

Regional Trends 2023

Forced Displacement and Statelessness

Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific

Definitions and Categories

Forcibly Displaced People

- Refugees under UNHCR's mandate (both registered refugees and people in refugee-like situations)
- Asylum-seekers
- Internally displaced people (IDPs)
- Forcibly displaced stateless people (*already included in their respective displacement categories above*)

Population that UNHCR protects and/or assists

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- Non-displaced stateless people
- Refugee returnees
- IDP returnees
- Others of concern to UNHCR

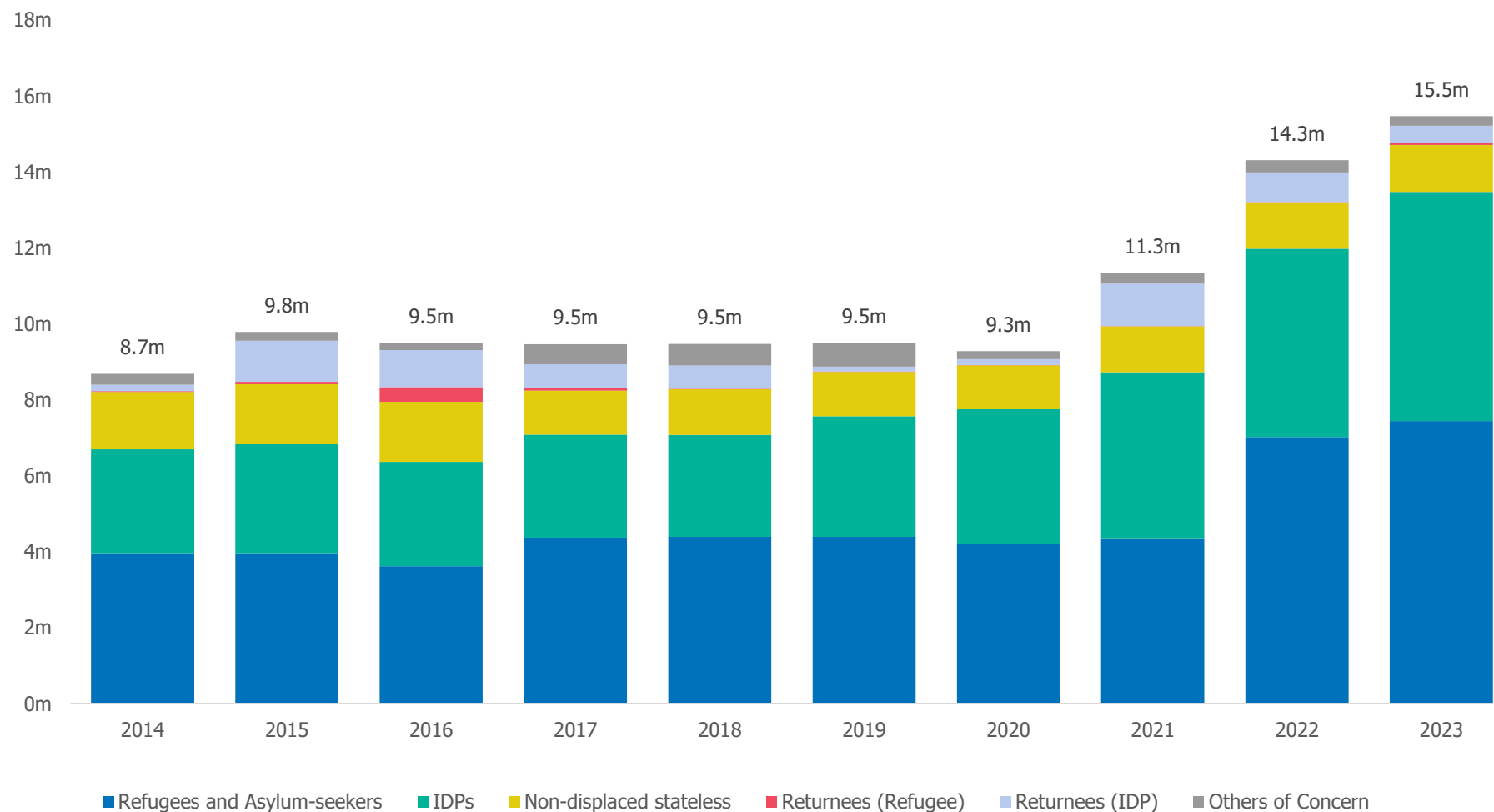
For more information between population statistics for forcibly displaced and the population that UNHCR protects and/or assists, please visit [Forcibly displaced versus PoCs | UNHCR](#)

For the definition of each population category included in UNHCR Statistics, visit [UNHCR - Refugee Statistics](#)

Regional Overview

The overall trends of people with and for whom UNHCR works in the region show a steady increase in the past decade.

