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# **A world on the move? Population mobility in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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## Overview

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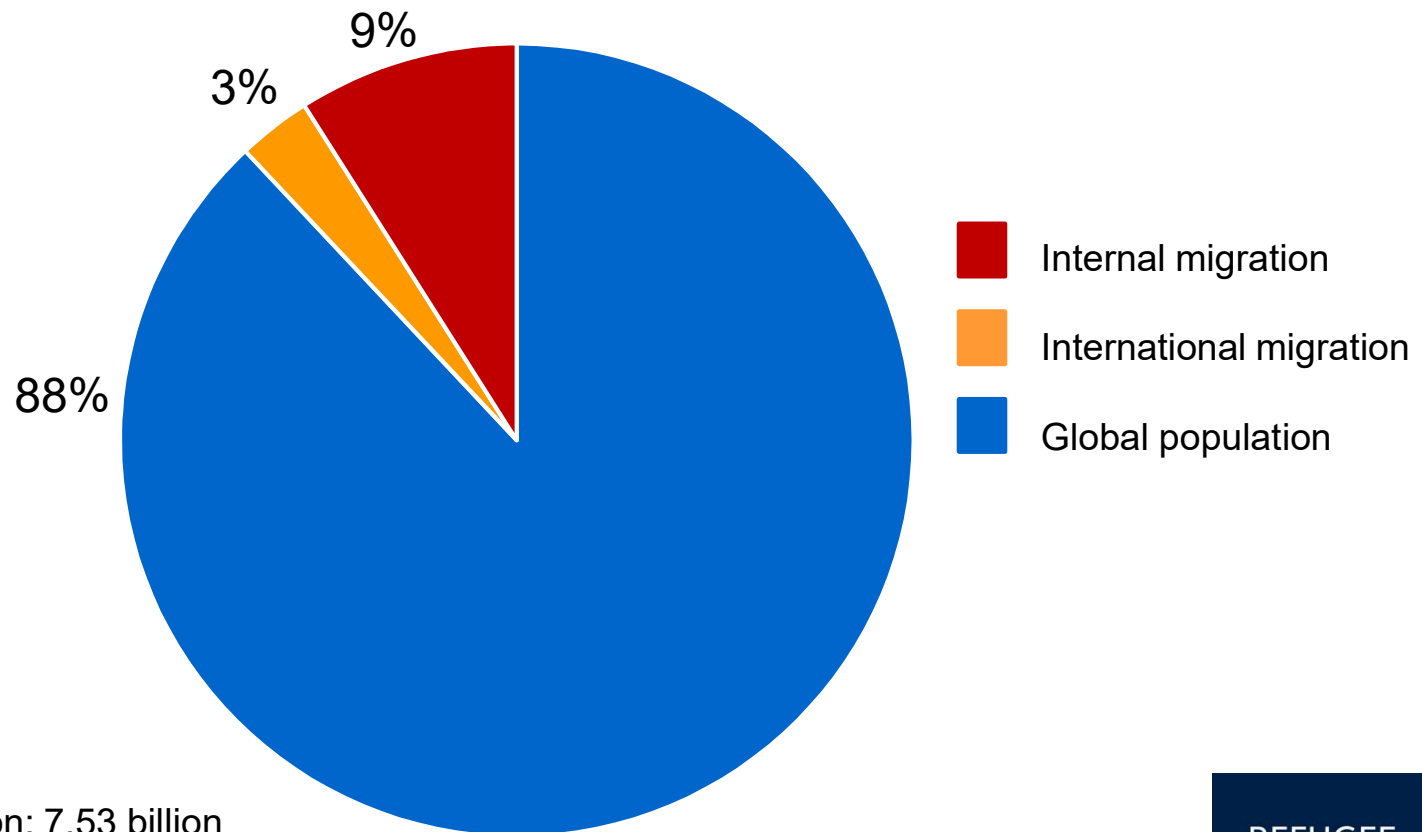
- **Global mobility in numbers**
- **Out of Africa – a proactive continent**
- **New concepts:**
  - forced displacement dynamics
  - humanitarian-development nexus
- **Implications for Finland**

