



# Executive Summary

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COVID-19 leaves few lives and places untouched. But its impact is harshest for those groups who were already in vulnerable situations before the crisis. This is particularly true for many people on the move, such as migrants in irregular situations, migrant workers with precarious livelihoods, or working in the informal economy, victims of trafficking in persons as well as people fleeing their homes because of persecution, war, violence, human rights violations or disaster, whether within their own countries – internally displaced persons (IDPs) – or across international borders – refugees and asylum-seekers.

The disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people on the move presents itself as three interlocking crises, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities.<sup>1</sup>

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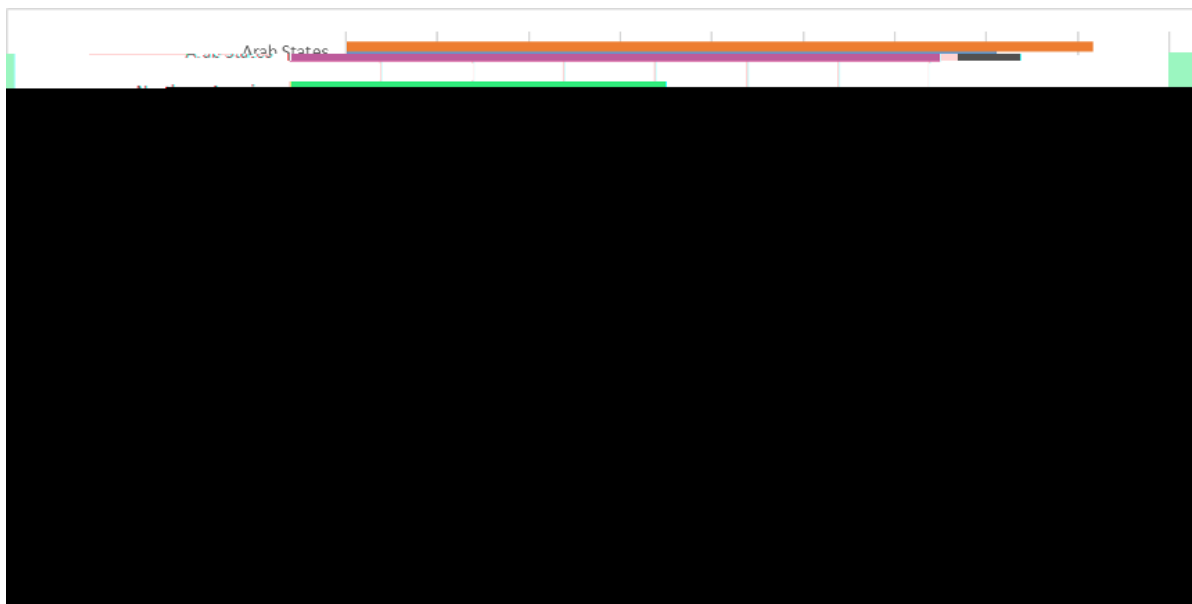
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Source: ILO

# Migrants, Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in Numbers

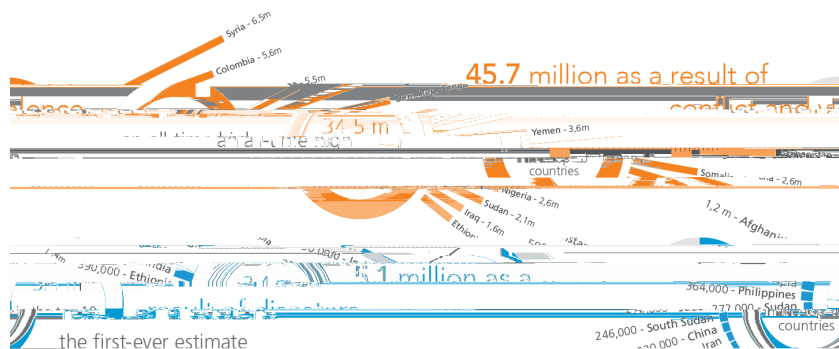
The number of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) has reached a record high of 82.5 million in 2020, up from 79.7 million in 2019. This is due to a combination of factors, including the ongoing conflict in Syria, the displacement of Rohingya in Myanmar, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of IDPs has increased by 10 million since 2015, and is now the highest in the world's history.



Source: UNHCR<sup>3</sup>

The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) has reached a record high of 45.7 million in 2020, up from 41.5 million in 2019. This is due to a combination of factors, including the ongoing conflict in Syria, the displacement of Rohingya in Myanmar, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of IDPs has increased by 10 million since 2015, and is now the highest in the world's history.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS



Source: Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre<sup>4</sup>

3 UNHCR (2019), UNHCR Global Trends Report, available at: <https://www.unhcr.org/dach/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2019/06/2019-06-07-Global-Trends-2018.pdf>

4 Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) (2020), Global Report on Internal Displacement (2020), available at: <https://www.internal-displacement.org/publications/2020-global-report-on-internal-displacement>

# 1. The health and humanitarian impact

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People on the move in vulnerable situations are particularly exposed to the health impact of COVID-19. Many live or work in crowded or unsanitary conditions where COVID-19 can easily spread. Their access to health may be compromised, particularly when they are undocumented or excluded. They also often lack access to other basic services – from housing to water and sanitation, from food to social services and from education to social protection.