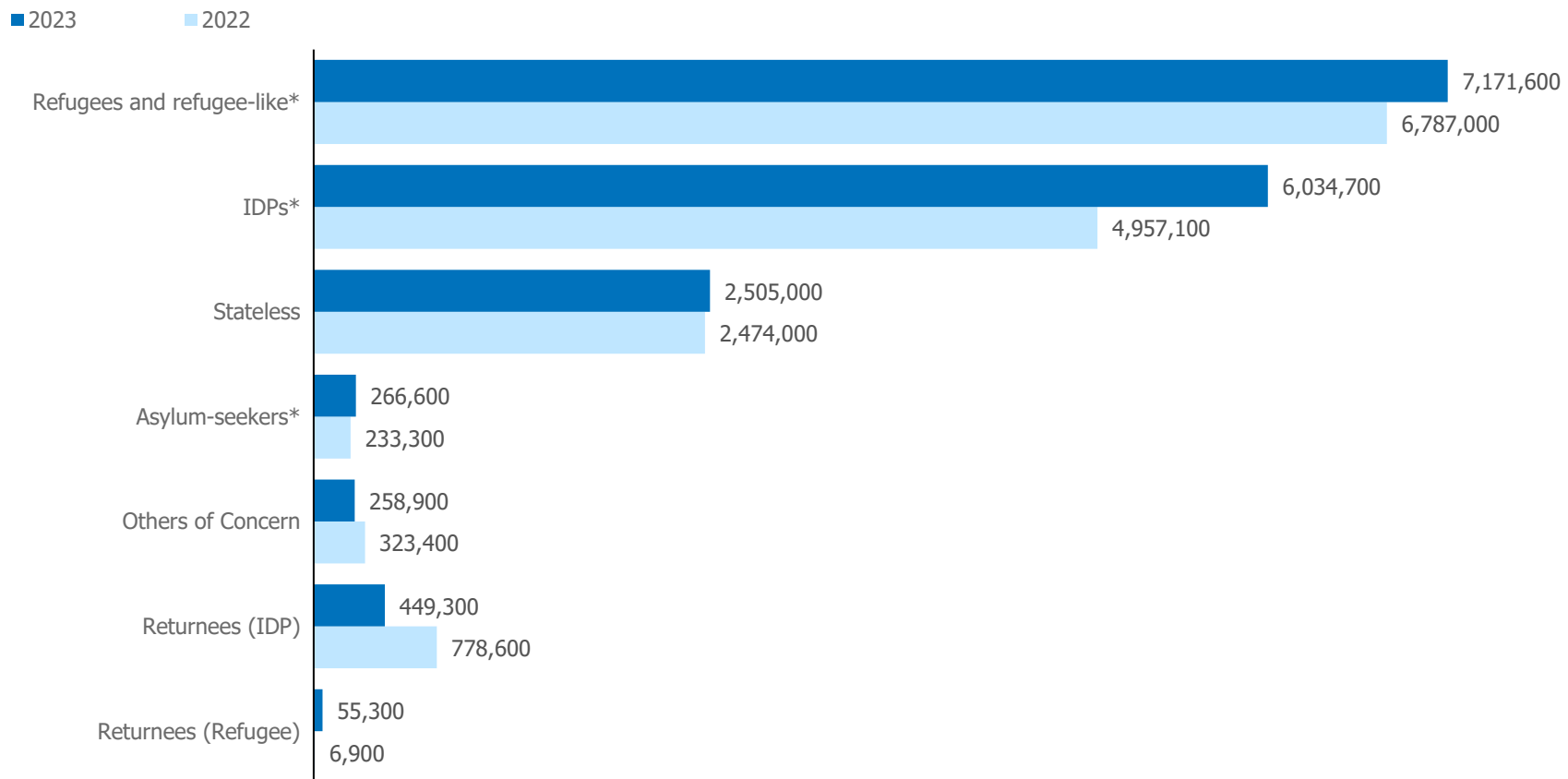
People UNHCR protects and/or assists | 2014 – 2023*



* The figures for 2023 was estimated based on available data

Total population UNHCR protects and/or assists stands at 15.5 M by 2023

Population Group in Asia Pacific | 2022 -2023

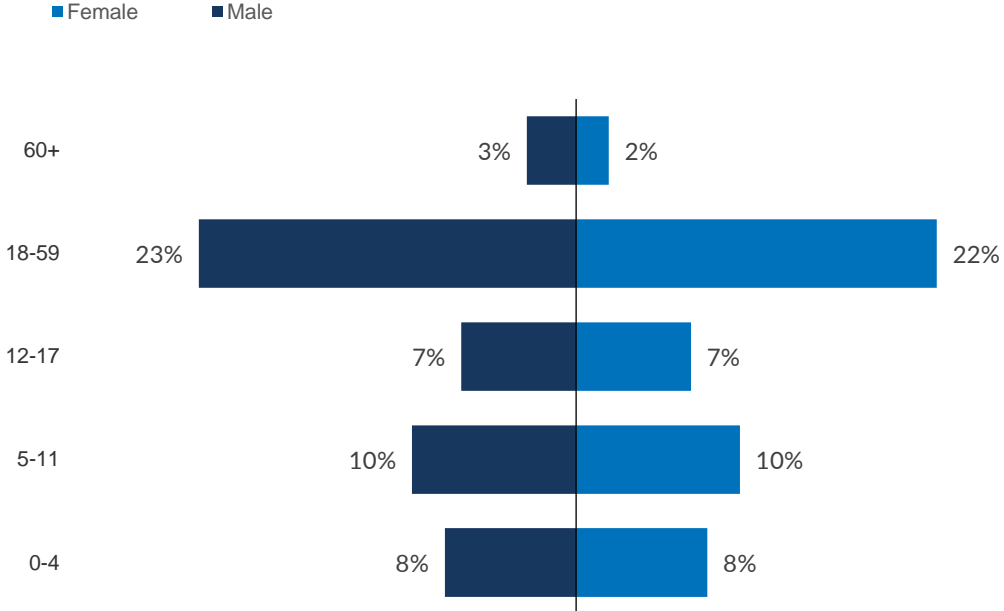


*Stateless persons have been included in both stateless and their respective displacement categories

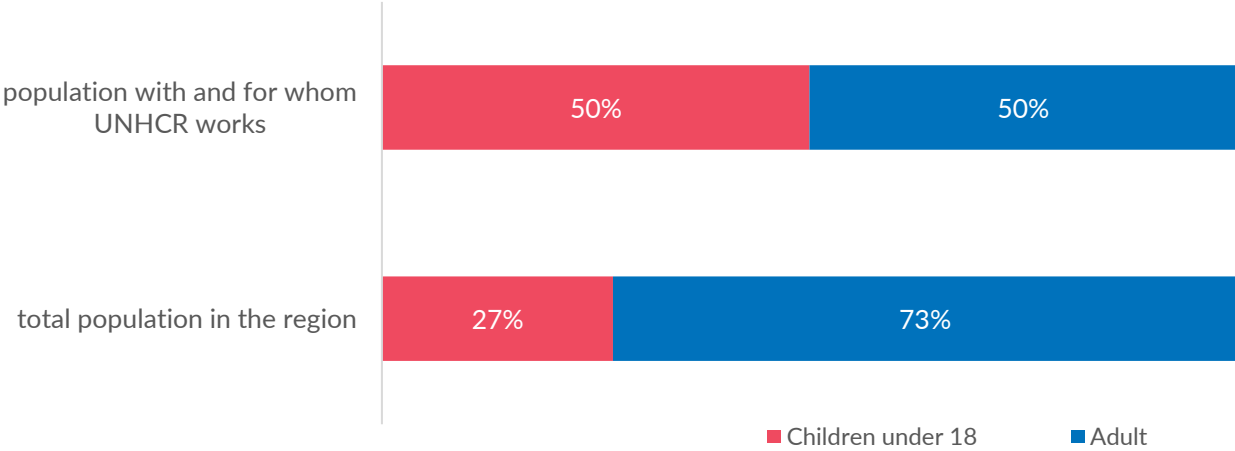
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Demographics of people with and for whom UNHCR works in Asia-Pacific

Demographic composition of the people with and for whom UNHCR works in the region | end-2022



