

# PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

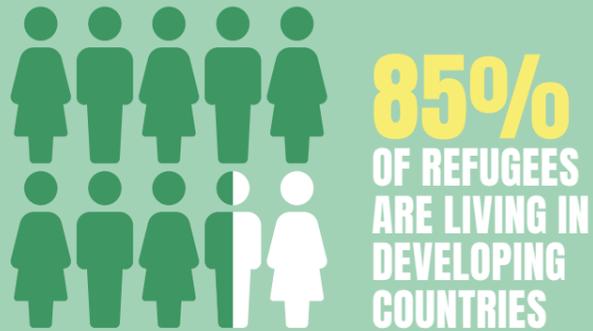
## SEVEN SURPRISING FACTS

Over 68.5 million people around the world have been forced to leave their home as a result of conflict, persecution or violence. With more people on the move now than at any other time since the end of World War II, it can be difficult to navigate this complex issue. To help, here are seven surprising facts about refugees, displaced people and asylum seekers.

**1** Refugees stay close to home



**2** Most refugees live in the world's poorest countries



**3** There are small numbers of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK

**JUST 0.25%** OF THE TOTAL UK POPULATION ARE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

**4** Asylum seekers in the UK are not allowed to work or claim benefits

While people are waiting to find out if they will be granted asylum in the UK, they can apply for a weekly allowance of £37.75 to help pay for essentials such as food, clothing and toiletries.



**5** There is no such thing as an illegal asylum seeker

The right to seek asylum is enshrined in international law. Anyone can apply for asylum in any country that has signed the 1951 Refugee Convention.



**6** Most refugees do not live in refugee camps

**ONLY 10.2%** OF REFUGEES LIVE IN CAMPS



**7** Mobile phones are a lifeline for millions of refugees and some would prioritise a mobile phone over food, clothing and healthcare.

Phones enable people to keep in touch with friends and family. They can be used to research information about laws, rights, jobs and education. They even save lives, allowing people to track their location when travelling across land and sea.



**REFUGEES** are people who have been forced to flee their country and cannot return because they are afraid of war, persecution or violence.

**INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE** have been forced to leave their home but are still in their own country.

**ECONOMIC MIGRANTS** have moved to another country to work.

**ASYLUM SEEKERS** have arrived in a new country and asked for protection (asylum). If this is granted, they have rights as a refugee.

**STATELESS PEOPLE** do not have a nationality. They are not free to move around the world and cannot access basic rights such as education, healthcare or employment.

### MEET LEILA

Leila is a young Iraqi refugee living in Serbia. She features in our film 'Hello, Salaam, I Miss You'. Find out about her and her friends at [comicroelief.com/leila](http://comicroelief.com/leila)



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