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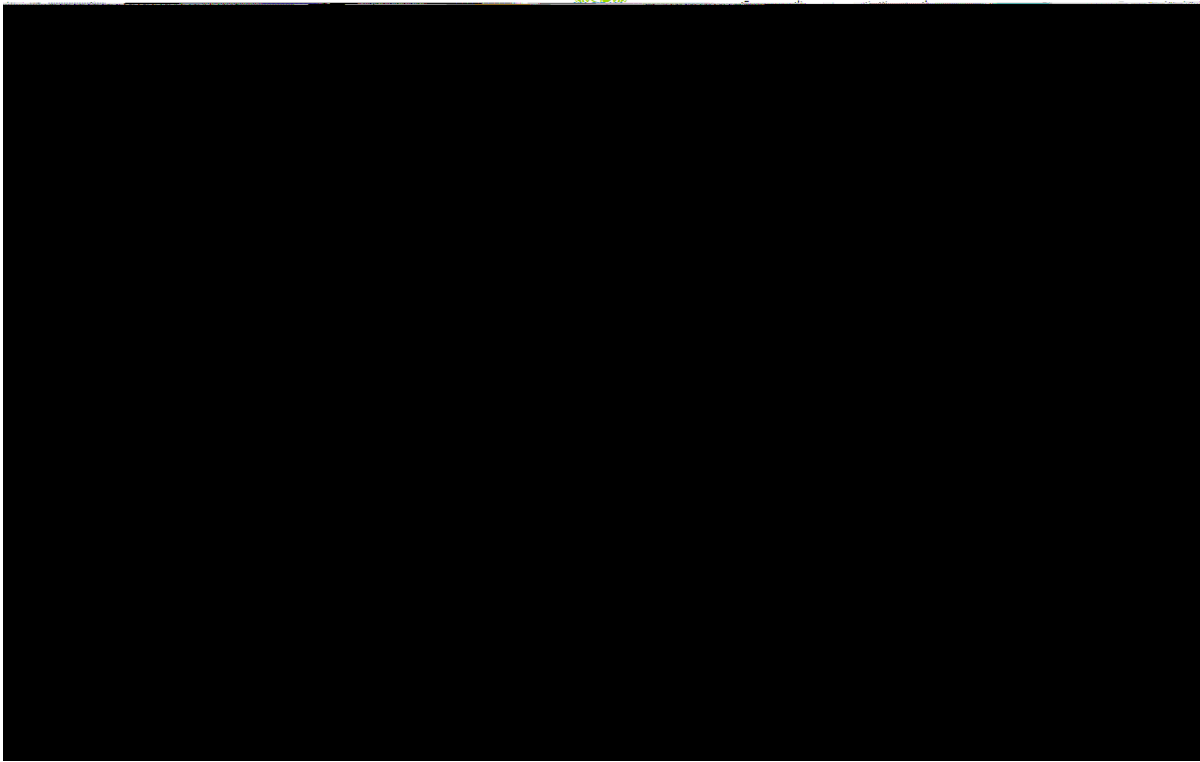


## 2. The socio-economic impact

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Necessary lockdowns, travel bans, and physical distancing have brought many economic activities around the world to a severe slowdown, causing a global recession. According to the International Monetary Fund, the world economy is expected to contract by 3 per cent in 2020. Even countries with extremely low infection rates will be severely hit by this economic crisis. The World Bank estimates that COVID-19 could push-up to 60 million people into extreme poverty in 2020 alone.<sup>15</sup>