Percentage of children | end-2022

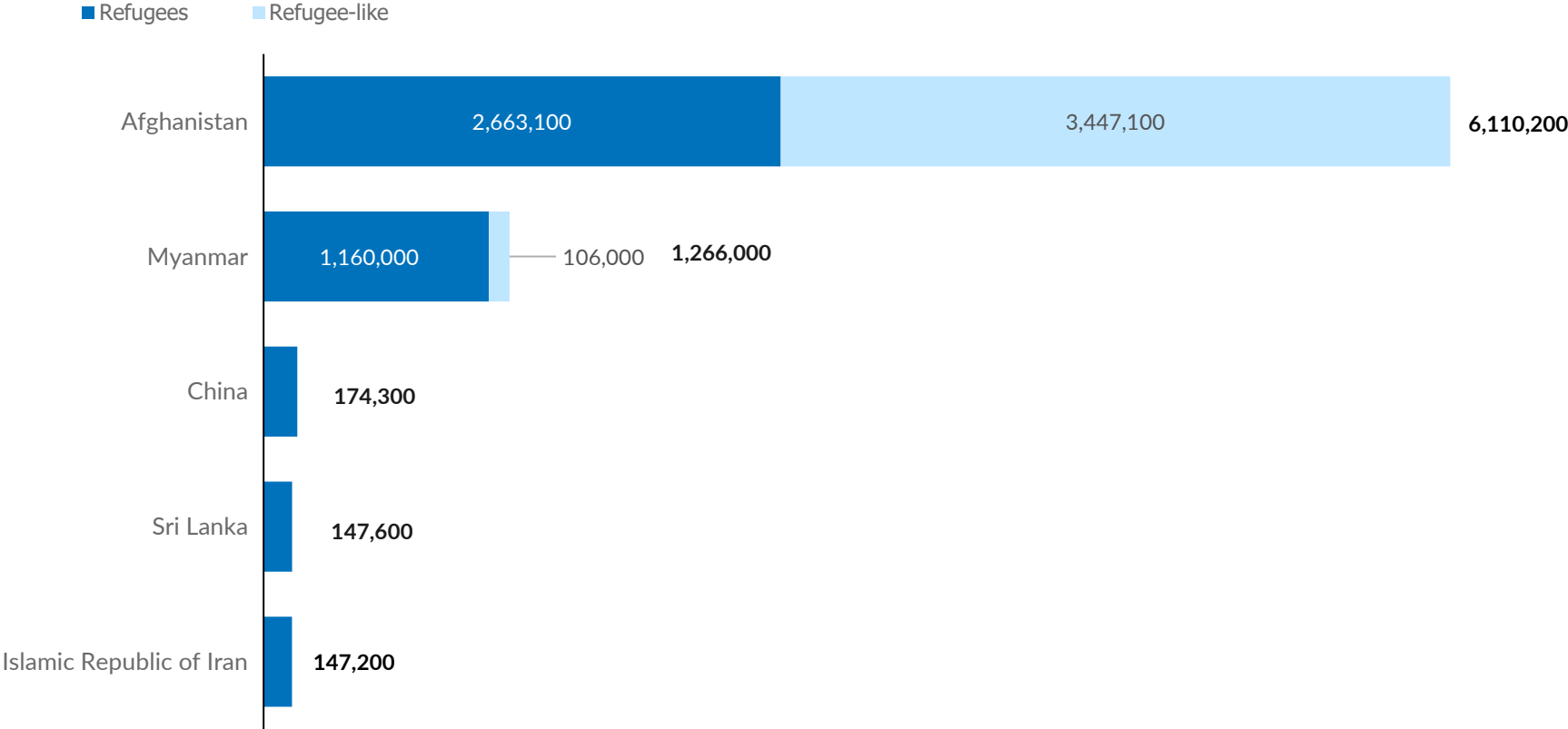


74% of are women and children
Demographic data for mid-2023 is not available

Refugees & People in Refugee-Like Situations

Afghanistan and Myanmar are among the top 10 countries of origin for refugees globally

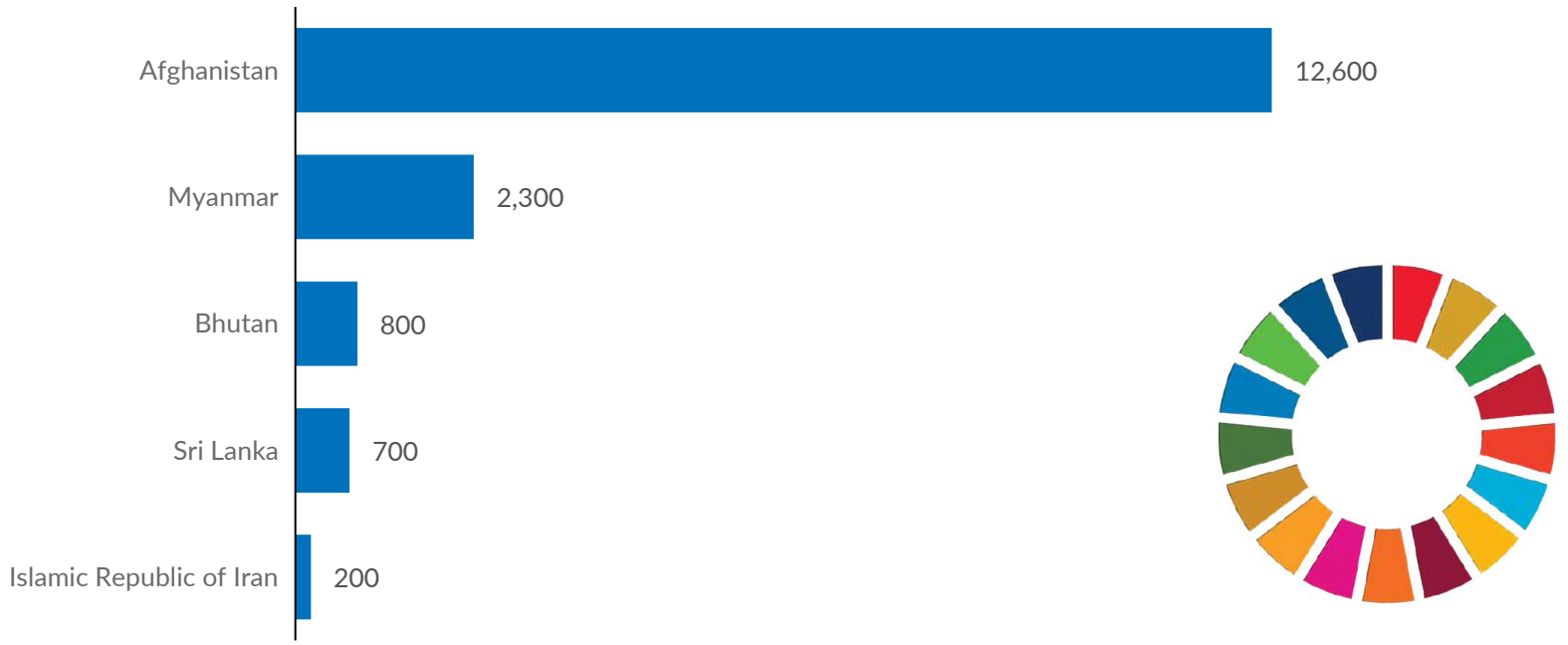
Refugees and refugee-like globally from Asia Pacific | mid-2023



