

International Refugee Day! June 20, 2026



The United Nations has designated June 20 as International Refugee Day. There are, currently, an estimated 42.5 million refugees in need of international protection globally. When internally displaced persons (IDPs) are included, the number increases to over 117 million people. Many of these refugees are fleeing from the danger of war. (There are, at present, more than one hundred armed conflicts raging in the world, with, at least, ten of them classified as wars.) Other causes include genocide, persecution, oppression, hunger, environmental damage or deterioration, and severe economic hardship. Most refugees are confined in squalid and overcrowded camps with inadequate shelter and sanitation facilities. The enormity of the situation is beyond the capacity of the UNHCR, so that many refugees are dependent on private donations and other organizations for survival and medical needs.



Buddhist Relief Mission has been active in refugee relief since its establishment in the 1980s. Currently, our focus is on the Rohingya refugees, fleeing genocide in Myanmar, both in Bangladesh, where the largest refugee camp in the world houses more than one million people, and in Sri Lanka, where more than 200 asylum seekers are trying to make lives for themselves.



Your donation will bring smiles to the faces of these refugees, provide much-needed food and other supplies, and, in some cases, save lives. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.



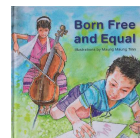
"Refugees are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, with the same hopes and ambitions as us—except that a twist of fate has bound their lives to a global refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale." --Khaled Hosseini



These Rohingya refugees were rescued by the SL Navy and have been held for almost two years in a military base in Mullaitivu.

Dana for World Peace and All Refugees Saturday, June 20, 2026 152/1 Riverdale Road, Anniwatte, Kandy

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in the ceremony, and
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