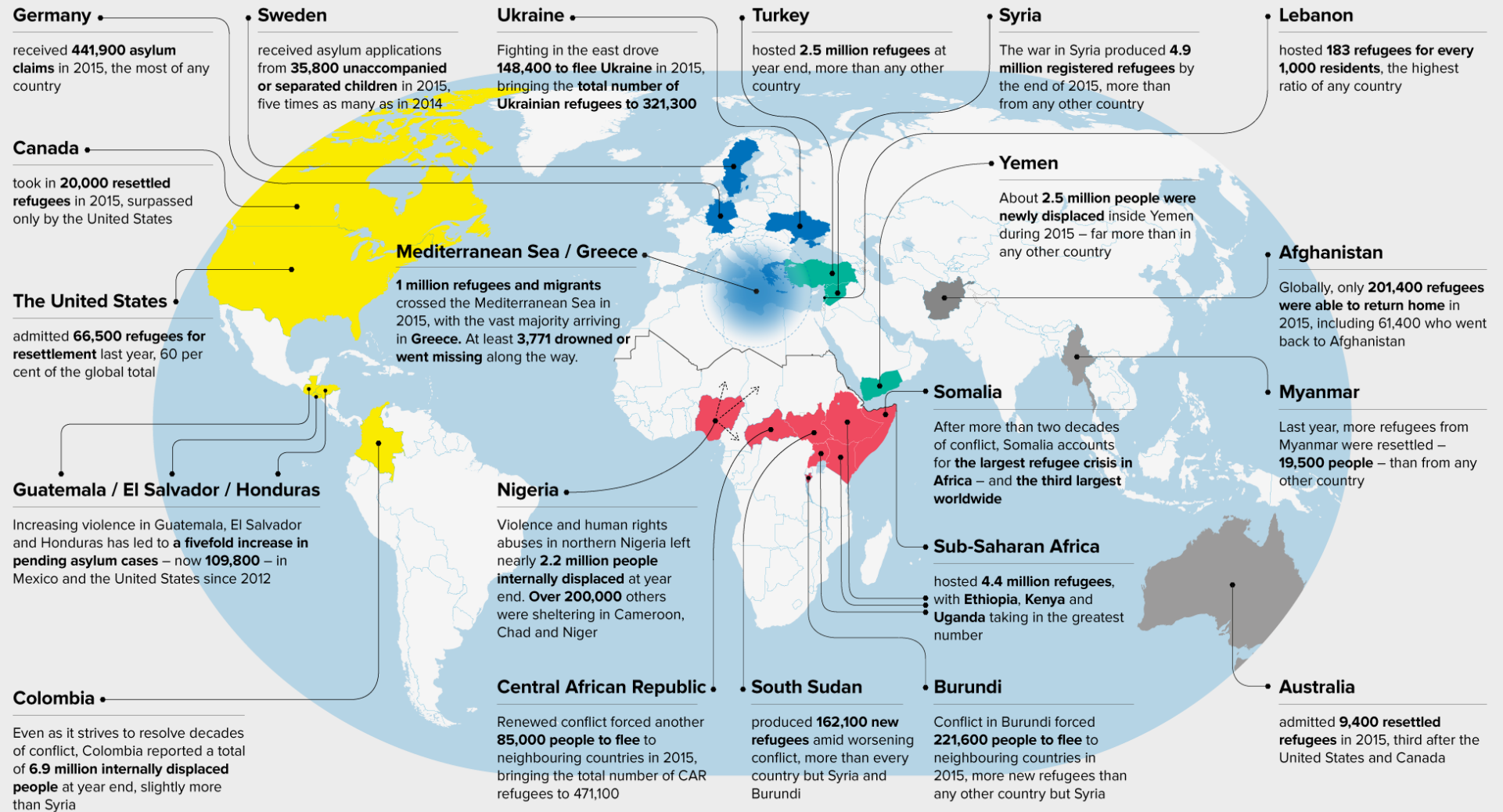# 2015: Forced Displacement Hits a Record High

Conflict and persecution caused global forced displacement to escalate sharply in 2015. Now at the highest level ever recorded, it represents immense human suffering around the world.

**UNHCR** The UN Refugee Agency

**Germany**
received **441,900 asylum claims** in 2015, the most of any country

**Sweden**
received asylum applications from **35,800 unaccompanied or separated children** in 2015, five times as many as in 2014

**Ukraine**
Fighting in the east drove **148,400 to flee Ukraine** in 2015, bringing the **total number of Ukrainian refugees to 321,300**

**Turkey**
hosted **2.5 million refugees** at year end, more than any other country

**Syria**
The war in Syria produced **4.9 million registered refugees** by the end of 2015, more than from any other country

**Lebanon**
hosted **183 refugees for every 1,000 residents**, the highest ratio of any country

**Canada**
took in **20,000 resettled refugees** in 2015, surpassed only by the United States

**Yemen**
About **2.5 million people were newly displaced** inside Yemen during 2015 – far more than in any other country

**Afghanistan**
Globally, only **201,400 refugees were able to return home** in 2015, including 61,400 who went back to Afghanistan

**Mediterranean Sea / Greece**
**1 million refugees and migrants** crossed the Mediterranean Sea in 2015, with the vast majority arriving in **Greece**. At least **3,771 drowned or went missing** along the way.

**The United States**
admitted **66,500 refugees for resettlement** last year, 60 per cent of the global total

**Somalia**
After more than two decades of conflict, Somalia accounts for **the largest refugee crisis in Africa** – and **the third largest worldwide**

**Myanmar**
Last year, more refugees from Myanmar were resettled – **19,500 people** – than from any other country

**Guatemala / El Salvador / Honduras**
Increasing violence in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras has led to **a fivefold increase in pending asylum cases** – now **109,800** – in Mexico and the United States since 2012

**Nigeria**
Violence and human rights abuses in northern Nigeria left nearly **2.2 million people internally displaced** at year end. **Over 200,000** others were sheltering in Cameroon, Chad and Niger

**Sub-Saharan Africa**
hosted **4.4 million refugees**, with **Ethiopia**, **Kenya** and **Uganda** taking in the greatest number

**Colombia**
Even as it strives to resolve decades of conflict, Colombia reported a total of **6.9 million internally displaced people** at year end, slightly more than Syria

**Central African Republic**
Renewed conflict forced another **85,000 people to flee** to neighbouring countries in 2015, bringing the total number of CAR refugees to 471,100

**South Sudan**
produced **162,100 new refugees** amid worsening conflict, more than every country but Syria and Burundi

**Burundi**
Conflict in Burundi forced **221,600 people to flee** to neighbouring countries in 2015, more new refugees than any other country but Syria

**Australia**
admitted **9,400 resettled refugees** in 2015, third after the United States and Canada

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