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Sustainable Development Goals indicator 10.7.4: The proportion of a country's population who become refugees (including people in refugee-like situations)

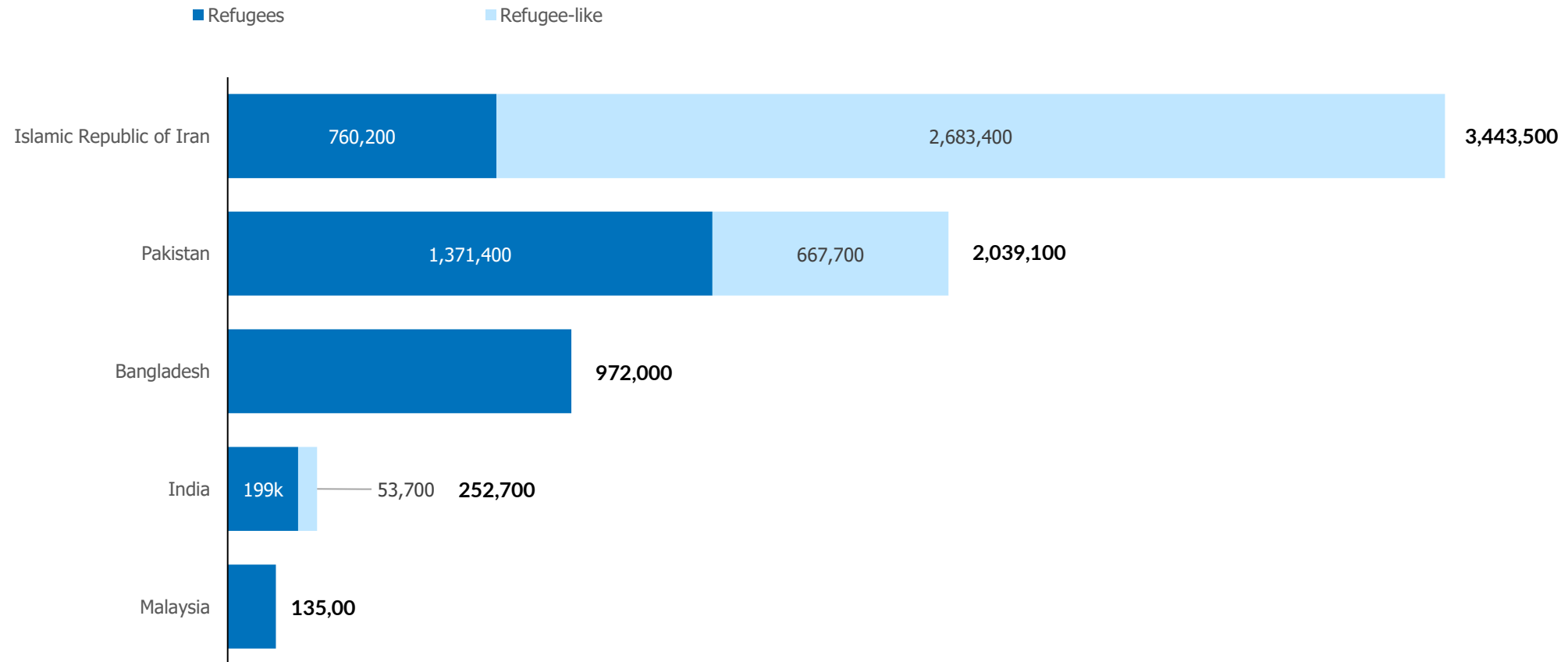
SDG Indicator 10.7.4 | mid-2023



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Iran, Pakistan and Bangladesh are among the top 10 refugee hosting countries globally

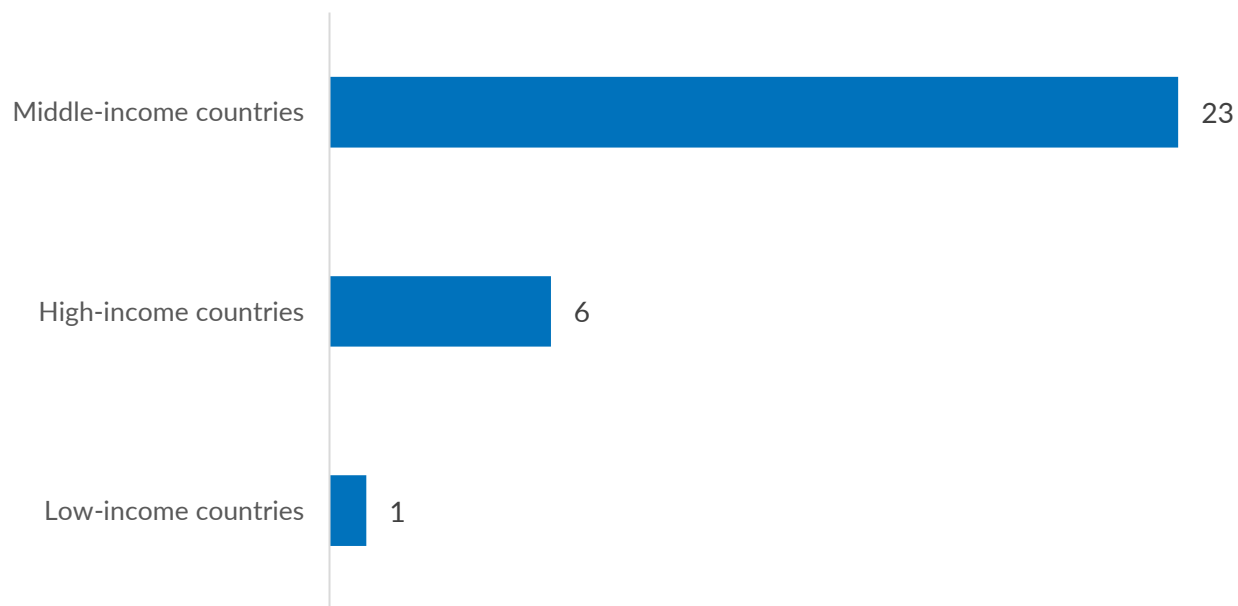
Refugees by host country in Asia Pacific | 2023*



