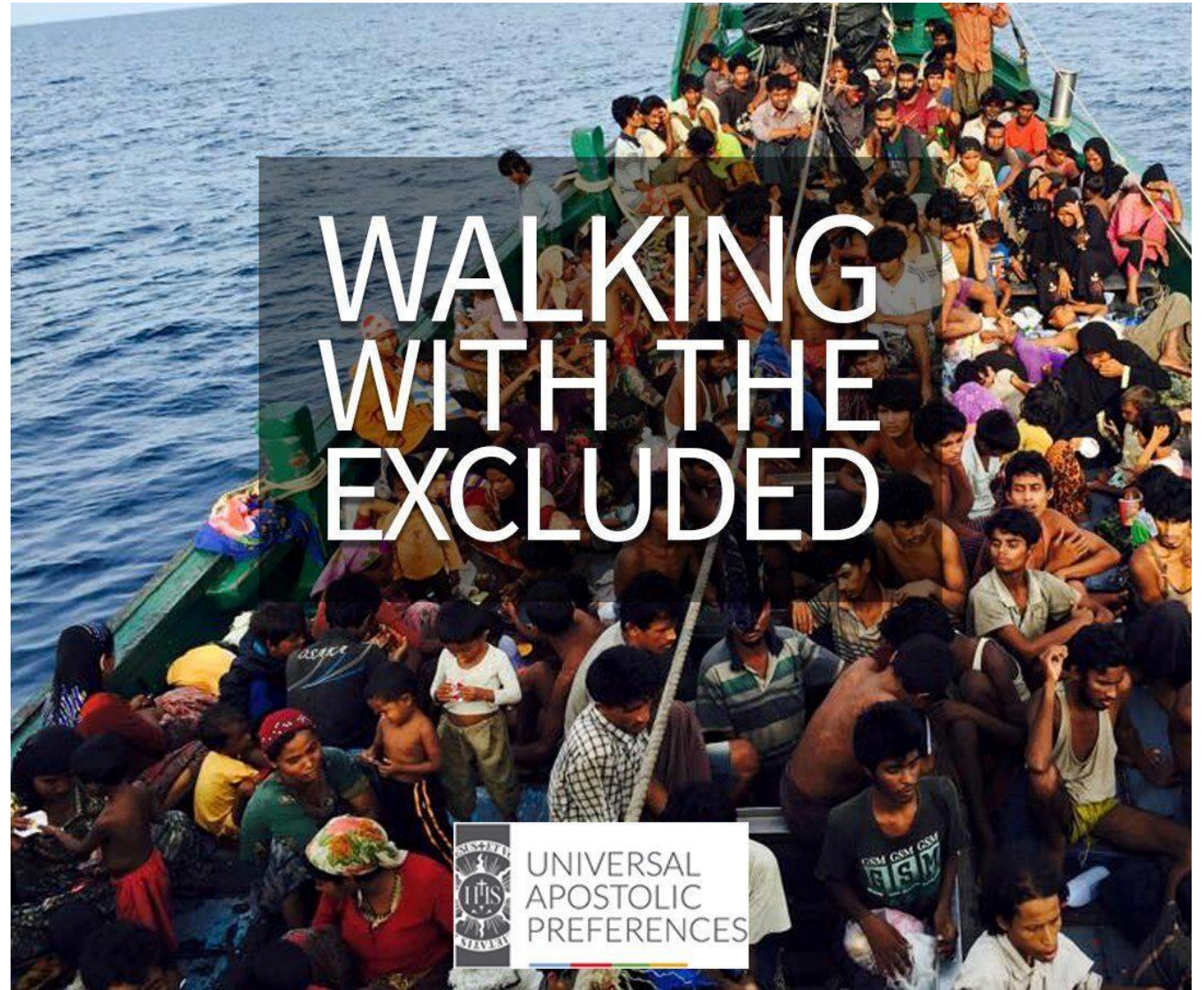




# UPA 2: “Walking with the Excluded”.

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What does walking with the excluded mean for us?



## Walking with the Excluded.

- Walk alongside the poor, the vulnerable, the excluded and those whom society considers worthless, in a mission of reconciliation and justice.



