World War II, have shaken us to our core and brought fragments of distant chaos to our borders, forcing us to bear witness.” –Elizabeth J. Rushing, <<https://www.internal-displacement.org/>>
- 4 Activists have warned that the severe food shortages will push many Ugandan refugees to the brink of _____.
- 8 _____ is the immediately recognizable acronym of the organization founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein. Its mission is to assist refugees worldwide in whatever way possible, including shelter, child



nutrition, water and sanitation, and health services. In addition to relief, the organization provides rehabilitation, social development, and post conflict support. Donations can be made at <rescue.org>

- 10 The Irish Potato _____, of 1845-52, also known as “The Great Hunger,” resulted in the death of more than one million people and the emigration of between 1.5 and 2 million Irish peasants, mostly to England, Canada, and the United States. It was one of the greatest mass exoduses from a single island in history.
- 12 Rights groups accuse nations of using COVID-19 as an excuse to shut out refugees after their _____ journeys seeking safety.
- 15 Refugee _____ agencies provide many forms of urgent, life-saving support, including food, shelter, safe drinking water, improved sanitation and hygiene, emergency healthcare services, child protection programs, and education.

- 16 In some countries, people who live in marginalized border, mountainous, or conflict areas, since they hold no official papers or birth certificates, are not recognized by the government. These _____ individuals are often not eligible for any social services, including health care or vaccinations.
- 20 In every camp, _____ should strictly control the security situation to prevent attacks on refugees from both outsiders and infiltrators.
- 23 The 1951 United Nations Refugee Convention stipulates that a recognized refugee should be protected against _____ if the request is made based on a political offense.
- 26 One of the worst _____ in the European refugee crisis occurred on 18 April 2015, when a migrant vessel sank in the Straits of Sicily, with over 800 deaths.
- 27 Anti-refugee sentiments not only lie behind restrictive admission policies that _____ refugees' right to seek asylum, they also affect those who are admitted, who may be denied their status as equal members of society or refused important freedoms.
- 28 Some countries allow groups of people to organize and raise money to bring refugees to their country and help them _____ in their community.
- 30 Refugee _____ Determination, or RSD, is the legal or administrative process by which governments or UNHCR determine whether a person seeking international protection is considered a refugee under international, regional or national law. RSD is often a vital process in helping refugees realize their rights under international law. States have the primary responsibility to conduct RSD, however, UNHCR may conduct RSD under its mandate when a state is not a party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and/or does not have a fair and efficient national asylum procedure in place.
- 32 Some countries offer _____ development programs to help resettled refugees find suitable employment.
- 33 Lebanon, with a population of only 6 million, is currently _____ to an estimated 1.5 million refugees from Syria as well as hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees. With refugees comprising 21.8 % of the population, Lebanon has the highest rate in the world.
- 35 14 million Yemenis are currently at risk of starvation, and close to 17,000 people are already subsisting under famine conditions. The Norwegian Refugee Council has called for _____ action. Waiting for a famine declaration to act will condemn hundreds of thousands of people to death, as we saw in Somalia in 2011.
- 38 All refugees are susceptible to abuse as they flee and in camps, but women and girls face the additional threat of sexual violence and _____.
- 39 Voluntary _____, be it social, economic, political, or otherwise, is considered a natural phenomenon in population ecology, whereas the refugee movement occurs only under some sort of threat, coercion, or pressure.
- 41 Maintaining proper _____ conditions and sanitation in refugee camps protects not only the refugees themselves, but the residents of the host country, as well, by preventing the transmission of diseases, such as TB, hepatitis, measles, mumps, intestinal parasites, malaria, and influenza.
- 43 Refugees in camps around the world are at increased risk of coronavirus because, besides facing overcrowding, refugees often tend to have lower _____ levels due to limited quantities and quality of food, water, medical provisions, and pre-existing conditions such as respiratory and gastrointestinal infections.
- 44 Because refugees are often required to leave with little or no preparation, many arrive at camps without documents, while others lose their papers during the arduous journey to safety, proving _____, which is intrinsic to accessing basic human rights, is often very difficult.
- 45 _____ under the age of 18 make up more than half of the world's 22.5 million refugees.
- 47 It is unfortunate that, in some camps, refugees often _____ overcrowding, unavoidable idleness, crime, and exploitation, which breed dangerous communities that may be not much better than what forced them to leave home in the first place.
- 50 It is undeniable that a major cause of famine is disruption of food production and distribution by armed _____, for example, Biafra (1968), Sudan (1988), Somalia (1991), and Yemen (current).
- 52 _____ is the acronym for a person who has been forced to flee from his or her home but has not yet crossed the border into another country.
- 53 In 2017, then President Trump slashed the United States Refugee _____, which had been established at 231,000 in 1980 due to the Indochina crisis and had never been set lower than 67,000 (1986), from 110,000 to 50,000 and, in 2020, lowered it to a shameful 18,000.
- 54 _____ is the acronym for the agency of the United Nations which is dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights, and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people. It has been twice awarded the Nobel Peace Prize: first in 1954, and again in 1981.
- 55 In a refugee situation, _____ separation often damages or breaks social connections and results in new and smaller networks, with less capacity to support one another, especially when the units are solely headed by women.
- 56 A _____, as opposed to a refugee, chooses to move, not because of a direct threat of persecution or death, but mainly to improve his or her life, to find work, for education, or for family reunion. Unlike a refugee, if such a person chooses to return home, he or she will continue to receive government protection.

Down

1 It is vital that research on _____ related to refugees not consider these refugees merely as “victims” of violence and conflict and displacement, but also take into account their agency as actors, by considering how the refugees themselves see their situation and how they plan their strategies both for flight and for integration into new societies.

2 This painting by Gary Bist reflects upon the many refugees who risk their lives in arduous conditions in pursuit of safety, security, and _____. Here, families face a dark forest that is “similar to the barricades, fences, barbed wire and walls that they must overcome at the border of any country they approach. A slight opening in the forest suggests a possible way in,” said the artist, who resides in Ontario, Canada.



