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5 countries account for 2/3 of the world's refugee population

6.6M Syria

3.6M Venezuela

2.7M Afghanistan 2.3M South Sudan 1.0M Myanmar

Venezuelan refugees were the largest group of new asylum seekers in 2020



Turkey hosts the largest number of refugees, followed by Colombia, Pakistan, Uganda, and Germany.



85% of the global refugee population is hosted in developing countries



The COVID-19 pandemic had a complex impact in creating or amplifying protection needs worldwide and impeding access to safety



Resettlement programmes came to near standstill due to travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic



The pandemic provided the opportunity for countries to make further advances in digitalisation to increase efficiency in the asylum procedure

Sources: EASO and data from UNCHR

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