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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Wars, other violence and persecution drove worldwide forced displacement to a new high in 2017 for the fifth year in a row, according to UNHCR's annual Global Trends report, released on 19 June 2018. The report showed that 68.5 million people were displaced as of the end of 2017. Overwhelmingly it is developing countries that are most affected.

SCRIPT:

VO: Every two seconds a person is forced to flee.

VO: Every day 44,400 more are driven from their homes.

ANIMATED TEXT: "44,400 per day"

VO: At the end of 2017, the total reached 68.5 million – a new record children, men and women escaping violence and persecution... and searching for safety.

ANIMATED TEXT: "68.5 MILLION forcibly displaced"

VO: These are lives, not numbers, the lives of people who pay the price of a world in conflict.

25.4 million refugees among them – nearly 3 million more than in 2016. They have fled across borders, leaving their country behind.

ANIMATED TEXT: “25.4 million refugees”

CLIP: Jude-Elie Zoumi, Central African Republic refugee, (French):

“My house was near that mountain there. Everything was burned to the ground.” //

“There is no one left there. All the way up to that mountain there, there isn’t a single person left. Everyone has fled to the Congo.”

VO: An additional 40 million are displaced inside their own country

ANIMATED TEXT: “40 million internally displaced persons”

CLIP: Sattar Hussein Freih, Iraqi displaced from Mosul (man, Arabic): “We lived through horror. For three years, our life was a nightmare of abuse, humiliation and all kinds of torture.”

VO: Over two-thirds of the world’s refugees come from just five countries.

VO: Syria / Afghanistan / South Sudan / Myanmar / Somalia

ON-SCREEN TEXT: Syria / Afghanistan / South Sudan / Myanmar / Somalia

VO: Some of these conflicts have dragged on for years.

VO: Others have flared recently, with dramatic consequences. Last year, deadly violence in Myanmar triggered the exodus of nearly 700,000 Rohingyas who crossed into Bangladesh in just a few months.

CLIP: Jubira (eds: no last name given), Rohingya refugee (woman, Rohingya):

“My husband was arrested two months ago. We were so scared at the time that I didn’t even go out to the market or stores to buy food. As the attacks increased, people in our village decided to escape to Bangladesh.”

VO: Behind the numbers lie individual hopes and hardships – not just of the displaced, but also those who host them.

VO: These Congolese children lost their parents in an attack and managed to flee.

They walked for more than two weeks before Papa Jean and his wife, with 10 children of their own, took them in...

CLIP: Papa Jean, Congolese man (French)

“My wife is a nurse. One day she went out to buy food for the family, and she found those kids left on their own. She felt sorry for them and brought them home. I said ‘okay’. We’re used to having children, so they stayed here. That’s how it happened.”

VO: Most displaced people live in or close to the world's conflict zones... so just a handful of countries host the largest refugee populations...

Turkey / Pakistan / Uganda / Lebanon / and Iran

MAP W/ ANIMATED TEXT:

Turkey – 3.5 million

Pakistan – 1.4 million

Uganda – 1.4 million

Lebanon – 1 million

Iran – 980,000

VO: With forced displacement at a record high for the fifth consecutive year, a new approach to aiding and protecting refugees is needed, now more than ever.

United Nations member states have committed to work towards a global compact on refugees

The compact, which will come before the UN General Assembly this year, is a vital way forward.

It starts from a hard truth – that refugee situations will exist as long as wars do, and that it may take years before refugees can safely return home

It calls for action from across the international community.

And it allows us to harness ideas and innovation with new partners – from the development world to the private sector – who all become part of the solution.

This approach prioritizes education for the millions of displaced children...

... and work for their parents.

Every day brings proof that their inclusion in host societies benefits all...

... that asylum is a critical solution which saves lives...

and that the power of the human spirit can bridge cultural divides.

One in every 110 people on Earth is now forcibly displaced

We know the only lasting solution for them is peace...

But with solidarity, resilience and ingenuity we are building a better way forward, together...