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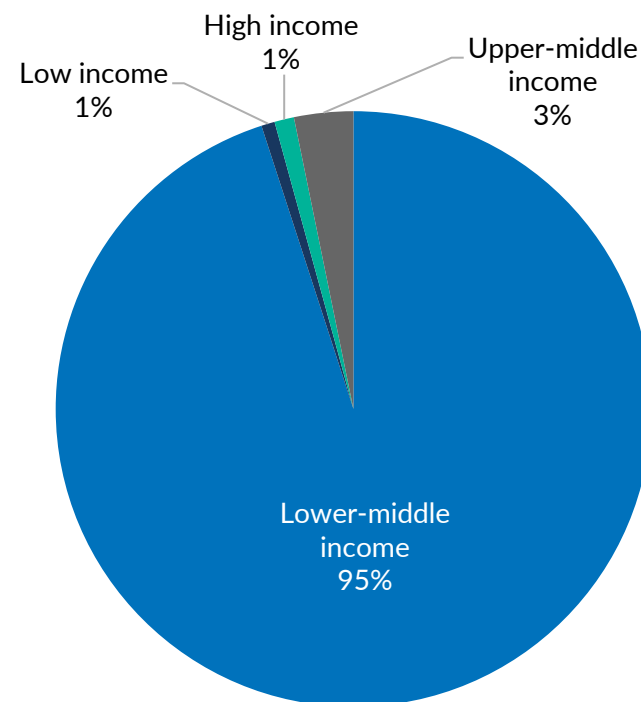
Where refugees under UNHCR's mandate reside in the region

Asia-Pacific countries hosting refugees and people in refugee-like situations | 2023



Note: Income groups are according to the World Bank.

Proportion of refugees and people in refugee-like situations by income level of host countries in Asia-Pacific | 2023

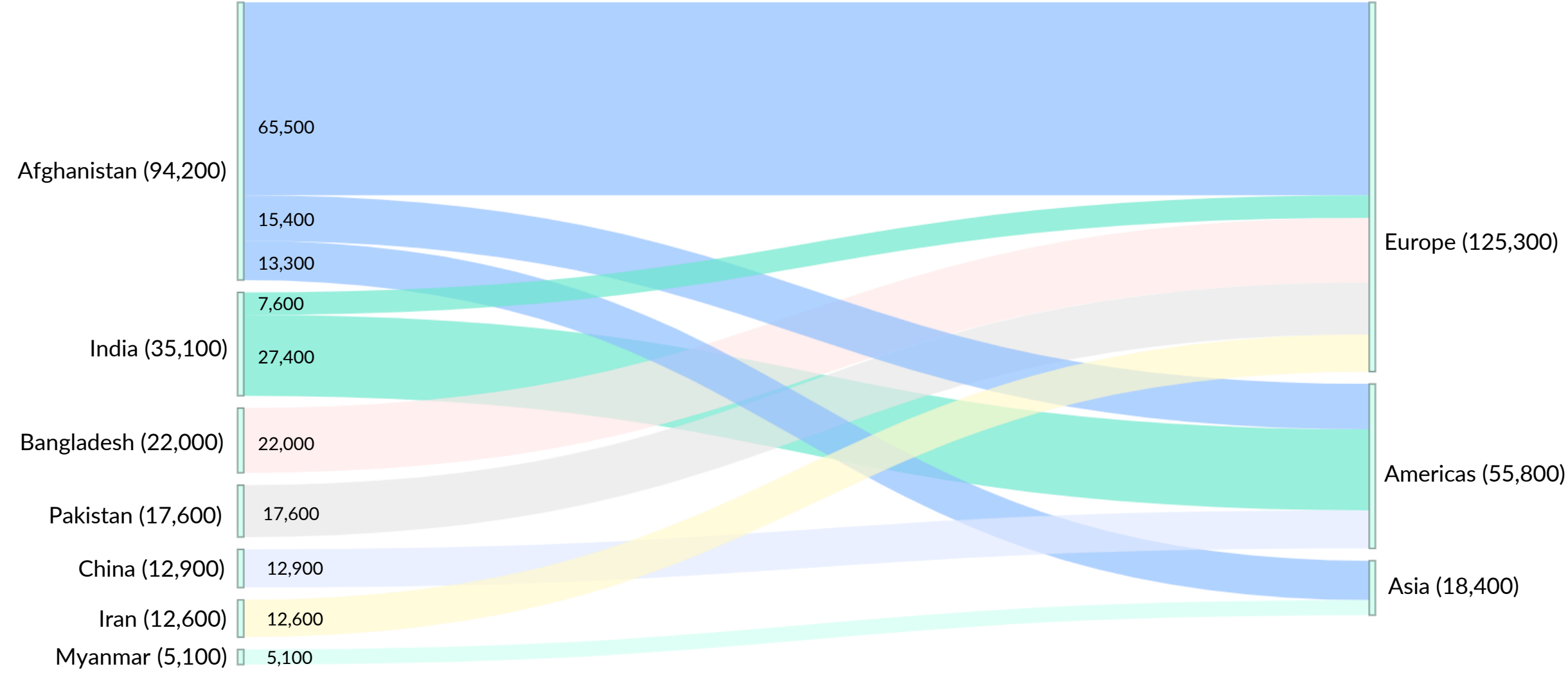


99% of refugees and people in refugee-like situations in Asia-Pacific reside in low- or middle-income countries

Asylum-seekers

New Asylum Seekers during the first half of 2023: where did they go?

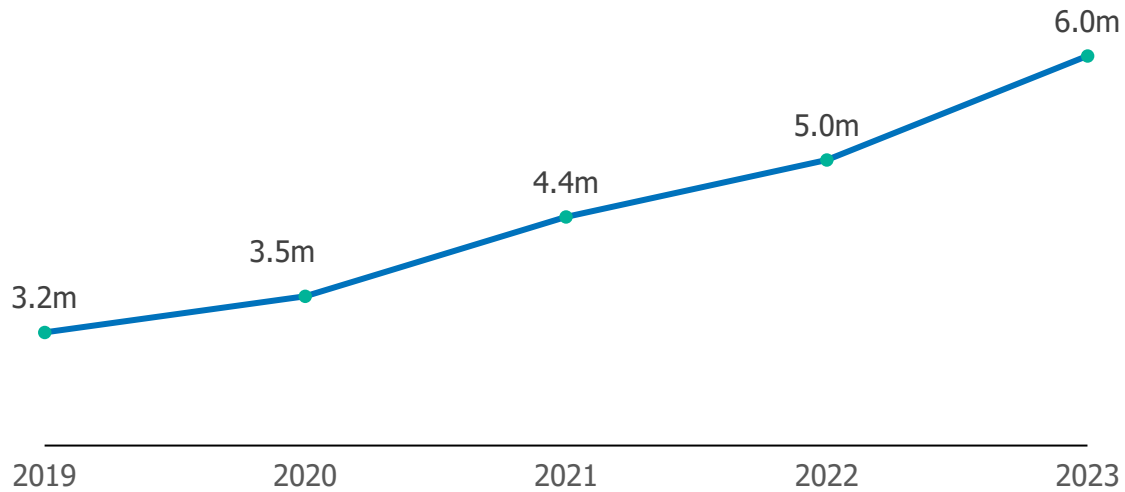
Only refers to countries with existing Refugee Status Determination (RSD) process in place