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# 1. Global mobility in numbers

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## International migration 2015



World population: 7.53 billion  
Internal migration: c 740 million  
International migration: 250 million

Source: International Migration Report 2015, UN-DESA

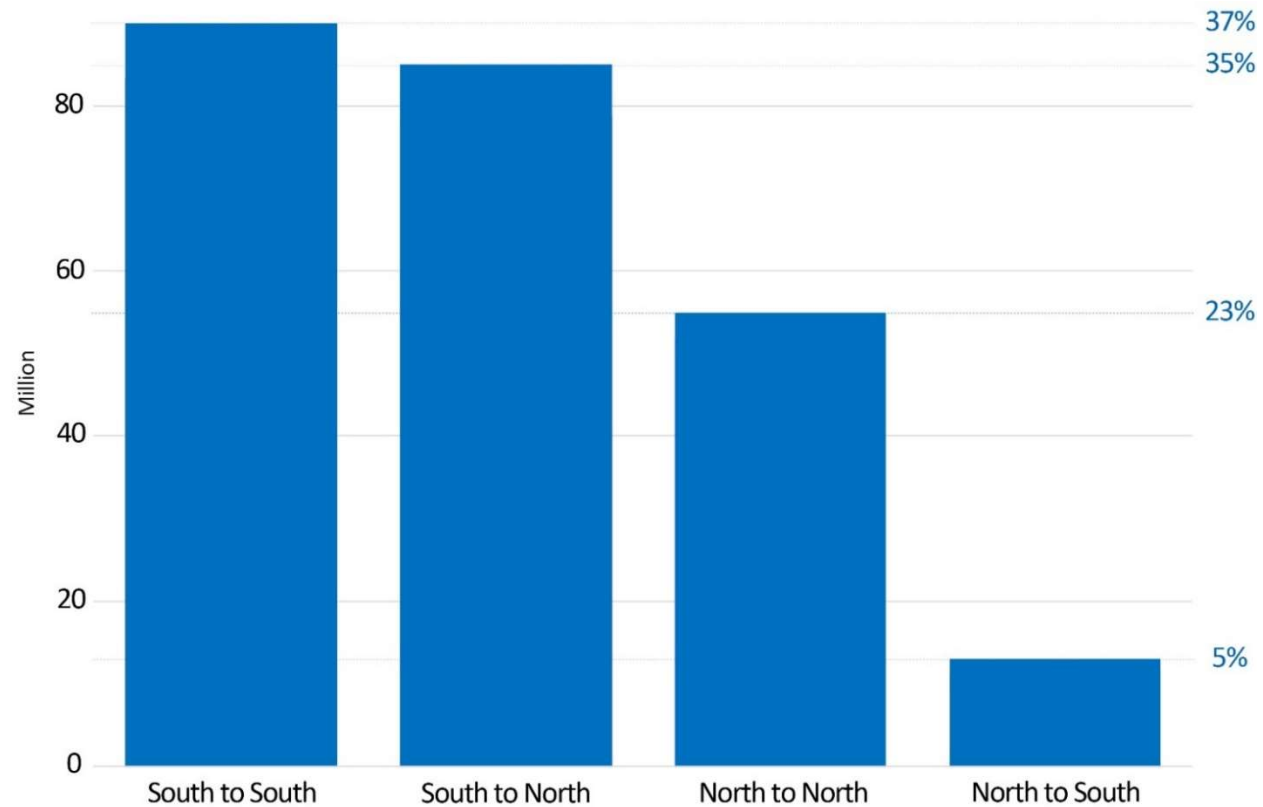
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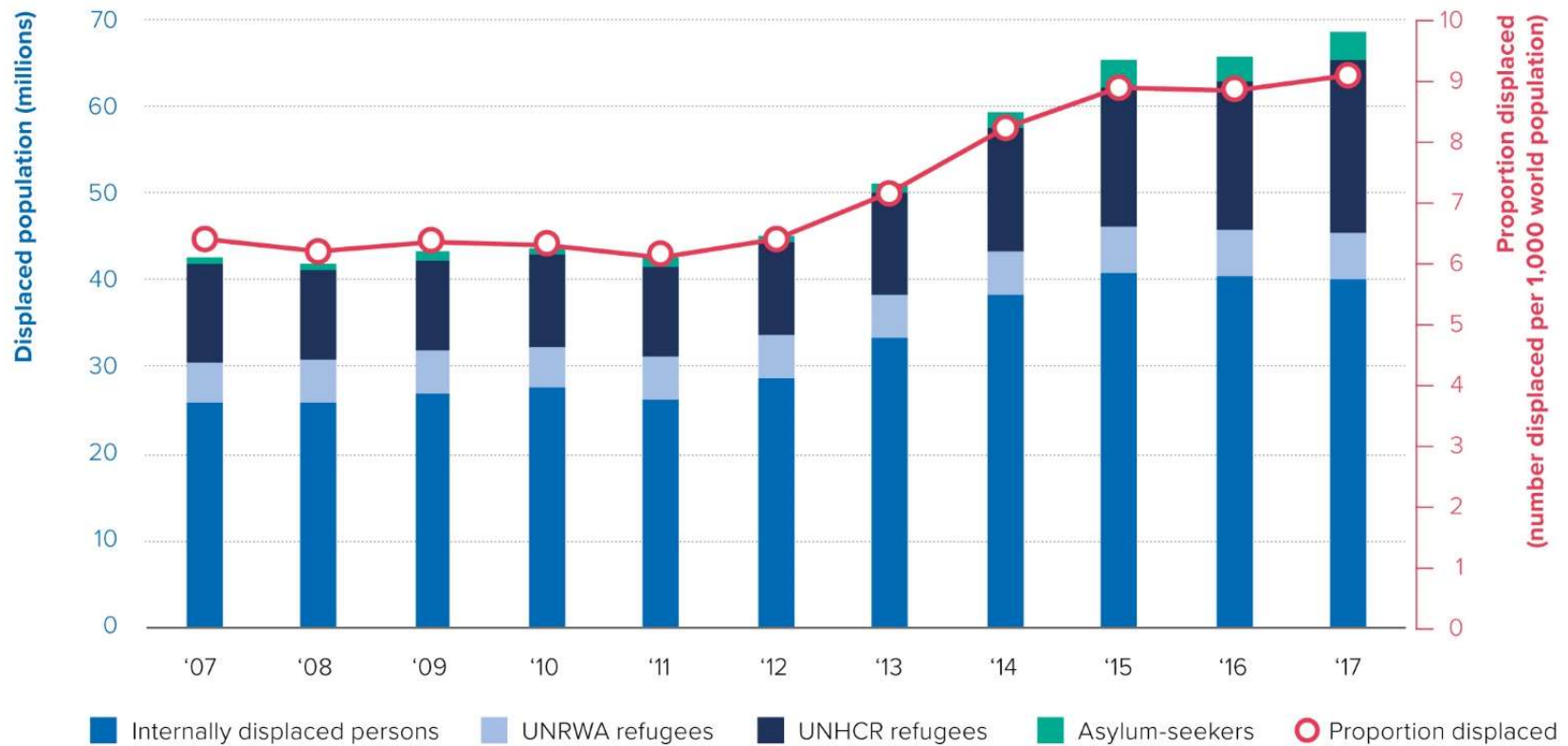
## Forced displacement 2017