Refugee Families in Winter, 2017
Sumi-e ink on rice paper

<<https://rockwellfourfreedoms.org/refugee-families-in-winter/>>

3 “You have to understand, that no one puts their children in a boat _____ the water is safer than the land.” from “Home,” by Warsan Shire
<www.facinghistory.org/standing-up-hatred-intolerance/warsan-shire-home>

4 “On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General and our partner the International Organization for Migration, working together with the local and national Government, on behalf of all, thank you, Mr. President. Dear President, Colombia’s offer to provide temporary protection to Venezuelans on its territory for a ten-year period is a humanitarian gesture of an unprecedented _____ in the region - and the entire world.” --Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, 08 February 2021
<<https://reliefweb.int/report/colombia/statement-un-high-commissioner-refugees-colombia-s-new-temporary-protection-measure>>

5 Though legal and physical restrictions are put in place, the motivation of refugees and migrants to search for safety will not _____, if the main root causes of flight, in particular armed conflict, have not been addressed.

6 Characterizing refugees as posing a security threat to the receiving states and their citizens—a viewpoint as likely to be expressed in the developing world as it is in the industrialized democracies— and perceiving migration and refugee movements as a threat to their national interests is a clear case of blaming the _____.

7 Starting from the early 1960s, and well into the 1970s, large numbers of Turkish nationals migrated to western European countries, particularly West Germany. This continued into recent times through family reunification schemes and the asylum track. Over the past two decades, however, due mainly to the Syrian crisis, Turkey has emerged as a “transit country,” and

has morphed from a country of _____ to the nation hosting the largest population of asylum-seekers--an estimated 3.6 million registered Syrian refugees and more than 300,000 people of concern from other countries.

8 Setting up a larger number of smaller camps, rather than a tiny number of large ones, so that fuelwood collection is automatically spread over a larger area, and providing fuel-efficient stoves to greatly reduce fuel-use and cooking time are two ways to lessen the negative _____ of refugees on the environment.

9 In providing _____ for refugees in a camp situation, authorities and aid agencies must take the weather conditions and climate into consideration.

10 In addition to safety, a refugee’s immediate basic needs in a camp are clean water, _____, health care, sanitation, and shelter

11 In 2014, Mahmoud and his family escaped from the conflict in Damascus. “We wandered around Syria, looking for a safe place, but there was not a safe place anywhere,” he said. “So I decided it was time to try to get to Europe. Wherever we went, _____ followed us.” His son, Talal, drowned when their boat sank 15 miles off the coast of Libya.

13 Over 25% of the total global refugee population are part of the global diaspora in the wake of the 10-year Syrian _____. As of mid-2020, 6.6 million Syrians have sought refuge, primarily in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, and Turkey.

14 Even though they had established _____ in Denmark, in March 2021, the Danish government revoked the permits of 94 Syrian refugees, claiming that it had become safe for them to return to Damascus. Denmark is the first Scandinavian country to do so.

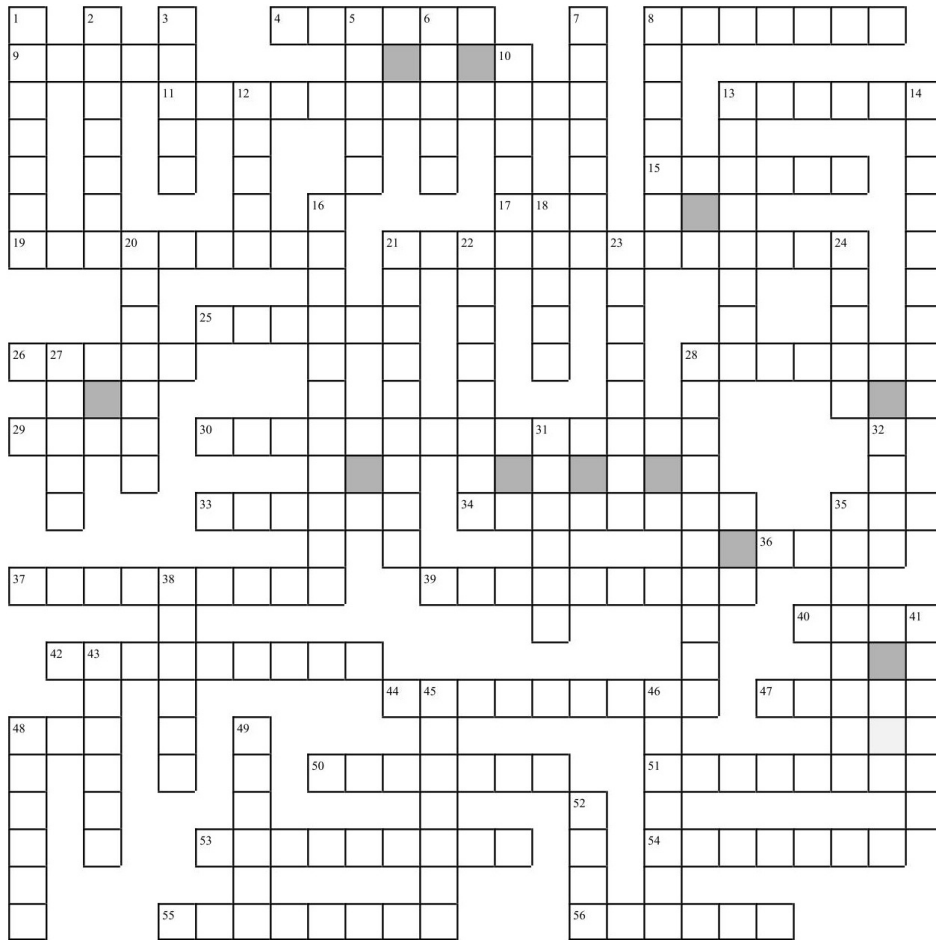
17 Water, _____, and hygiene (WASH) are the cornerstone of all aspects of life. Refugees can live in harsh environments that make access to WASH difficult. Untreated water and lack of proper _____ and hygiene put refugee health, education and livelihoods at risk.

18 _____, that is, forbidding an individual present on its territory to continue his or her stay there and proceeding to escort that individual back to the border, or sending him or her back to the State of origin is forbidden if his or her life or freedom would be endangered there.