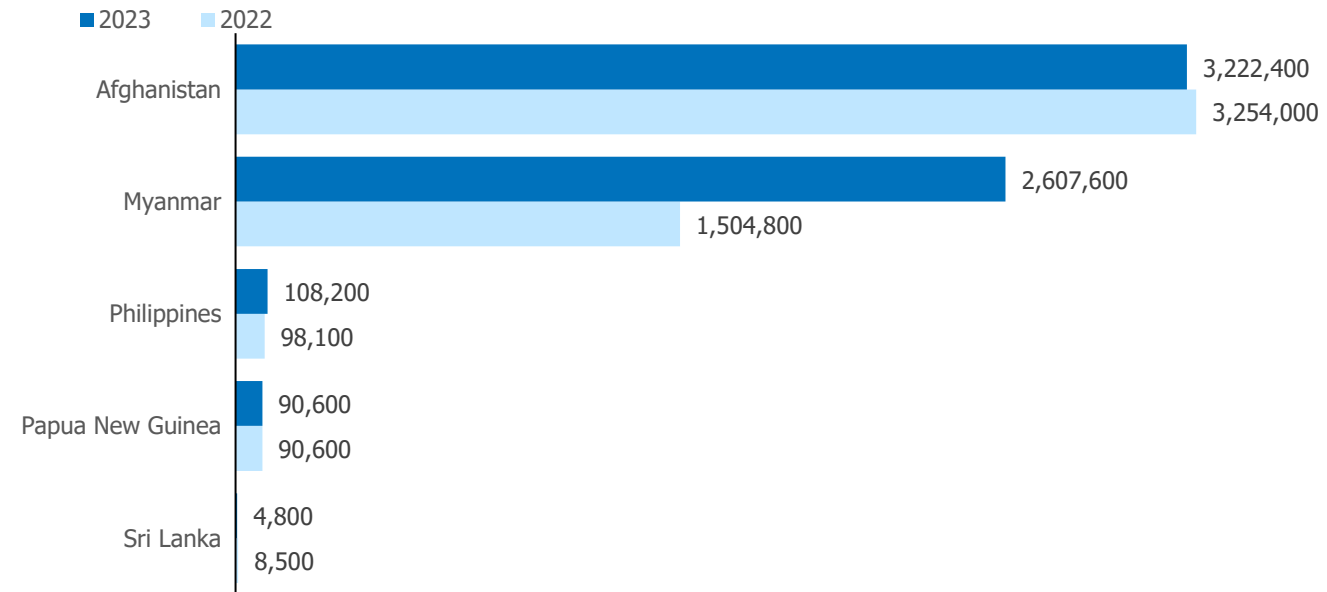
Internally Displaced Persons

IDPs account for nearly 40 per cent of all forcibly displaced people in the region

IDP trends in Asia Pacific | 2019 - 2023



Countries with the most conflict-induced IDPs | 2022 -2023



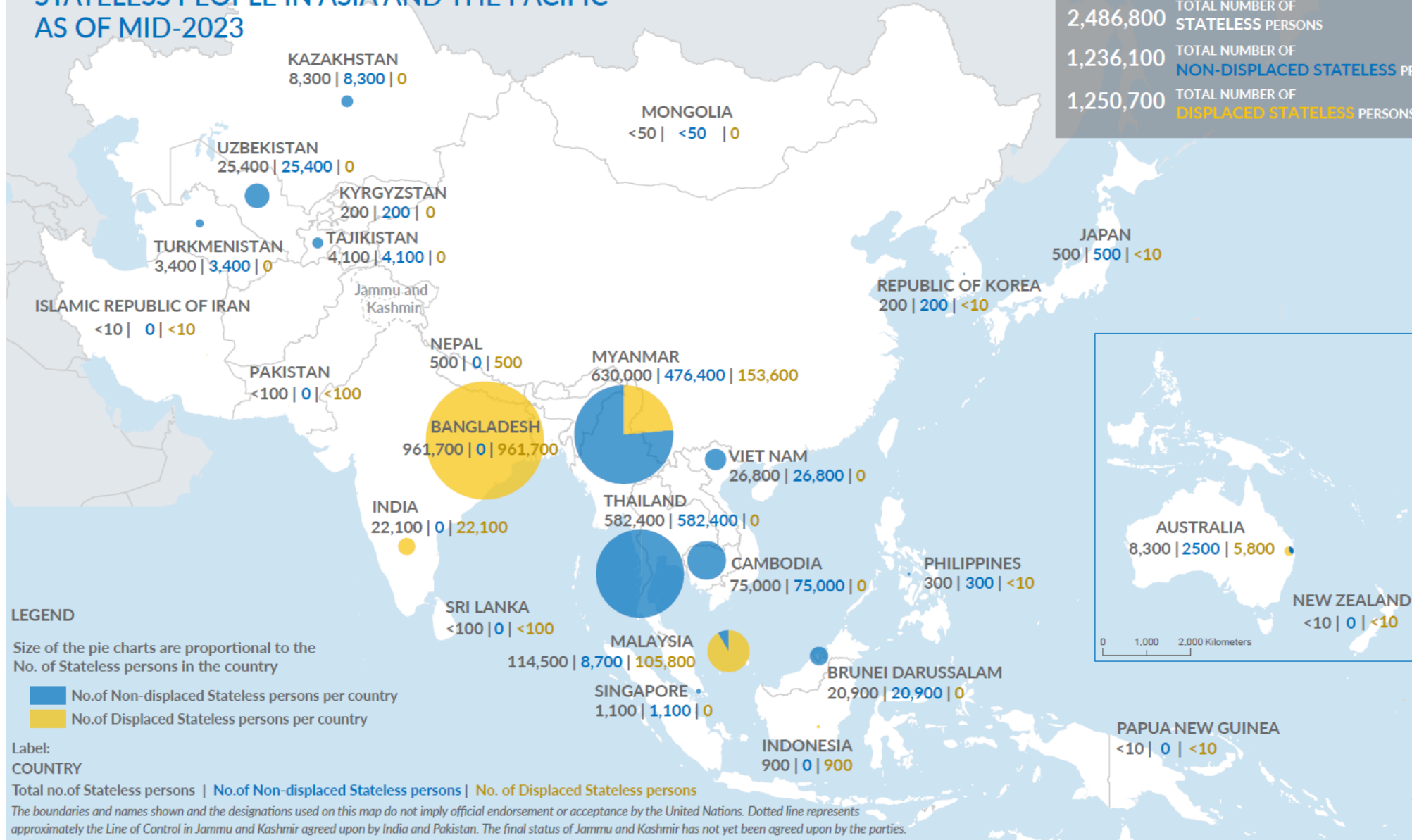
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Stateless Persons

