

# Global Trends Report, 2022

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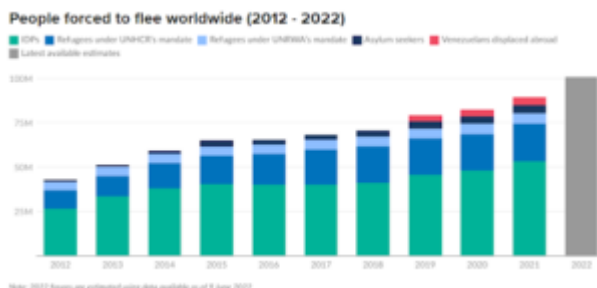
**In news-** The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has recently published the 2022 annual Global Trends Report on World Refugee Day by the UN.

## Key highlights of the report-

- UNHCR's Global Trends report **presents key statistical trends and the latest numbers of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced and stateless persons** worldwide as well as numbers of people who have returned to their countries or areas of origin.
- The **report is published once a year and reflects on the previous year.**
- The figures are based on data reported by governments, NGOs and UNHCR.
- According to the report, on Earth, **1 in every 78 people is now displaced.**
- There were **23.7 million new internal displacements worldwide**, due to disasters. It is a decrease of 23 percent compared to last year.
- The **largest displacement occurred in China in 2021 (6 million), the Philippines (5.7 million), and India (4.9 million).**
- **5.9 million people across the world remained displaced at the end of 2021 due to disasters.**
- The number of people who were forced to flee their homes has increased in the past decade and stands at the highest level since records started.
- By the end of May 2022, more than 100 million **people were forcibly displaced worldwide. The reasons cited are violence, war in Ukraine, food insecurity, human rights abuses, climate crisis, and other emergencies from Africa to Afghanistan.**
- The report, however, notes that the **impact of climate**

**change on displacement is not uniform.**

- Importantly, the **Russian invasion of Ukraine has caused the fastest and largest forced displacement crises after World War II** from Africa to Afghanistan and beyond.
- **In India's case, the report points out that around five million people were internally displaced.** The reason cited is **due to disasters and climate change in 2021.**
- **Low and middle-income countries hosted 83% of the world's refugees and Turkey** hosted nearly 3.8 million refugees, the **largest** population worldwide.
- The number of **new individual asylum applications registered globally in 2021 increased by 25% to 1.4 million from 1.1 million** but it is less than pre-pandemic levels.
- Also, **Unaccompanied or separated children (UASC) accounted for two percent of new asylum claims.**
- **The U.S. was the most popular choice among refugees to seek asylum,** followed by Germany, Mexico, Costa Rica, and France.



## **World Refugee Day-**

- June 20 is designated as World Refugee Day by the UN.
- The day was first established on 20 June 2001, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.
- The **1951 Refugee Convention acknowledges a refugee as an individual who is unable to return to their country of origin owing to the founded fear of being affected by their race, religion, participation of a social group or in different political opinions.**

- The theme for World Refugee Day 2022 is whoever, whatever, whenever. (Everyone has got a right to seek safety).
- The event aims to recognise the strength of the refugees who have fled the conflict and persecution of their country in hope of finding sanctuary and living a better life.
- World Refugee Day builds the concept of understanding for their plight which shows one's resilience and courage in the rebuilding of their future.

### **About United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)-**

- UNHCR, **a United Nations agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights,** and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.
- The body assists them in their voluntary repatriation, resettlement or local integration.
- Headquarter of UNHCR is in **Geneva, Switzerland.**
- **The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol are the key legal documents that form the basis of UNHCR.**
- The 1951 convention finds its roots in Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948.
- It states that everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy asylum from persecution in other countries.
- **Established in 1954, the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award honours individuals,** groups and organizations who go above and beyond the call of duty to protect refugees, as well as displaced and stateless people.
- **The Winner of UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award for 2021 was the Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development (JAAHD),** a humanitarian organization providing emergency services to internally displaced people in northern Yemen.