

Refugees: Information and Resources

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has estimated that at the end of 2020, 82.4 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide and over 26.4 million refugees have left their countries due to war, climate change, violence, and instability. (Source: [UNHCR - Figures at a Glance](#))

Refugees and displaced persons experience tremendous uncertainty and suffering in their journey to find safety from war, violence, climate change and unstable conditions. The UNHCR reports on 14 current refugee emergencies including: Afghanistan, Burundi, Central African Republic, Displacement in Central America, DR Congo, Ethiopia Tigray, Nigeria, Rohingya, Sahel, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yemen. [Learn more – UNHCR.org](#)

Afghanistan Emergency

After decades of conflict, 24 million people in Afghanistan are in need of vital humanitarian aid, 3.4 million people have been internally displaced as of December 31, 2021, and 5.7 million Afghans and host communities in five neighbouring countries are in need of support. [Donate to UNHCR Afghanistan emergency response – UNHCR.org](#)

Learn more about [Canada's response to the situation in Afghanistan and how you can help – Canada.ca](#).

Ukraine Emergency

As of March 22 2022, it is estimated that over 3.6 million people have become refugees as a result of the war in Ukraine. The UNHCR is responding to the emergency on the ground by setting up reception centers, emergency shelters, distributing supplies, and responding to the needs of the most vulnerable such as children travelling alone and people with disabilities. [The latest data and to donate to UNHCR Ukraine emergency response – UNHCR.org](#)

Canada is in the process of developing [multiple immigration and migration pathways for Ukrainian refugees – Canada.ca](#).

Learn about [Canada's conflict response and how you can help – Canada.ca](#).

More information:

- If you want to find out how to apply for refugee status in Canada: [Refugees and asylum - Canada.ca](https://www.refugeesandasylumcanada.ca/)
- If you want to find out about sponsoring a refugee to Canada: [Sponsor a refugee - Canada.ca](https://www.sponsorarefugee.ca/)
- If you want to learn more about refugees in Canada: [Canadian Council for Refugees - CCRweb.ca](https://www.ccrweb.ca/)

Impact North Shore provides comprehensive services to immigrants, migrants, and refugees on the North Shore. In alignment with the International Declaration of Human Rights, we believe that everyone has the right to seek protection from persecution and recognise that intersections of race, gender, LGBTQIA+ status, poverty, age, and ability increase the vulnerability of refugees and displaced persons. If you would like donate to local services that support immigrants and refugees, you can [donate to Impact North Shore - Canadahelps.org](https://canadahelps.org/en/donate-to-impact-north-shore/).