Source: Global Trends: Forced Displacement in 2017, UNHCR

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## Trend of forced displacement 2007-2017



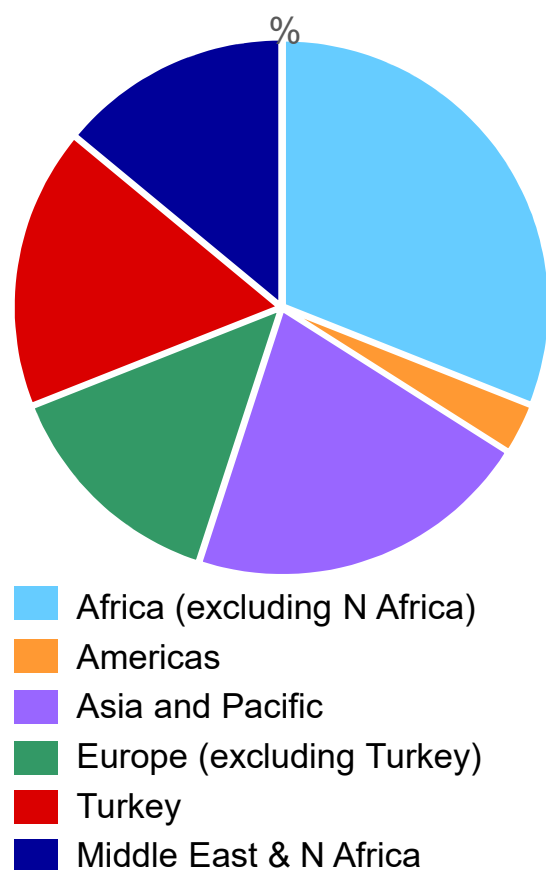
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## Refugee population UNHCR regions 2017