19 In the United States, in 2016, politicians in state governments introduced dozens of misguided, mean-spirited, and, in many instances, unconstitutional bills, attempting to prevent lawfully admitted refugees from living in their state. Some even claimed that, by stopping resettlement, they would stop their state from being “Islamicized.” The ACLU joined with faith groups, community activists, and refugees to fight back against this onslaught of bad _____.
<www.aclu.org/issues/national-security/discriminatory-profiling/>

- 21 In 2015, Hungary, a key _____ country for refugees trying to reach richer and more welcoming countries such as Germany and Sweden, erected a fence along its border with Serbia, in order to help stem the flow.
- 22 “For repatriation to be successful, _____ efforts must become part of broader system-wide post-conflict rehabilitation programmes in the country concerned.”
–Mrs. Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 1995
- 24 Although a canvas or plastic _____ is the most commonly used type of shelter in refugee camps around the world, it is neither durable nor suitable in extreme weather conditions and offers minimal security. Architects have proposed many different designs for alternative structures, but none has yet been universally accepted.
- 25 Conditions continue to _____ for thousands of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers stranded in Bosnia as politicians fail to reach a solution to alleviate their plight, the International Organization for Migration warned. (January 2021)
- 29 For the millions of refugees in official camps and informal settlements, the coronavirus pandemic has posed a _____ threat that lays bare the inadequacy of current approaches. For example, in the Cox’s Bazar camp in Bangladesh with 855,000 Rohingya refugees, the population density is 40,000 people per square kilometer. Social distancing there is impossible, lack of water makes hand washing difficult, and isolation facilities are rare.
- 31 In August 2020, the British street artist Banksy launched Louise Michel, a hot pink refugee _____, crewed by activists who have worked in search-and-rescue missions with Sea-Watch, a German NGO that patrols the Mediterranean to rescue migrants, on a secret mission to safely transport refugees from North Africa to Europe.
- 34 During a joint debate in January 2020, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe declared that the Council should do whatever is necessary and required in the best interests of the child to combat human _____ and to prevent the disappearance of thousands of child refugees and migrants around the world.
- 36 In the 1980s, in Ban Vinai, a Hmong refugee camp in Thailand, over-zealous _____ health care workers of some NGOs were known to abuse the refugees by cutting the protective threads that had been tied on their wrists during religious healing ceremonies and by disparaging “pagan” practices.
- 37 Former President Donald Trump’s 2017 crackdown on illegal immigration and his move to strip Haitians, Salvadorans, and others of their temporary legal status threw Canada’s system for processing asylum claims into _____, leading to the worst delays in years, by causing more than 20,000 people, including thousands of Haitians and Nigerians and hundreds of Turks, Syrians, and Eritreans, fearing that Trump would deport them to their home countries, to cross the border into Canada in search of asylum.
- 40 Refugees who are members of minorities or _____ peoples are likely to be affected both by the immediate events leading to their displacement and by the long-term legacy of discrimination.
- 42 A Western state with security interests in the _____ conflict is more likely to view the refugee population in strategic, rather than humanitarian, terms.
- 45 “I have crossed so many rivers, I no longer get wet” is a traditional saying that helps Kurdish refugees in _____ with the prolonged exposure to traumatic experiences.
- 46 On a bitter night in January, after Mohammad Mosaed, an award-winning Iranian journalist, was sentenced to nearly 5 years in prison for writings critical of the government, he threw some clothes in a bag and made a _____ escape to Turkey during which he almost froze to death. Although, at first, Turkey was prepared to send him back, officials relented after an international outcry from journalism advocacy organizations.
- 48 Today, the global refugee population is the highest ever recorded, and it has nearly doubled _____ 2012.
- 49 In November 2020, a _____ reportedly carrying more than 120 people, including many women and children, sank off the coast of Libya, claiming the lives of at least 74 . It was the eighth such incident since the beginning of October.
- 50 Dadaab, originally designed as a refugee _____ to host 90,000 people, was established in Kenya in 1991, in response to the influx of Somalis fleeing their homes in the midst of civil war, but, today, it holds around half a million refugees, and, run in practical terms by democratically-elected community volunteers, it is said to be the third largest city in Kenya, after Nairobi and Mombasa.
- 51 The 1951 Refugee Convention is a key legal document and defines a refugee as: “someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded _____ of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.”

Refugee Crossword Puzzles (2)



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- 4 Filippo Grandi, the head of the UN refugee agency, has said that he, too, would do “anything” to _____ if he was stuck in a squalid refugee camp, as he called on the world’s wealthy nations to properly fund services in developing countries.
- 8 In 2018, Nobel Peace Prize laureates Tawakkol Karman, Shirin Ebadi, and Mairead Maguire visited the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh. Although they witnessed unparalleled levels of devastation, they were struck by the _____ and strength of Rohingya women who were supporting relief efforts and offering translation services, as well as organizing and responding to their community’s needs to the best of their ability.
- 9 Despite the call of the UN Secretary-General for a global _____ in order to control the pandemic, armed conflicts forced more than 660,000 people around the world to flee their homes between March 23 and May 15, 2020, leaving people more exposed to Covid-19. “At a time when health experts tell us to stay at home, men with guns are forcing hundreds of thousands out of their homes and into extreme vulnerability,” said Norwegian Refugee Council’s Secretary General Jan Egeland. “This



- not only hurts those who are forced to flee, it seriously undermines our joint efforts to combat the virus.”
- 11 Despite former President Trump’s effort to discourage refugee _____ in the United States in 2019, forty-two state governors declared that they would continue to host refugees.
- 13 In March 2021, border officials were directed to _____ asylum seekers currently waiting in Mexico with pending cases before United States immigration courts to sign up for entry into the United States. This change has brought the US closer to human rights norms, which require governments not to return those seeking protection to a place where they face a substantial risk of harm. Former President Donald Trump, nevertheless, returned over 71,000 asylum seekers to Mexico in the last two years of his term as part of the “Remain in Mexico” program, or the “Migrant Protection Protocols.”
- 15 The partition of the British colony into India and Pakistan resulted in the bloodiest mass _____ in modern human history with more than 14 million Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs fleeing across the newly-created borders and resulted in an unknown number of deaths.
- 17 More than 275,000 Somali refugees _____ out an existence in the eight refugee camps of eastern Ethiopia, a region that historically supported only nomads.