STATELESS PEOPLE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AS OF MID-2023

KEY FIGURES FOR THE REGION

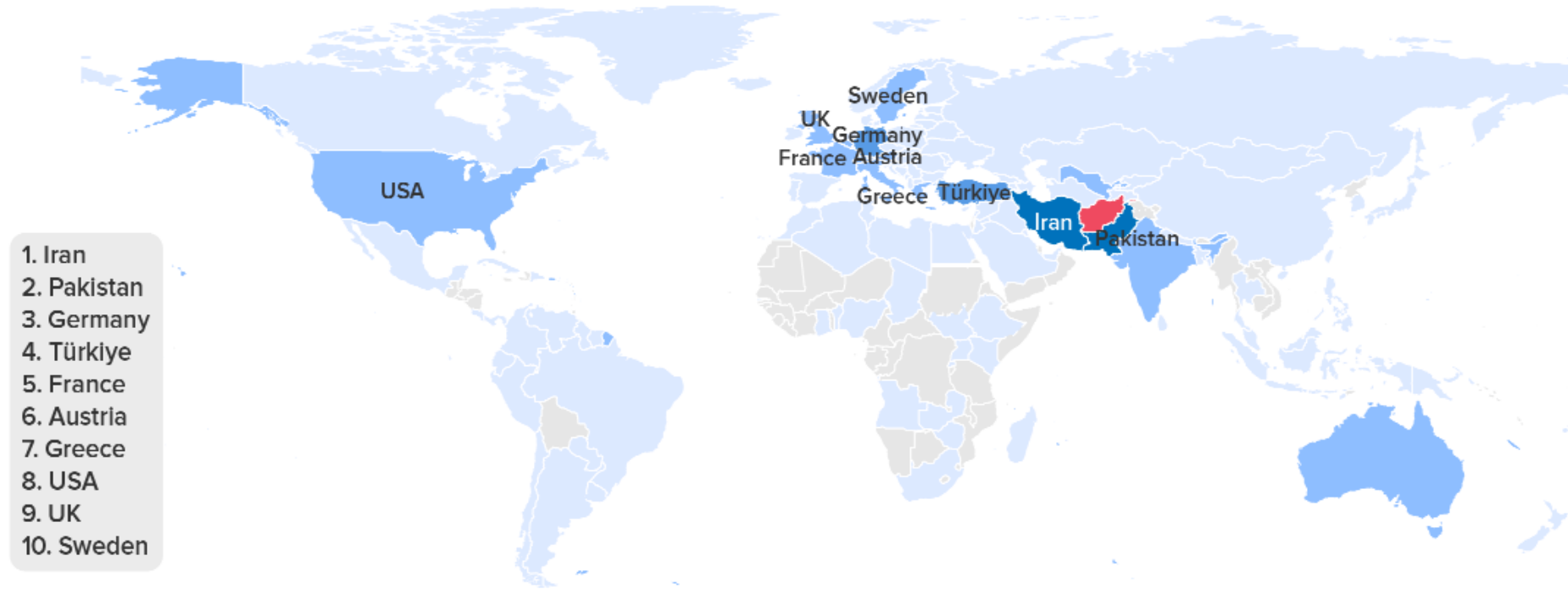
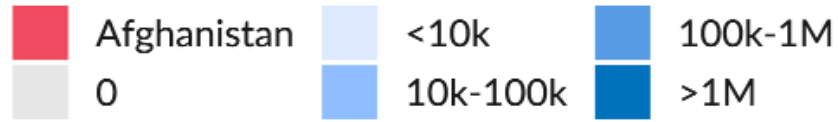
2,486,800 TOTAL NUMBER OF STATELESS PERSONS
 1,236,100 TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-DISPLACED STATELESS PERSONS
 1,250,700 TOTAL NUMBER OF DISPLACED STATELESS PERSONS



* The latest official statistics is at mid-2023

Afghanistan Situation

Top 10 Countries Hosting Afghan Refugees, People in Refugee-like Situations and Asylum-Seekers Globally | mid-2023



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Pakistan-Afghanistan Returns Emergency Response



531,400

total returns¹



81,400

UNHCR-assisted



30,100

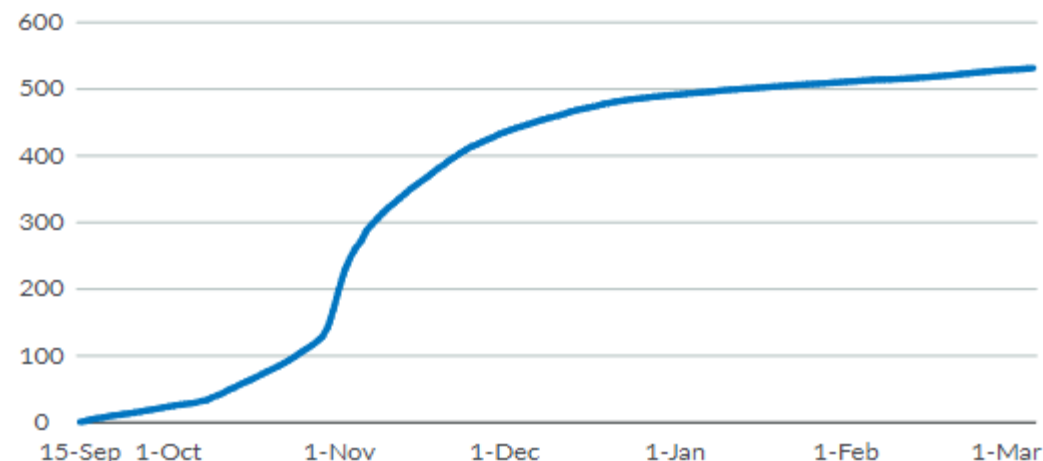
deportations

On 3 October 2023, Pakistan's national Apex Committee endorsed a plan to repatriate over a million foreigners without valid documents, largely Afghans, requiring them to leave the country by 1 November.

Since 15 September 2023, over half a million Afghans have returned to Afghanistan.