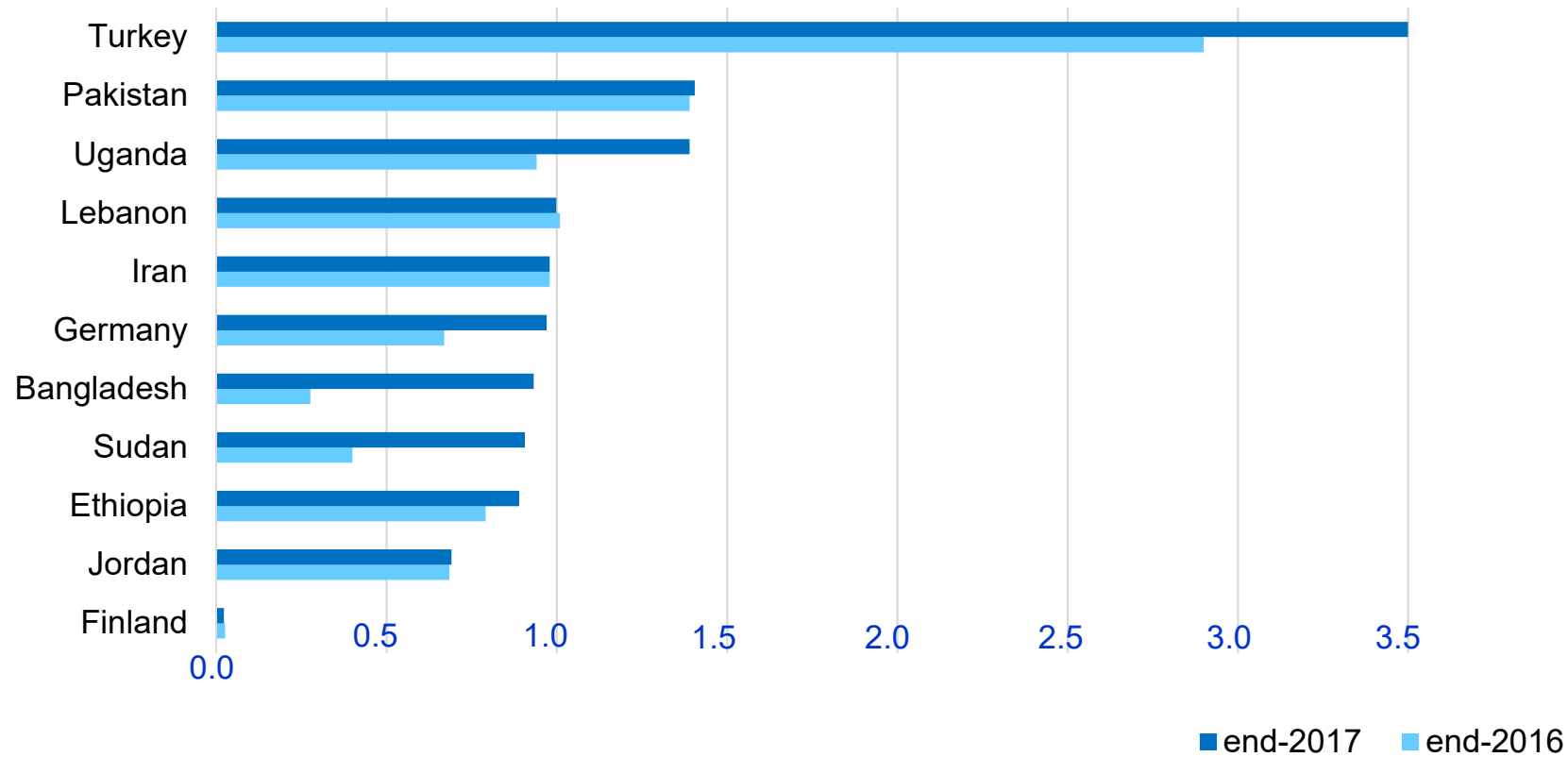


UNHCR region	No. refugees	%
Africa (excluding North Africa)	6,268,200	31
Americas	644,200	3
Asia and Pacific	4,209,700	21
Europe (excluding Turkey)	2,262,000	14
Turkey	3,480,300	17
Middle East and North Africa	2,704,900	14