## A Refugee story – 1

- **1979: a boat-person: journey by boat to Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur.**
- **19 days at Sea: ran out of supplies.**



## A Refugee story - 2

- One boy aged 10 died at sea
- *"Will my brother be next?"*
- *"What about me?"*



## A Refugee story - 3

- Malaysia Refugee Camp for 1 year.
- **“Sitting-duck”**: not very nice being in **“Limbo”**!
- **You** just **wait, wait & wait** to be called to meet an official for an interview.
- No education, no parents & survival of the **‘fittest’** is common in a refugee camp.



# A Refugee story - 4

- Arrived in Australia in 1980.
- Re-united with my family.



# Challenges faced by Refugees

- Being “**locked-up**” in a camp that is worse than a prison.
- Being treated like “**Criminals**”.
- Not knowing where your “future” lies.





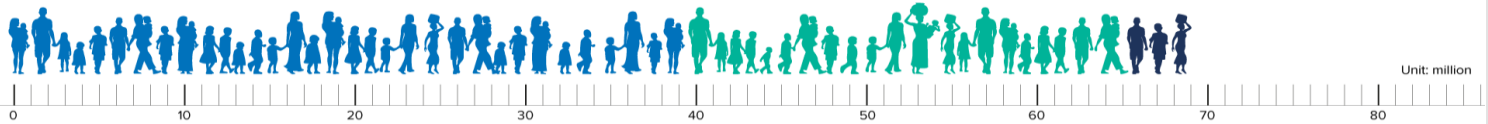
# Difficulties for Today's Refugees

- No country want to welcome them.
- They are considered not *"human beings"*



# Statistics on Refugees

**68.5 million** forcibly displaced people worldwide



Internally Displaced People  
**40 million**

Refugees  
**25.4 million**

19.9 million under UNHCR mandate  
5.4 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

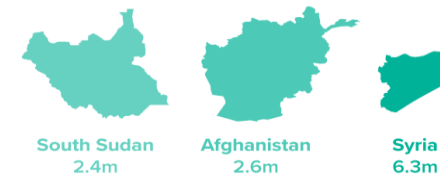
Asylum-seekers  
**3.1 million**

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted

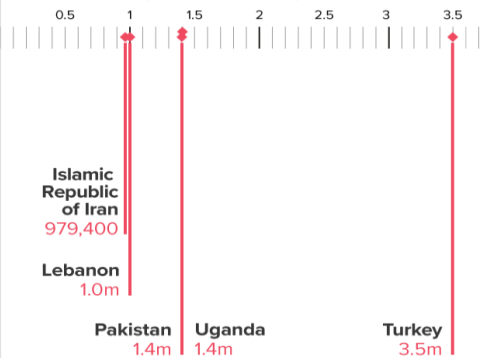


85 per cent of the world's displaced people are in developing countries

**57%** of refugees worldwide came from three countries



Top refugee-hosting countries



**10 million** stateless people



**102,800** Refugees resettled

**44,400** people a day forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution

**16,765** personnel  
UNHCR employs 16,765 people worldwide (as of 30 November 2018)

**138** countries  
We work in 138 countries (as of 30 November 2018)

We are funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions, with 87 per cent from governments and the European Union and 10 per cent from private donors

