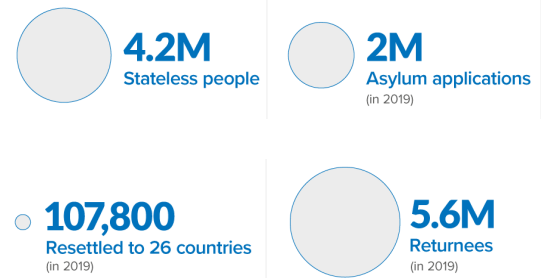
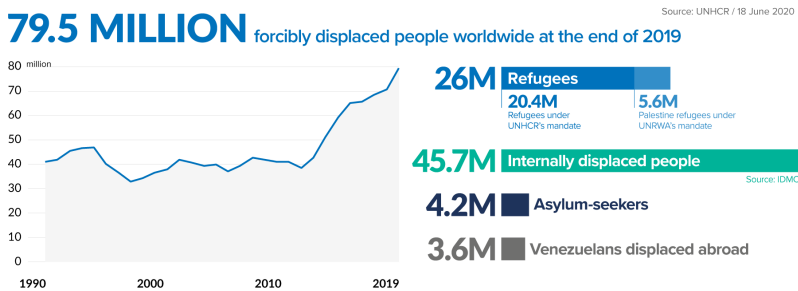


UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



WHAT IS UNHCR

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.



Source: *UNHCR Figures at a Glance*

UNHCR AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The experience of displacement or statelessness enhances the need for protection under international, regional and national human rights frameworks. UNHCR's engagement with human rights systems helps to ensure that the protection of refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons and stateless persons is integrated into human rights discourse.

Reports and recommendations from human rights mechanisms, such as UN Special Rapporteurs, serve as valuable resources for UNHCR field operations in carrying out their protection and advocacy work on behalf of displaced and stateless persons. At the international level, UNHCR is regularly engaged with the Human Rights Council, the Universal Periodic Review process, the Special Procedures and the Treaty Bodies, as highlighted in [Human Rights Engagement Strategy: 2020-2023](#).

UNHCR AND WASH

Emergency Situations

UNHCR focuses on improved timely provision of lifesaving WASH services to those fleeing conflict and persecutions.

Protracted Situations

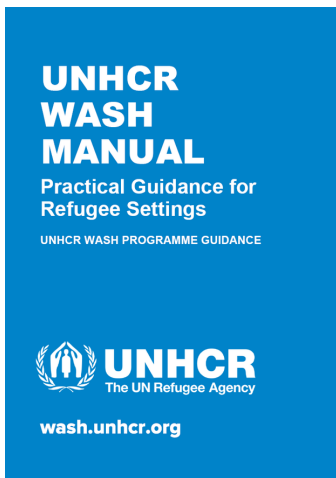
UNHCR focuses on improving long term access to WASH services by adopting cost efficient, environmentally sustainable technology solutions and encouraging inclusion of refugee WASH service provision with national structures.



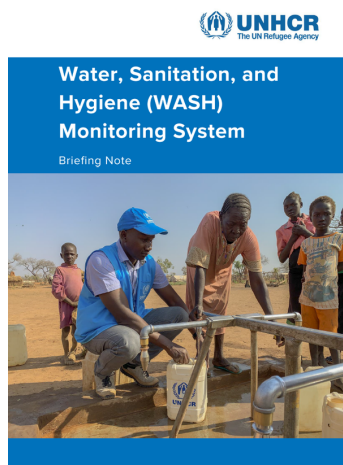
- SDG 6.1: UNHCR aims at providing affordable and drinking water for refugees and internally displaced people as well as raising awareness through policy making and advocacy on the importance of taking migration into account when discussing water management.
- SDG 6.2: UNHCR aims at providing access to hygiene and sanitation services in addition to end open defecation for displaced communities.

PUBLICATIONS

WASH Manual for Refugee Settings



WASH Monitoring Systems for Refugee Settings



[WASH Data Platform](#)

[WASH Guidelines and Forms for Refugee Settings](#)

[WASH Technical Designs for Refugee Settings](#)

THE WAY FORWARD

In the first 3 years of my mandate, I plan to focus on the impact of climate change on the human rights to water and sanitation. Access to water and sanitation for displaced persons, including those displaced by climate change and disasters, will be at the center of my work. Related to this topic, I would like to have a permanent dialogue with UNHCR.

Pedro Arrojo-Agudo,
UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

*The Special Rapporteur held a meeting with UNHCR representatives on 13 January 2021