Total	19,941,300	100

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## Host countries



## Refugee population (millions)

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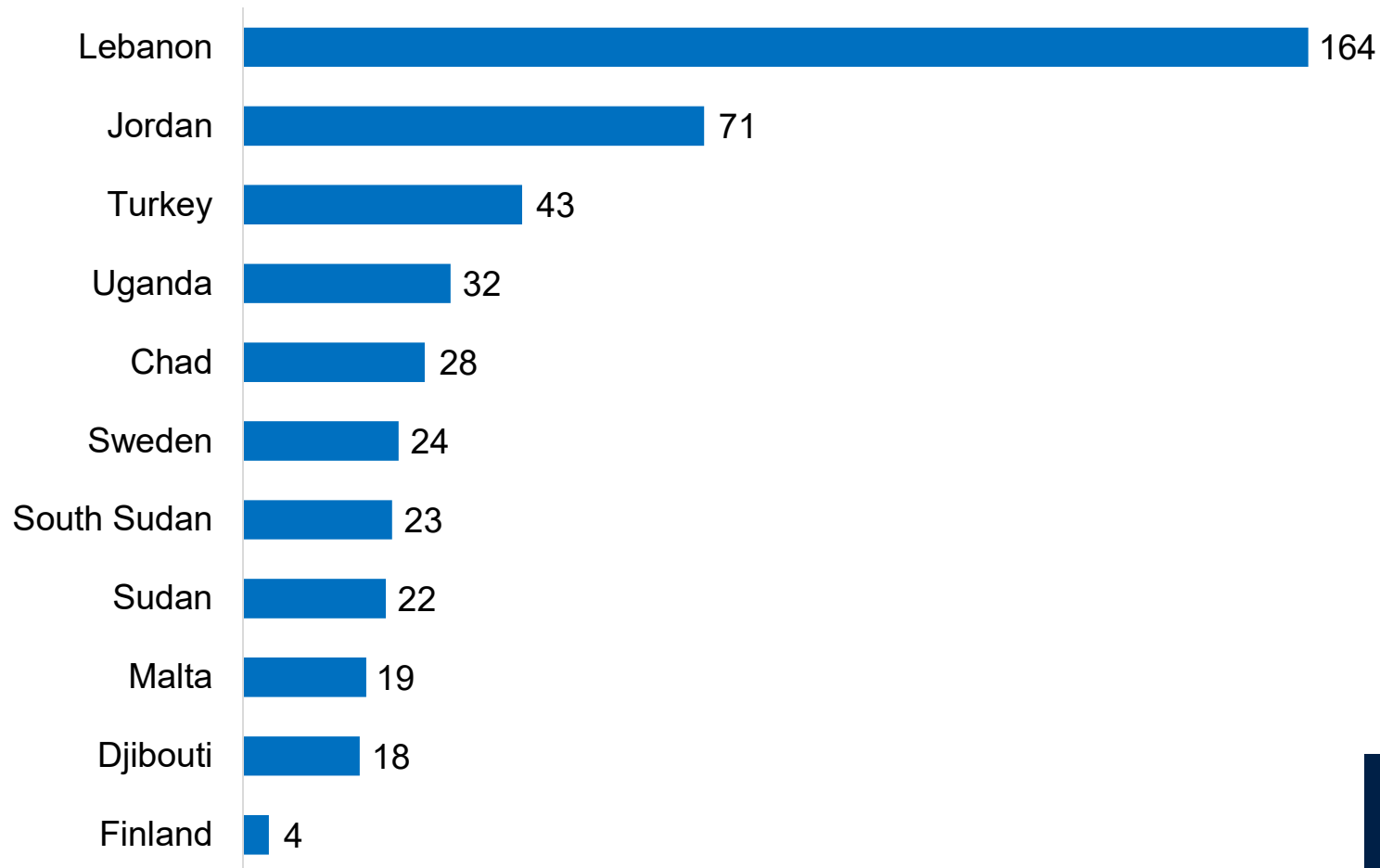