SHOTLIST:

00:00 Sri Lankan refugees in Santiago, Chile, 2004

00:01 Angola Seven-year-old Congolese refugee Tshisenda is photographed at school in Cacanda, northern Angola where classes are taught in Lingala and Portuguese, Angola, 08-2017

00:02 Ngoya, 79, fled alone from Kamako town, Democratic Republic of the Congo in April 2017 to escape militia attacks, Angola, 08-2017

00:03 A young refugee living in a school in Nayapara camp, Bangladesh, 09-2017

00:04 Newly arrived Rohingya refugees seek shelter, Bangladesh, 09-2017

00:05 30-years old Alikeev Almaz, Stateless man in the Special Psycho-neurological home for men, Kyrgyzstan, December 2010

00:06 Syrian refugee Mohammad Al-Akily, 27, arrived in Neu Wulmstorf in December 2015, having fled fighting in Hama and survived a near-death experience on the Aegean Sea, Germany, 04-2017

00:07 Of the two cousins, Maryam was the first to come to Canada with her mother Abeer, Canada, 07-2017

00:08 Congolese refugee Janette holds her child at Cacanda reception centre in northern Angola. She fled Kasai Province in April 2017, Angola, 08-2017

00:09 Lamin (31) Chadians man, having fled Libya following the armed revolution that is consuming the country, Egypt, 03-2011

00:10 Displaced Syrians on the move from Eastern Ghouta at the – Al Hamouriya crossing, Syria 03-2018

00:15 Aerial drone Rohingyas that have fled Myanmar, Kutapalong refugee settlement, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 09-2017

00:23 Medium Shot Rohingyas walking with luggage on the fields - leaving Myanmar, Bangladesh, 10-2017

00:27 Wide Shot Rohingyas walking with luggage on the fields - leaving Myanmar, Bangladesh, 10-2017

00:30 Medium shot of Syrian refugee Shaalan Qaddour, 90 years old and his wife inside the tent, Bhannine, North Lebanon, 04-2018

00:32 Close up of Syrian refugee Shaalan Qaddour, 90 years old inside the tent Bhanine, North Lebanon, 04-2018

00:36 Medium shot of refugees carrying belongings, Palorinya, Uganda, 01-2017

00:40 Medium shot of refugee is makeshift shelter, Kakanda Refugee Camp, Angola 05-2017

00:43 Close of Jude-Elie Zoumi's oar (Central African Republic Refugee) as he canoes in Ubangi River, Mobayi-Mbongo displacement site, DRC 11-2017

00:47 Jude-Ellie Zoumi (Central African Republic Refugee) is being interviewed Mobayi-Mbongo displacement site, DRC 11-2017

00:52 Wide of refugees canoeing in the Ubangi River, CAR in the background, Mobayi-Mbongo displacement site, DRC 11-2017

00:55 Jude-Ellie Zoumi (Central African Republic Refugee) is being interviewed Mobayi-Mbongo displacement site, DRC 11-2017

00:57 Wide shot of trucks filled with IDPs arriving to Salamiyah2 Camp and newly displaced families find safety in Salamiyah camp, south east of Mosul, Iraq, 06-2017

01:00 Medium shot of displaced Iraqi Sattar Hussein Freih carrying one of his children in front of the registration area, Salamiyah camp, south east of Mosul, Iraq, 06-2017

01:05 Displaced Iraqi Sattar Hussein Freih is being interviewed, Salamiyah camp, south east of Mosul, Iraq, 06-2017

01:16 Close up of Sattar's kids at registration area, Salamiyah camp, south east of Mosul, Iraq, 06-2017

01:21 Medium shot of Sattar's kids at registration area, Salamiyah camp, south east of Mosul, Iraq, 06-2017

01:25 Overhead shot of people walking with bag, Syria, 03-2018

01:27 Close Up of women in black, Qom, Islamic Republic of Iran, 06-2016

01:29 Medium shot of refugees sitting among makeshift tents, Uganda, 05-2017

01:31 Close-up of a man in the market of Maungdaw, Myanmar, 07-2017

01:33 Wide shot of people walking in Dadaab refugee camp, Kenya, 11-2017

01:37 Wide shot of soldiers patrolling the streets in Mogadishu, Somalia, 11-2017

01:41 Close up of Rohingya refugees crossing the river, Palong Khali in the Chittagong Division, Bangladesh, 10-2017