- 19 Activists, poets, and thousands of ordinary people in India protested against Prime Minister Modi's government's Hindutva-based amendments to the citizenship law which sought to _____ refugees by religion to be eligible for Indian citizenship.
- 21 "Existing systems [for managing displaced persons] are _____, harmful, and poorly suited to the needs of displaced people and their host countries. Fixing them may seem like a big task, but it is an urgent one. Permanent refugee populations strain stability in multiple countries, deplete government budgets, and create a global underclass of people not able to partake in the normal activities of human life. This does not meet global humanitarian values." – Shelly Culbertson
<<https://www.rand.org/blog/2020/12/a-new-way-to-manage-the-growing-global-refugee-situation.html>>
- 25 Yemen is the largest humanitarian _____ in the world, with more than 24 million people – some 80 per cent of the population – in need of humanitarian assistance, including more than 12 million children.
- 26 From a startup loan of \$9.04, Innocent Havyarimana, a Burundian refugee in a camp in Kenya, has built a business with 42 employees, making 14 kinds of soap and helping all the refugees _____ away Covid-19.
<<https://adf-magazine.com/2021/01/with-9-refugee-builds-soap-business-to-scrub-away-covid-19/>>
- 28 The ruling by the United Nations Human Rights Committee in January 2020 recognizing _____ refugees declared: "without robust national and international efforts, the effects of _____ change in receiving states may expose individuals to violations of their rights ... thereby triggering the non-refoulement obligations of sending states." It further stated, "Given the risk of an entire country becoming submerged under water is such an extreme risk, the conditions of life in such a country may become incompatible with the right to life with dignity before the risk is realised." (*same word*)
- 29 In March 2021, the police began rounding up Rohingya refugees in Jammu City in northern India for deportation to Myanmar, and the refugees have been told that holding a UNHCR card will not _____ them.
- 30 Whereas former President Trump not only made it increasingly difficult for immigrants and refugees to obtain U.S. citizenship, but also increased referrals to revoke citizenship by 600%, President Biden has pledged to "restore faith in the citizenship process by removing roadblocks to _____ and obtaining the right to vote, addressing the application backlog by prioritizing the adjudication workstream and ensuring that applications are processed quickly, and rejecting the imposition of unreasonable fees."
- 33 In March 2021, the Myanmar military junta asked India to return eight _____ officers who sought asylum in Mizoram after they were ordered to shoot at protesters with submachine guns. "We don't have the
- guts to shoot at our own people who are peaceful demonstrators," they said.
- 34 For millions who seek passage to Europe in order to escape conflicts, repressive governments, and poverty, their last resort may be to turn to a _____, who, although he may be connected to a professional criminal network, is often seen as a savior who will deliver them to a safer place and better life. Unfortunately, many of these operatives have little regard for human rights and the safety of their victims.
- 35 A civil war in Sierra Leone between 1991 and 1999, when rebels tried to control _____ mining and trade claimed over 75,000 lives, caused 500,000 Sierra Leoneans to become refugees, displaced half of the country's 4.5 million people, and cheated the Sierra Leone economy out of millions of dollars in the form of illegal diamonds.
- 36 Refugees often have had to _____ with little more than the clothes on their back, leaving behind homes, possessions, jobs, and loved ones.
- 37 The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) defines a protracted refugee _____ as one in which 25,000 or more refugees from the same nationality have been in exile for five or more years in a given asylum country.
- 39 Influenced by media discourse, tough migration laws, and the escalation of right-wing views, all manifesting a desire to exclude those who are seen as a threat to national interests and identities, anger, _____, and mistrust towards refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants are increasing across many Western societies..
- 40 In 1886, this stirring statement of welcome was engraved on the base of the iconic Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden _____!"
- 42 Like international human rights law, modern refugee law has its origins in the _____ of World War II as well as the refugee crises of the interwar years that preceded it
- 44 Said Imasi does not know where he was born and has had more than eight different names. At the age of six, he was abandoned in Western Sahara. For the next four years, he was shifted from orphanage to orphanage across Europe until he escaped an abusive foster family in Belgium. After being adopted by gang members, he was arrested in Norway in 2004. While in a jail for juveniles, he was sent to a care family by child protection services. For the first time in his life, he attended school and turned his back on crime. When the gang started to contact him again, he realized he had to run away. He borrowed a passport from a friend and left Norway for New Zealand in 2010, but he was arrested at the airport in Australia and has been held for more than 10 years. In 2019, his

lawyers attempted to overturn legislation, which allows the indefinite _____ of those who have no trace of their past, but the chief justice rejected his case.
<<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/>>


- 47 The world has a very short memory. After WWII, most countries agreed to protect refugees through the 1951 Refugee Convention, and through UN agencies like the UNHCR. Barbed wire fences and chronic underfunding have left that vision of a better world in tatters. People are _____ while governments spend billions on border control. –Amnesty International
- 48 People become refugees for many reasons, including _____, oppression, natural disasters, and climate change.
- 50 In January 2021, the University of Queensland in Australia announced that it was offering up to 10 scholarships for students from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds each year. The Scholarship will provide a full tuition fee waiver and an \$8000 annual living _____ for students to pursue undergraduate or postgraduate coursework studies.
- 51 Though a refugee without citizenship in the country of residence is unable to obtain a passport, some countries issue a refugee travel _____ which allows limited international travel.
- 53 Too often a boat crammed with starving Rohingya refugees is found off the coast of Bangladesh or Malaysia, afloat and _____ by traffickers.
- 54 For 254 of the more than 900 Jewish refugees aboard the SS St. Louis in 1939, the _____ of the right to dock in Miami, despite direct appeals to President Franklin Roosevelt, meant death in Nazi concentration camps after the ship was forced to return to Europe.
- 55 In a complete reversal of former President Trump's immigration policy, in February 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Declaration to raise the refugee quota from 18,000 to 125,000 and to _____ them by region.
- 56 Article 14 of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights states:
 - (1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries _____ from persecution.
 - (2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