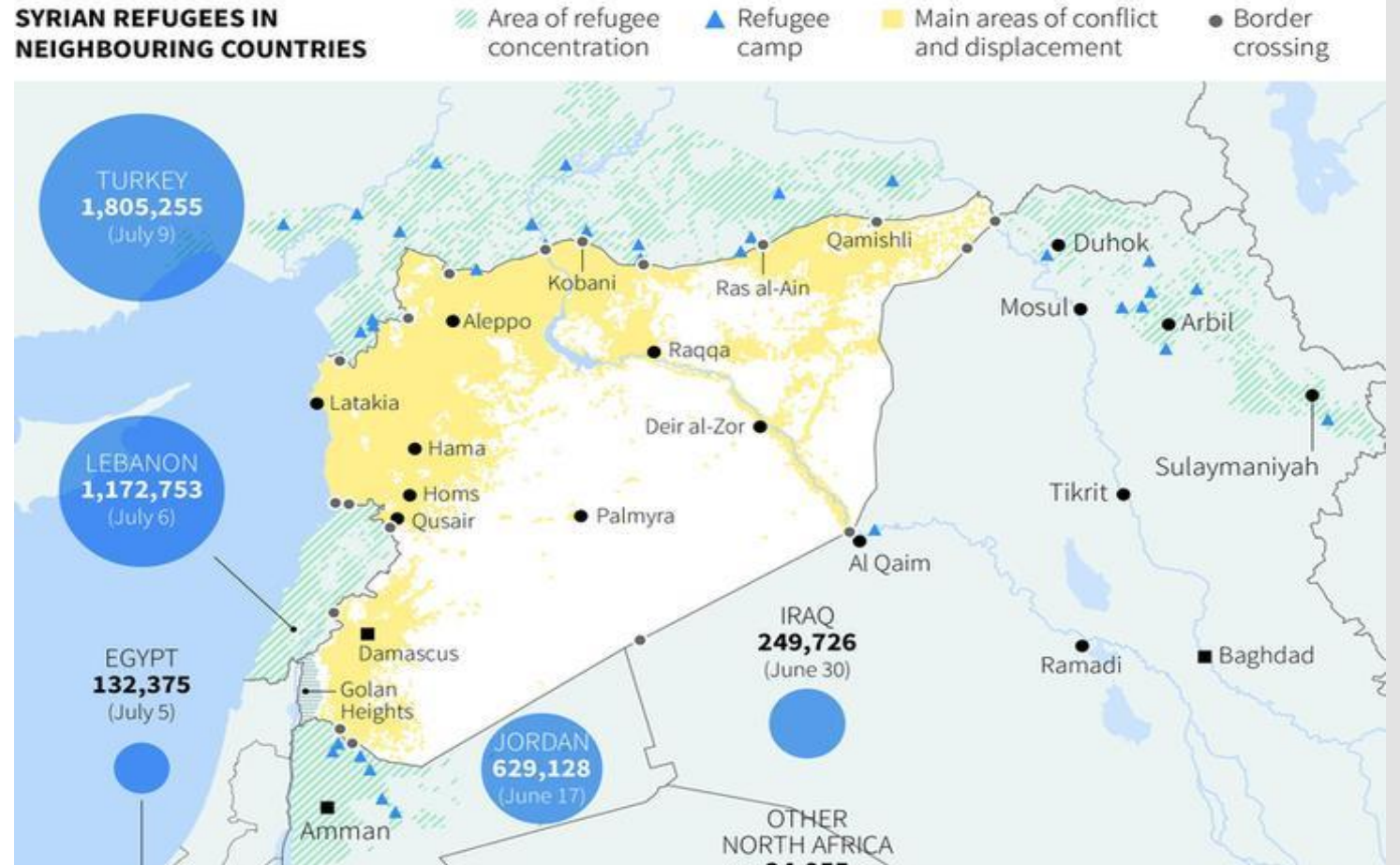
# Hosting Countries of Syrian Refugees



## Syrian refugee crisis

Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey are hosting more than four million Syrian refugees, according to the latest UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) data.

### SYRIAN REFUGEES IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES



# The Excluded in Cambodia

(a) Montagnard people – Vietnam



# The Excluded in Cambodia

(b) Floating Village people: Vietnam





## The Excluded in Cambodia

(c) Asylum Seekers: Africa, Uighurs ethnic minority-China, etc.

# The Excluded in Cambodia

## (d) People with Disabilities

*“In Cambodia people with disabilities are invisible.”*



# The Excluded in Cambodia

## (e) People with HIV





# God's Dream

- Jesus suffers and is crucified in and with His people, especially the little ones.
- He takes the hands of the excluded, abused and vulnerable.
- He says to them "*Come, inherit the Kingdom*". We are all God's children.



# Our Response

- We desire a conversion in our own hearts, that makes us alive and sensitive to the suffering Christ in our midst.
- Our communities desire to be more hospitable and open, learning how to live more deeply in the Spirit of Jesus, a Spirit that welcomes.



**Jesus'  
Response**

**Luke 10:25-29. The parable of the Good Samaritan.**

**“Go and Do Likewise”**

## Jesus' Response

### Matthew 8:1-4. The healing of the Leper.

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. *“I am willing,”* he said. *“Be clean!”*

Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

## Questions for Personal Reflection

- 40 years ago: people welcomed us with open-arms.
- Our family were one of the "lucky-ones" – WHY?
- If we are Refugees **NOW** – we would be treated so different!
- I wouldn't be here and I wouldn't be helping the poor & less-privileged.