01:48 Wide shot of Rohingya refugees crossing the river, Palong Khali in the Chittagong Division, Bangladesh, 10-2017

01:53 Close up of Jubira's face, Rohingya refugee carrying her goods, Kutapalong Refugee Camp, Bangladesh, 10-2017

01:58 Jubira, Rohingya refugee is being interviewed, Kutapalong Refugee Camp, Bangladesh, 10-2017

02:10 Wide Shot of Jubira, Rohingya refugee waiting for paper, Kutapalong Refugee Camp, Bangladesh, 10-2017

02:13 Jubira, Rohingya refugee is being interviewed, Kutapalong Refugee Camp, Bangladesh, 10-2017

02:17 Wide shot of women and kids in a village, DR Congo, 08-2017

02:22 Medium shot of women and kids in a village, DR Congo, 08-2017

02:27 Close up kids eating, DR Congo, 08-2017

02:32 Close up face of a kid eating, DR Congo, 08-2017

02:35 Medium shot Papa Jean, Congolese resident of wild province, walking with kids and women behind, DR Congo, 08-2017

02:38 Papa Jean, Congolese resident of wild province, being interviewed, DR Congo, 08-2017

02:59 Various of Afghans in the street, Qom, Islamic Republic of Iran, 06-2016

03:01 Various of Afghans in the street, Qom, Islamic Republic of Iran, 06-2016

03:04 Various of Afghans in the street, Qom, Islamic Republic of Iran, 06-2016

03:06 Various of Afghans in the street, Qom, Islamic Republic of Iran, 06-2016

03:10 Animated world map

03:32 Close up woman face from the back exhausted, Lamwo, Uganda, 11-2017

03:36 Medium shot of woman carrying baby waiting to be registered, Lamwo, Uganda, 11-2017

03:40 Medium shot kid eating, Angola, 06-2017

03:42 Wide Shot UNHCR officer checking documents on computer, Oruchinga, Uganda,03-2018

03:45 Wide Shot UNHCR officer taking picture of refugee, Oruchinga, Uganda,03-2018

03:48 Wide shot of refugees lined up on steep hills, Kutapalong refugee settlement, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 02-2018

03:52 Medium shot of displaced Iraqis arriving in camp, Chamakor camp, Kurdistan region of Iraq, 03-2017

03:56 Close up of displaced Syrian walking amongst destruction, Aleppo, Syria, 01-2017

04:02 Wide shot of displaced Syrian walking amongst destruction, Aleppo, Syria, 01-2017

04:06 Mona Al Shamali, Syrian refugee from Homs, receiving her meal, Lebanon, 06-2017

04:10 Medium shot of solar plant, Azraq refugee camp, 05-2017

04:13 Medium shot of IKEA CEO Turing on the solar plant, Azraq refugee camp, 05-2017

04:16 Syrian refugee working at Dandy warehouse in Guelph, Canada, 01-2017

04:22 Medium shot of English lesson for Burundian students

04:27 Medium shot of Sawsan, Syrian refugee, working, Jordan, 02-2018

04:30 Medium shot of 93-year-old resident of the elderly home, Ilona Karpati greeting Nigerian refugee, Rita Joy Osazee, Syrian refugee Radwa Al Nazer in her room, Hungary, 12-2017

04:35 Archive photo of Gladys and her three children when they first arrived in Canada, Newmarket, Canada, 07-2017

04:39 Mona Hemmer, Finnish citizen, and Diana, girl refugee from Iraq walking hand in hand, Nagu, Finland, 07-2017

04:45 Tilt down to refugees boarding the Italian Coast Guard patrol vessel during a night rescue, Mediterranean Sea, 50 miles off the Libyan coast, 08-2017

04:51 Close up refugees's babies lying on the boat during a night rescue, Mediterranean Sea, 50 miles off the Libyan coast, 08-2017

04:56 Medium shot of displaced men, Eastern Ghouta, Syria, 03-2018

05:00 Young Rohingya men working on making stairs, Kutupalong Refugee camp, Bangladesh, 03-2018

05:03 UNHCR Staff in Kakuma, Kenya, 07-2017

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