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## Refugees/000 popln



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	Popln [mlns]	Refugees* [mlns]	%	GDP** [\$000/pc]
<b>Finland (actual)</b>	5.5	23,000	0.45	45.7
<b>Finland:Jordan</b>		<b>401,000</b> <b>775,000</b>	7.3 15	4.1
<b>Finland:Lebanon</b>		<b>935,000</b> <b>1,265,000</b>	17 23	8.8

\* UNHCR 2018, refugees and asylum seekers

\*\* World Bank 2017

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## 2. Out of Africa – a proactive continent

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### *Continental level*

- AU the leading inter-governmental body
- OAU 1969 Refugee Convention
- Kampala Convention 2009 on IDPs
- 2019 AU Summit 2019 and ‘Year of Refugees, IDPs and Returnees’
  
- AU-EU-UN Task Force on Libya

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### *Regional progress*

- **ECOWAS - free movement of protocol**
- **IGAD - environmental mobility, early warning platform for conflict/displacement**
- **SADC - developing common responses to climate change displacement**
- **Rwanda and Uganda**

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## 3. New concepts – FD [and HDN]

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### ▪ Forced displacement

#### Drivers

- Existential threats
- Armed conflict and violence
- Environmental degradation and climate change
- Disasters

#### Key points

- Multi-causal and complex drivers of displacement – challenges premises of EU Agenda
- Substantial numbers of forcibly displaced in need of protection and assistance, but who *fall outside the defining characteristic of the 1951 Geneva Convention*

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### Patterns and processes of displacement and mobility

- Episodic movement
- IDPs
- Urban not camps
- Irregular migration and mixed movements

### Key points

- Non-linear, non origin->destination-static
- Protracted

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## 3. New concepts – [FD and] HDN

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### ▪ HDN

#### The Challenges

- Protracted displacement – sustainable livelihoods and protection
- Refugees and hosts
- Responsibility sharing

#### Global developments

- World Humanitarian Summit 2015, NY Declaration 2016, Global Compact on Refugees, Global Compact on Migration

#### The HDN approach

- Complementarity between humanitarian and development programming, funding, time scales and priorities
- Transition, coherence between short term emergency assistance and sustainable, resilience-building development
- Forcibly displaced people and their host communities

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## 4. Implications for Finland - MFA

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- **Decouple development and migration policies**
- **On forced displacement**
- **On protracted displacement – making connections**
- **HDN a valuable analytical tool for MFA development policy**
- **The humanitarian-peace-development triple nexus – a new ‘niche’ for Finland?**





*Thank you*  
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