Total returns since 15 September 2023²

Number of people (thousands)

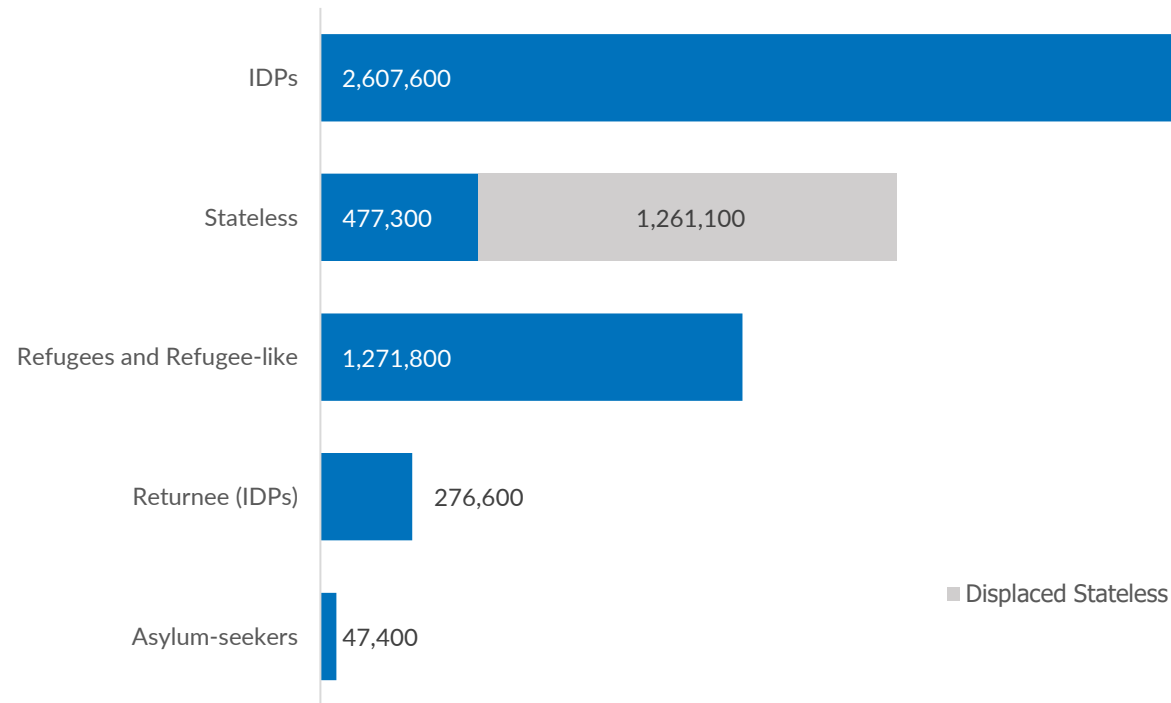


UNHCR has assisted over 81,000 individuals, including 47,000 PoR (Proof of Registration) cardholders, of which 27,300 were assisted via UNHCR voluntary repatriation programme.

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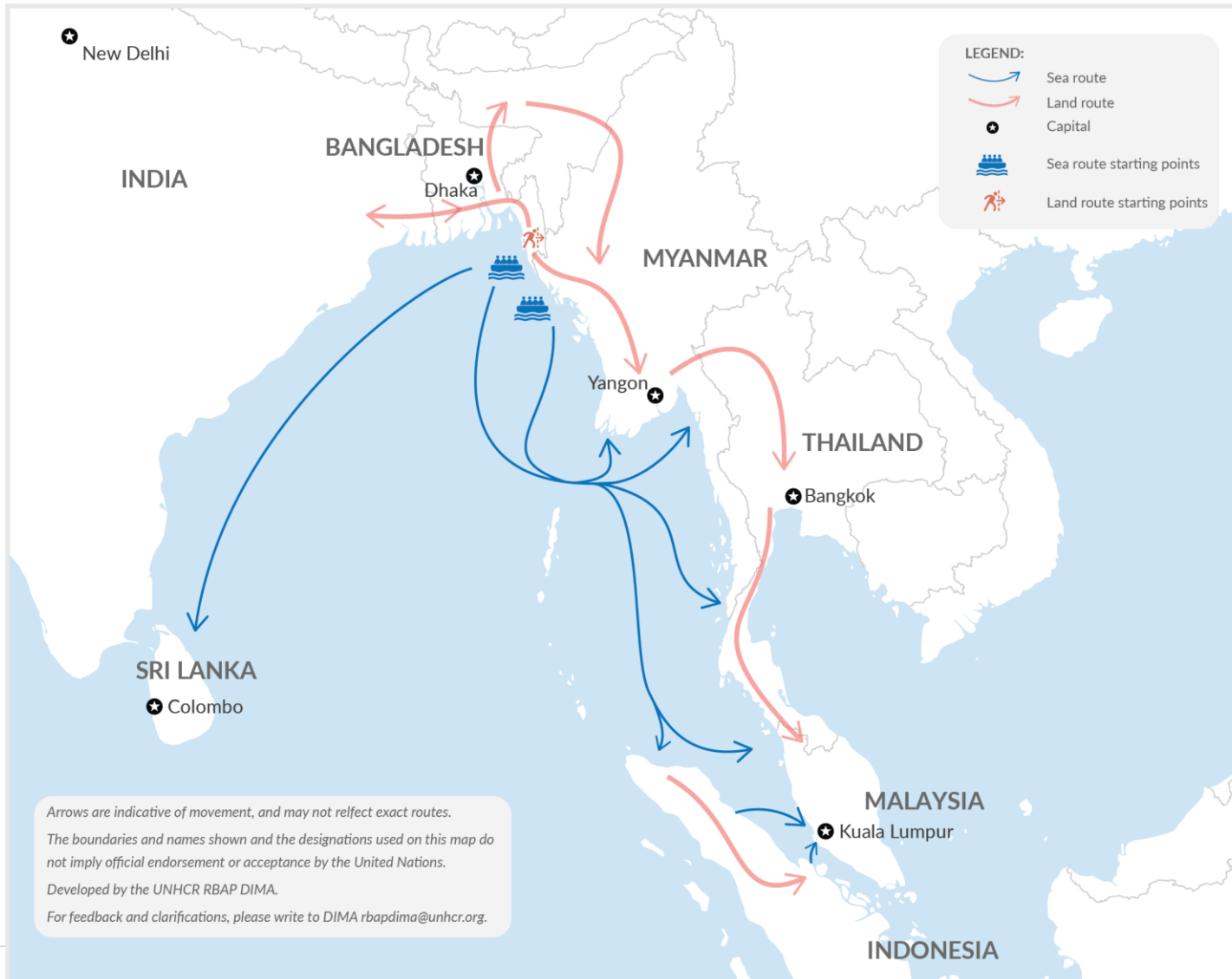
Myanmar Situation | 2023



4.7 M

People with and for whom
UNHCR works from Myanmar
in Asia and the Pacific region

Rohingya Refugees Fleeing Over Land and Sea (Jan 2022 – Dec 2023)



7,300 Rohingya refugees attempted the **land journey**



8,200 Rohingya refugees attempted the **sea journey on 22 boats**

Triangulation of information and sources is performed on a continuous basis. Therefore, amendments in figures may occur, including retroactively.

For more details

<https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/101659>

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