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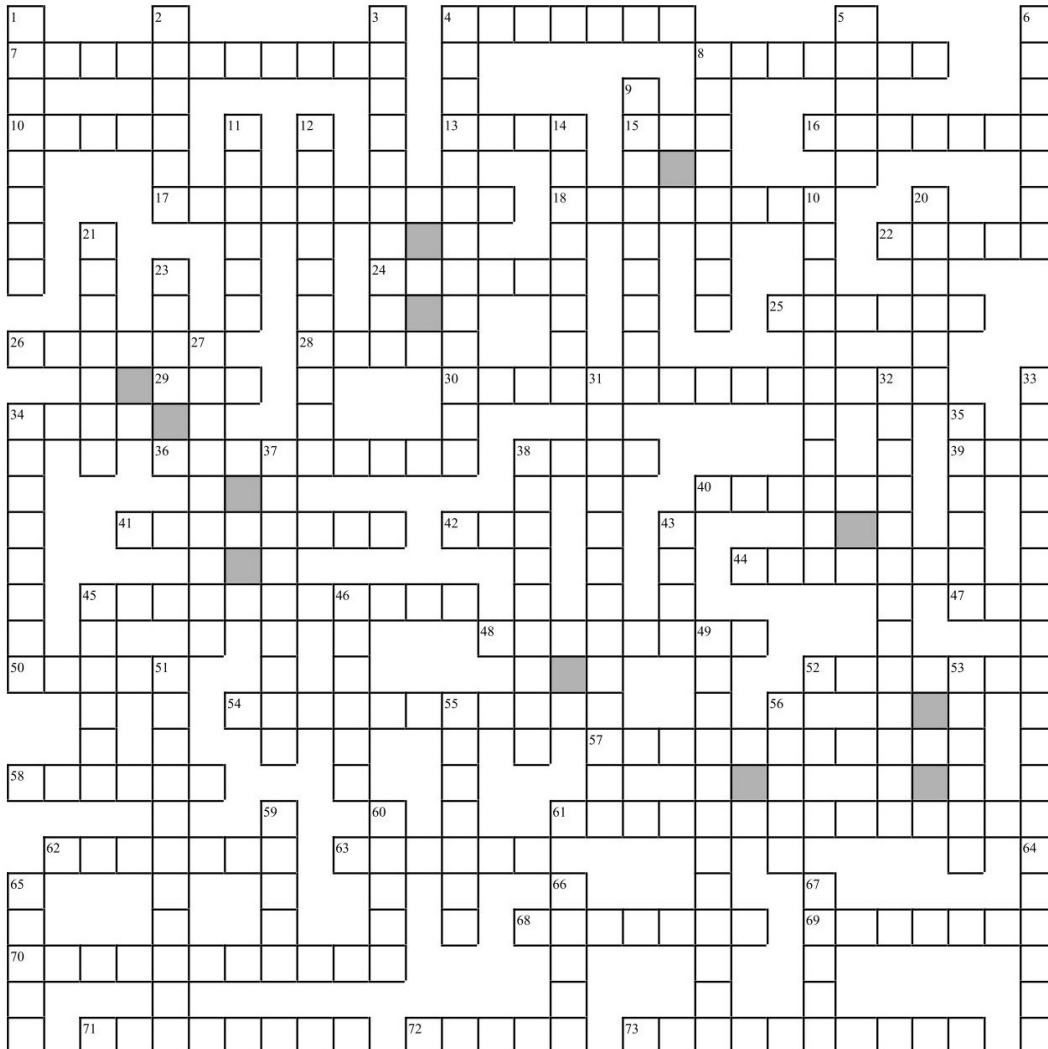
- 1 The intricate needlework and embroidery of the Hmong hilltribes of Laos have long been admired. The patterns they used for centuries were entirely geometrical or symbolic. When the Hmong became refugees in Ban Vinai camp in northern Thailand, however, the women began telling their folktales and the _____ of their wartime experience and their flight across the Mekong in colorful pictorial embroidery.
- 2 On their website, Refugees International states, “We

do not accept _____ from any government or the United Nations, so that we can speak forcefully and freely on behalf of refugees and internally displaced people across the globe.” Charity Navigator has given Refugees International a four star rating, its highest rating for a charity.
<<https://www.refugeesinternational.org/giving>>

- 3 Refugees’ journeys are fraught with _____; appalling tales of tragedies feature daily in the headlines. Those that make it to a destination are frequently met with hostility and intolerance. Those host communities making an effort to provide relief are often unprepared and overburdened by the sheer numbers arriving.
- 5 “The _____-22 for refugees is that rich democracies are essentially telling them, ‘We will not kick you out if you come here. But we will not let you come here.’” --David Scott Fitzgerald
- 6 A 38-year-old woman said she left Haiti after being kidnapped and raped, but when she crossed the border in late January 2021, she was arrested along with her family and not allowed to _____ her case for protection in America before being flown back to Haiti two weeks later.
- 7 The four-year crisis in the English-speaking South West and North West regions of Cameroon has so far claimed at least 3,000 civilian casualties and created over 700,000 refugees and internally displaced persons. Caught _____ the secessionist armed groups and the Cameroonian army, part of the population had no other choice but to leave.
- 8 We all have the responsibility to protect refugees, to _____ human rights, and to uphold our common humanity.
- 10 Founded in 1985 by the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Lenny Henry in response to the famine in Ethiopia, Comic _____ has become a respected British charity organization. The original concept was to get British comedians to make the public laugh, while raising money to help people around the world and in the United Kingdom.
- 12 After ten years of civil war, about 6 in 10 people in _____ are displaced from their homes, a proportion unprecedented in recent history for a single country.
- 13 The 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, a post-Second World War instrument, applied only to people fleeing events occurring before 1 January 1951 within Europe. The 1967 _____ removed the geographic and temporal limits and thus gave the Convention universal coverage.
- 14 Just six weeks before Donald Trump was inaugurated as President, national security experts from both Democratic and Republican administrations _____ that accepting refugees advances U.S. security and that restricting acceptance of refugees would undermine the core objective of combating terrorism.
- 16 In Western history, the term, “refugee” was first

