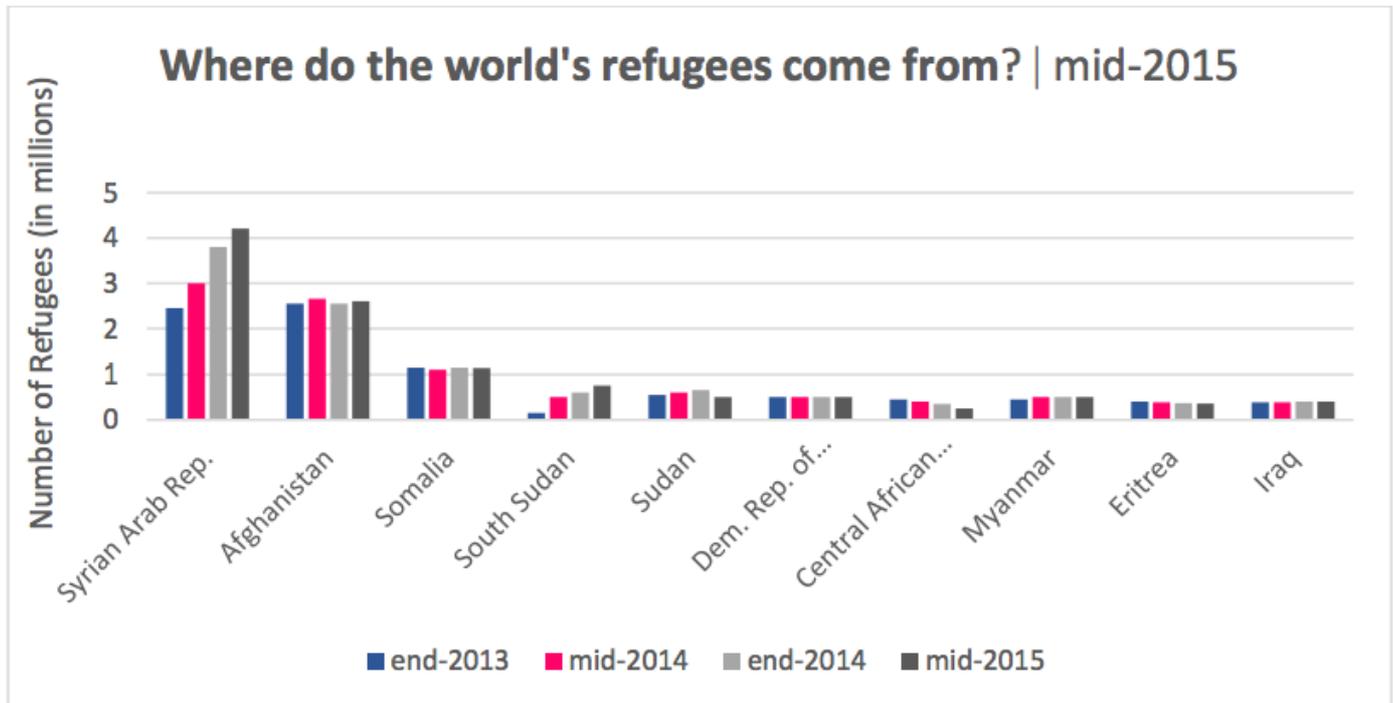


# Global Refugee Crisis: Top Five Facts

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1. There are over 60 million internally displaced people, asylum seekers, and refugees worldwide. As of June 2015, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or UNHCR, identified 19.5 million refugees worldwide. Of the total global refugee population, less than 1% are resettled each year; in Fiscal Year 2014, 0.42% were resettled in the United States.

2. Refugee advocates often refer to three durable solutions for refugees. These durable solutions include local integration (for refugees who can safely rebuild their lives in the country to which they fled), resettlement (for the most vulnerable refugees for whom life is not safe in the country to which they fled and so require permanent resettlement in a 3rd country), and repatriation (for refugees for whom circumstances in their homeland change significantly enough that it is safe to return).

3. From 2013 – 2015, the majority of the world’s refugees came from the following countries:

Syrian Arab Republic Afghanistan Somalia South Sudan Sudan Democratic Republic of Congo Central African Republic Myanmar Eritrea Iraq

4. The maximum number of refugees resettled in the U.S. in a given year, which is referred to as the ceiling for refugee admissions, is determined by the annual Presidential Determination. For the last few years, the annual ceiling was set at 70,000. Recently, the administration announced that the ceiling will rise to 85,000 for 2016 and 100,000 for 2017, which includes both Syrian refugees and refugees from all other countries.

5. There are 9 refugee resettlement agencies in the United States: HIAS, Church World Service, Ethiopian Community Development Council, Episcopal Migration Ministries, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and World Relief. HIAS is the only Jewish agency among them. Any refugee resettled in the U.S. is resettled through one of these nine agencies.

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