- applied to French Protestant Huguenots looking for a safe place to escape from Catholic _____ after the first Edict of Fontainebleau in 1540.
- 18 Occupying an autonomous region in northern Iraq, covering more than 40,000 square kilometers and with a population of approximately 5.8 million people, the _____ are one of the largest ethnic groups in the world that do not have a state of their own.
- 20 Many people blamed asylum seekers for the arrival in the UK of a new strain of coronavirus which was identified in Kent in September 2020, but this claim has been _____, and, given the COVID statistics across the globe, Richard Williams, the chairman of Sanctuary on Sea, believes it is far more likely that an asylum seeker would catch the virus in Britain than take it there.
- 21 Palestinian refugees and internally _____ Palestinians (IDPs) represent the largest and longest-standing case of forced displacement in the world today; 8 million people and 60 years.
- 22 Books, pencils, pens, and paper. These essential learning tools are often out of reach for refugees who left everything behind. You can provide school _____ to a student eager to return to class, and thereby build a brighter future. Donate to UNHCR
<<https://www.unrefugees.org/gifts/all-gift-items/>>
- 23 To escape war, violence and persecution, many refugees leave everything behind—including coats, sweaters, boots, and other winter essentials. You can provide warm, lifesaving winter _____ to those who endure winter with little protection from the cold. Donate to UNHCR
<<https://www.unrefugees.org/gifts/all-gift-items/>>
- 24 It is a decision by the national government to accept refugees for resettlement, but the success of their integration into society is largely dependent on the acceptance and support from the _____ community, residents, and officials.
- 27 On January 14, 2021, a large fire tore through a crowded Rohingya camp in the Cox’s Bazar area of Bangladesh, destroying more than 500 ramshackle shelters and forcing thousands of displaced Muslim refugees from Myanmar to flee in the winter chill. Huge flames quickly spread and enveloped the whole camp. Firefighters initially struggled to douse the flames amid the _____, as people in neighboring camps also fled to escape the blaze.
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- 28 Supporting the more than 100,000 refugees in India alone, the majority of UN members reject the _____ that Tibet is part of China, and condemn the Chinese aggression and the invasion of Tibet in 1949.
- 31 Expressing the difficulty in acculturation and resettlement, a Vietnamese refugee once declared, “The kids will go to school, make friends, and be okay, but we older _____ will never be happy.”
- 32 Voluntary return of refugees into their country of origin, in safety and dignity, is based on their _____ will and their informed decision.
- 35 According to a 25,000-word report, published in March 2021 by a non-partisan US-based think tank, the Chinese government has breached every single article of the UN convention in its treatment of Uyghurs in Xinjiang, and bears responsibility for committing _____.
- 38 United Nations Relief and Works _____ for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) provides primary and vocational education, primary health care, relief and social services, infrastructure and camp improvement, micro-finance, and emergency response to 5.7 million Palestinian refugees.
- 41 “The refugee issue must be put to all governments and peoples as a test of their commitment to human _____.” – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata
- 43 In re-education camps across the Xinjiang Autonomous Region, over one million Muslim Uyghurs are being kept in squalid conditions and are _____ to renounce their religion or face torture.
- 45 “Refugees are one of the best investments out there. Educating those who have been displaced by conflict and upheaval is not an _____, but a golden opportunity.” – Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,
- 46 To decrease the hazardous and uncontrolled exodus of “boat people” from Vietnam, in 1979, several countries agreed with the government of Vietnam to establish the “_____ Departure Program” (ODP) to provide a mechanism for Vietnamese to leave their homeland safely to be resettled abroad. Under the ODP, from 1980 until 1997, 623,509 Vietnamese were resettled abroad of whom 458,367 went to the United States.
- 48 If the _____ trade create wars, and war creates refugees, the United States must accept a large responsibility, for the USA accounted for 41% of the global arms market in 2018.
- 49 In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly affirmed the _____ Compact on Refugees, a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing, recognizing that a sustainable solution to refugee situations cannot be achieved without international cooperation. It represents the political will and ambition of the international community as a whole for strengthened cooperation and solidarity with refugees and affected host countries.
- 52 In January 2021, the United Nations refugee agency warned that the _____ of asylum was under attack in Europe, with refugee pushbacks at external borders increasingly common.

Refugee Crossword Puzzles (3)

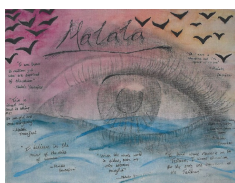


Across

- 4 Beginning in 1975, and continuing for 25 years, more than 3 million Indochinese refugees fled to neighboring countries as a result of what Americans call the “_____ War.”
- 7 In every refugee situation, in treating the affects of trauma, one cannot overemphasize the importance of culturally _____ mental health care.
- 8 As global temperatures continue to rise, _____ will increase worldwide and will have an impact on conflicts and forced migration.
- 10 Genocide and displacement of Native Americans _____ the moment Columbus landed on the Island of Hispaniola in 1492.
- 13 While the _____ to address the refugee crisis is at an all-time high, unfortunately, so is the level of anti-refugee rhetoric and misinformation about them.
- 15 _____ is the acronym for the UN agency which, in 1997, entered into an agreement with UNHCR to provide refugees with adequate, timely, and cost effective health services, and to help returnees to reintegrate into their local communities. Of course, in 2021, the agency’s primary concern is combatting the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.
- 16 One of the most commonly discussed barriers for why refugees _____ from seeking mental health services is stigma.
- 17 As we continue to pump over 36 billion tons of CO₂ emissions into the _____ each year by burning fossil fuels, communities across the world – from the Pacific Islands to Alaska – are fleeing in the wake of the climate crisis and the social, economic, and political instability it brings.
- 18 Countering UNHCR appeals for the rescue of a boatload of _____ Rohingya refugees who had been adrift in the Andaman Sea for two weeks, in February 2021, the Bangladeshi government declared that it was under no obligation to protect them.



- 22 Having always lived in the lap of luxury in the palace in Phnom Penh, the head of the Cambodian royal dancers _____ imagined that, one day, she would become a refugee along with 260,000 of her fellow citizens.
- 24 In the sprawling refugee camps in Bangladesh, 60 Rohingya _____ are born without legal citizenship each day.
- 25 In 2013, the world's newest nation, South Sudan, became a _____ country for refugees, and now, more than 2.2 million South Sudanese have sought refuge in neighboring countries, making it the largest refugee crisis in Africa, and the third largest in the world.
- 26 In "Styx," a 2018 German movie, the refugee crisis becomes personal for a solo _____ when she comes across a disabled trawler overloaded with African refugees far out to sea north of the Cape Verde Islands. This solid, troubling story, where every decision is defensible and rational, no matter how irrational it may seem, takes place on a small boat in the middle of the ocean and presents the world wrestling with this global crisis.
- 28 For migrants from Africa, the Middle East, and Afghanistan seeking refuge in Europe, the route from Greece through Macedonia, Hungary, Serbia, Slovenia, and Austria is often referred to as "The Balkan Refugee _____."
- 29 In 2018, six people died every day trying to cross the Mediterranean from Africa to Europe --"the world's deadliest _____ crossing."
- 30 In Syria the national _____ has completely collapsed with only 53% of hospitals and 51% of healthcare facilities fully functional, more than 8 million people without access to safe water, and 2.4 million children out of school. Conflict has shattered the economy, and more than 80% of the population lives in poverty.
- 34 A group, which cooperates with the International Rescue Committee to help refugees resettle in Missoula, Montana, is appropriately called "_____ Landing Missoula."
- 36 The principle of refugee protection mandates that repatriation must be _____, and, for such a program to be successful, UNHCR should be allowed to monitor the situation inside the country to ensure that conditions are acceptable.
- 38 After a tour of a crowded Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh, a journalist reported that in every tent he visited someone was wounded or _____.
- 39 Too often, the flight of refugee communities is the _____, rather than a byproduct, of conflicts that trigger large-scale migration waves
- 40 This painting by Maggie Mayo, a 13-year old student, is based on the _____ of complete equal rights for girls and women as espoused by Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist, survivor of a Taliban assassination attempt, an avid supporter of refugees, and the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 41 "Bangladesh has shouldered a heavy burden as the result of the Myanmar military's _____ crimes, but this is no excuse to push boatloads of refugees out to sea to die," said Brad Adams, Asia Director at Human Rights Watch
- 42 _____ is the acronym for the agency of the United Nations which works closely with UNHCR to provide refugees with basic nutrition and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2020. Unfortunately, because of a lack of funding, the agency is being forced to cut rations by 60%. Please donate now at: <https://www.____.org/> (The blank space in the URL is the same as the answer in the puzzle.)
- 44 Although the initial cost of resettling refugees seems high, innumerable studies in almost every country which has accepted refugees have shown that, in the long-run, refugee resettlement is much more of a _____ than a burden, in terms of creating jobs, generating demand for goods, and tax revenues.
- 45 The unprecedented wave of refugees from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan has led many European citizens—particularly from nationalistic backgrounds—to ask whether the influx of refugees into their countries is a violation of _____.
- 47 The United States has done more to fuel climate migration than any other country on Earth, and _____ it does not welcome climate migrants
- 48 Due mainly to travel restrictions imposed because of the _____, only 22,770 of the 1.5 million refugees awaiting resettlement, were accepted by third countries during all of 2020.
- 50 In contrast to almost abominable conditions in the refugee camps on Lesbos, more than 800 Syrian refugees have been housed in 150 apartments on the Greek island of _____, in ESTIA (Home), a program funded by the EU and operated by UNHCR.
- 52 Hazards resulting from the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme _____ events, such as abnormally heavy rainfall, prolonged droughts, desertification, environmental degradation, sea-level rise and cyclones, are already forcing an average of more than 20 million people to leave their homes and to move to other areas in their countries each year.
- 54 The prohibition of _____ under international human rights law applies to any form of removal or transfer of persons, regardless of their status, where there are substantial grounds for believing that the returnee would be at risk of irreparable harm upon return on account of torture, ill-treatment, or other serious breaches of human rights obligations.
- 57 The successful _____ of refugees into society requires preparedness on the part of refugees to adapt without having to forego their own cultural identity, and a readiness on the part of the host community to welcome them without prejudice and to try to meet their needs.



58 Statistics show that _____ walls don't stop refugee flow; they simply make it more dangerous.

61 The _____ Refugee Minor (URM) program, which began in the mid-1970s and is the only program of its kind in the world, incorporates these children into the United States' existing child welfare framework.

62 Islam requires believers to assist and _____ vulnerable people and offers a number of mechanisms for their care and support. –Statement by Islamic Relief Worldwide in a UNHCR document, "Islam and Refugees," 2012

63 "imagine how it feels to be chased out of home. to have your grip ripped. loosened from your fingertips something you so _____ held on to. like a lover's hand that slips when pulled away you are always reaching." – from "Refuge," by J. J. Bola, a Congolese refugee living in the U.K.



<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3dgPtyQ3PI&t=22s>>

68 UNHCR has declared that 70% of Syrian refugees are living in a condition of total _____, without access to food, water, and basic services.

69 Ethiopia hosts nearly 740,000 refugees, mostly from Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, and South Sudan, the largest refugee population in a single African _____.

70 Sangita and Purna Kami from Bhutan are two among many who have been aided in overcoming language _____ by the Deaf Refugee Advocacy Center in Rochester, New York.



71 The United Nations has described the Rohingya as "the most persecuted _____ in the world."

72 As of January 2021, the United States was continuing to urge Nepal to stop bowing to Chinese pressure and to issue Refugee Identification Cards, a program which was suspended in 1994, rather than sending refugees back to _____.

73 Many refugees around the world live in vulnerable _____, including in refugee camps, in informal settlements, and on the streets. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread globally, many refugees will not be in a position to social distance themselves or to maintain basic hygiene, including simply washing their hands.

Down:

1 In the aftermath of what has been labeled a "Sideshow"* to the Vietnam War, more than 2 millions citizens died in _____, and hundreds of thousands of refugees were resettled in nineteen different countries, mostly in the United States.

* *Sideshow: Kissinger, Nixon, and the Destruction of _____*, by William Shawcross (*same word*.)

2 Hundreds of refugees spent most of the winter of 2021 stranded in freezing temperatures in the northwestern

part of _____ after a fire destroyed Lipa Temporary Emergency Camp on December 23, 2020.

3 Emirjon, an Albanian refugee, is a member of the London-based refugee group, Phosphoros Theatre, which aims to tackle misconceptions about refugees, offering a fresh perspective on what they can offer to society, and to fight the increase of _____, fear of foreigners, not only in the UK, but in the rest of the world, as well.



4 Considering the _____ of refugees during the Covid-19 pandemic and aiming to reduce the risks for public health, in March 2020, Portugal gave all migrants and asylum seekers temporary citizenship rights, granting them full access to the country's healthcare.

5 What makes someone a climate refugee? If countries can _____ on what being a climate refugee means, then people forced to leave their homes because of rising seas, unbearable heat, or related threats will get the protection they deserve.

6 Fractured by ethnic insurgencies for more than 70 years and ruled during most of that time by a military dictatorship, the stability of _____ has been threatened even more than ever before by another coup on February 1, 2021, and refugees are fleeing to the borders.

8 In March 2021, a boat capsized near the island of Samos. All of the Afghan refugees, except one 6-year-old boy, made it safely to shore in a rubber dinghy. Now the Greek government is investigating the father for endangering a child, resulting in death. He, in turn, is suing the Greek Coast Guard for his son's _____, claiming that they failed to provide assistance as mandated in the "duty to protect."

9 Since 2001, June has been designated Refugee _____ Month, a time to honor the courage, strength, and determination of men, women, and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict, and violence.

11 UNHCR calls upon every nation to do its _____ to protect the lives and human rights of any asylum seeker who crosses its borders.

12 COVID-19 has led to the greatest _____ of education in history, affecting 1.6 billion learners, including millions of young refugees.

14 The world's refugee camps are a coronavirus _____ in waiting.

19 The airplane crash in January 1948 that killed 32 people, 28 of them Mexican farm workers subject to _____ because their work permits had expired, was the subject of Woody Guthrie's poem, "Plane Wreck at Los Gatos," which was later set to music by Martin Hoffman. Two lines of the chorus emphasize the heartlessness of the U.S. Immigration Service: "You won't have your names when you ride the big airplane,/All they will call you will be 'deportees.'"

- 20 Tareq Alaows, a 31-year-old Syrian-born refugee, co-founder of Seebrücke, an activist group campaigning for the decriminalization of sea _____ efforts in the Mediterranean Sea, made headlines in Germany when he announced his candidacy in the Green Party for a seat in the German Parliament in February. Sadly, due to racist and discriminatory threats, he withdrew his bid.
- 21 Many refugees have had to flee their homelands because of persecution due to their religious or political _____, and they must be protected.
- 23 In three decades of civil and international conflict, three-quarters of a million people were left homeless in _____, their fields and villages overrun in the deadly territorial struggles between royalist, communist, and neutralist armies, or blasted by an American air war that dropped more than 2 million tons of bombs on the country, making it, on a per capita basis, the most heavily bombed nation in history. More than 375,000, 10 per cent of the population, fled as refugees to Thailand.
- 27 A recently resettled refugee, struggling to survive, needs a guide to understand the various _____ available for assistance from the community, NGOs, and the government.
- 31 Worldwide, the vast majority of refugees (approximately 78 percent) live in cities rather than in camps. While urban locations offer more opportunities to live autonomously and to find employment, they also pose major challenges as refugees are often forced to share _____ or to live in non-functional public buildings, collective centers, slums, or other types of informal settlements with substandard conditions.
- 32 Once a refugee has been resettled to the U.S., resettlement agencies, such as, Church World Service, International Rescue Committee, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, are responsible for providing support for the family _____ process.
- 33 Over the past 50 years, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has developed a reputation as an emergency medical _____ organization willing to go almost anywhere to deliver care to people in need.
- 34 In spite of the “model minority myth,” which portrays all Asian Americans as successful, a report in 2020 revealed that nearly 1.1 million Southeast Asian Americans, mostly refugees from Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, are low-income, and about 460,000 live in poverty, due, in large part, to the _____ racism of white Americans.
- 35 Even after exiting the conflict zone, for women, _____ can be elusive; staying in a refugee camp brings serious threats to women’s security, freedom, and health by other refugees, human traffickers, and security officials.



- 37 If left _____, climate change and environmental degradation have the potential to exacerbate global displacement beyond anything humanity has ever experienced, with low-income countries and fragile states set to bear the brunt of the impact
- 38 Over half of the world’s refugees are children. Many will spend their entire childhoods away from home, sometimes _____ from their families.
- 43 8-year-old Reem took a deep breath, closing her eyes and imitating the motion of a branch flowing in the wind as she let her mind _____. “I loosen myself like a tree,” she said. “Then I breathe in, like this.” This simple technique, which she learned from her International Rescue Committee counselor, Fadia, helped Reem overcome the trauma of living in war-torn Syria.
- 45 An asylum _____ is a person, especially a political fugitive, who has sought protection as a refugee in a foreign country or its embassy, but whose claim for refugee status has not yet been assessed.
- 46 “His House,” is the horrifying story of two South Sudanese refugees and their flight from the war-torn country, Though settled in a village in the UK, the husband has nightmares of being in a _____ detention center, and evil lurks beneath the surface. One reviewer has dubbed this debut feature from British filmmaker Remi Weekes, “the best scary movie of the year.”
- 49 The _____ of asylum-seekers and refugees, that is, preventing them from entering a “safe” country, for example, by returning a boatload of “migrants” on the Mediterranean to Libya, can seriously jeopardize the ability of persons at risk of persecution to gain access to safety and asylum, and violates the principles set forth by UNHCR.
- 51 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established in 1950 with a three-year mandate to help Europeans displaced by the Second World War and then to disband. The Following year, the UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees was passed. By 1956, UNHCR was facing its first major emergency, the outpouring of refugees when Soviet forces crushed the Hungarian Revolution. Any _____ that UNHCR would become unnecessary has never resurfaced.
- 53 The current level of _____ in Yemen is unprecedented and is causing severe hardship for millions of people. Despite ongoing humanitarian assistance, 16.2 million Yemenis are food insecure.
- 55 _____, a small country on the Red Sea, bordered by Sudan, Djibouti, and Ethiopia has a population of only 5.3 million people, but more than 480 000 have been forcibly displaced. The majority flee to neighboring countries, but tens of thousands have made it to the European Union, hoping for asylum. Why? A totalitarian government that has been in place for 25 years; no elections; no constitution; no independent press; arbitrary arrests and indefinite detentions; the