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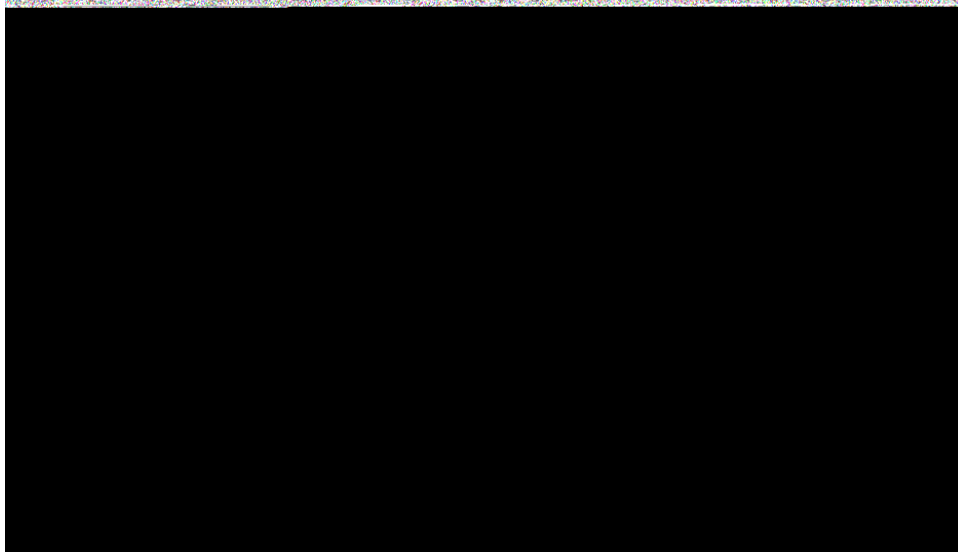
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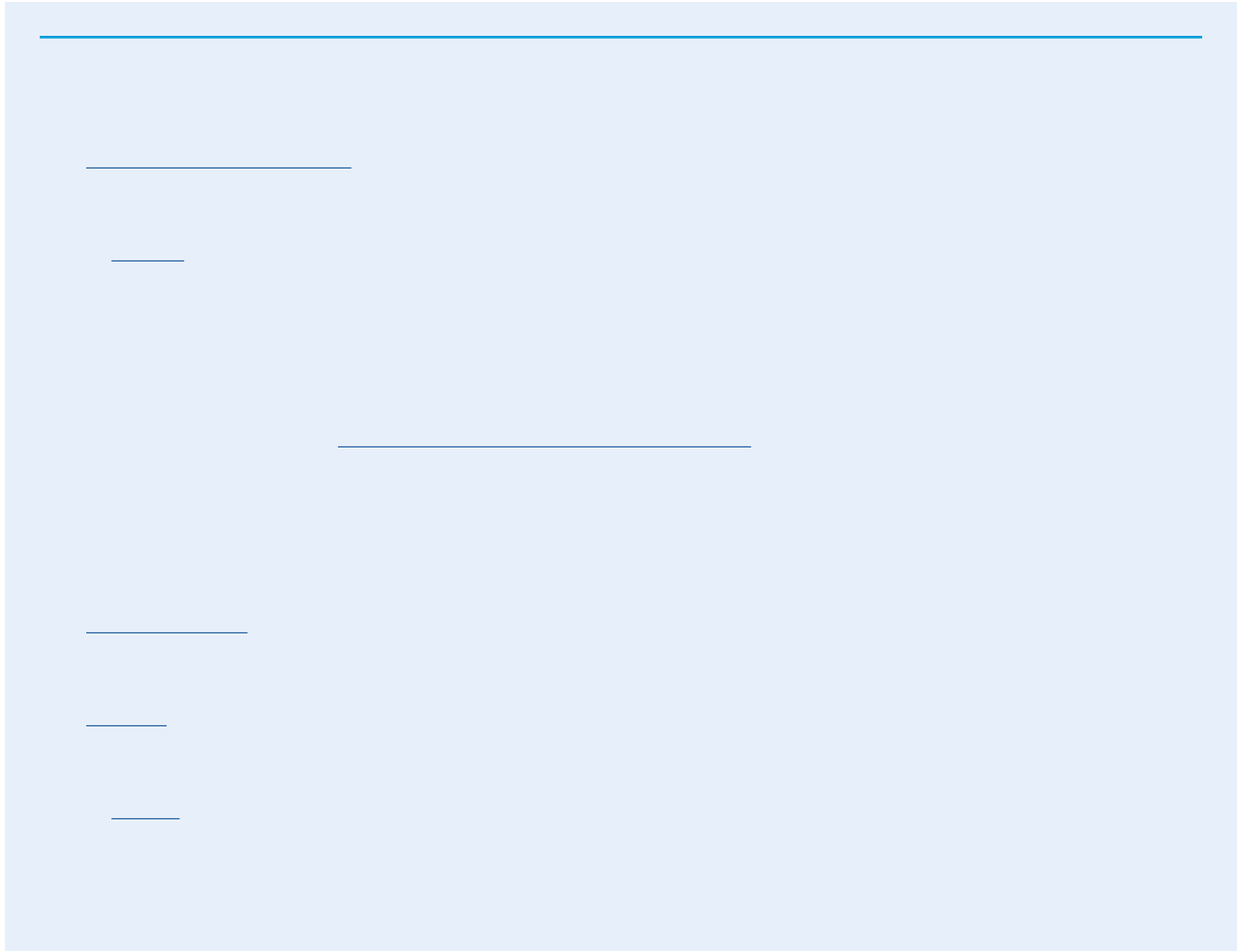
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to evaluate the positive contributions of people on the move to societies and the critical role of migration in countries of destination more broadly. The recognition of academic and professional skills and the full potential of migrants and refugees.

to continue to live in protracted displacement. The response to COVID-19 has the potential to strengthen efforts to end protracted displacement and support durable solutions, through economic and social integration, and to inclusion of displaced persons in development. Level Panel on Internal Displacement to provide recommendations for improving the response and achievement of durable solutions for internal displacement pressing in light of the current pandemic.



# 3. The human rights and protection impact

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As a result of COVID-19 international mobility has been severely constrained with often dramatic implications for people on the move. In an effort to contain COVID-19's spread, countries around the world have implemented border closures, travel restrictions, and lockdowns. As of 21 May

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# 4. The future of human mobility

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# Four basic tenets to advancing safe and inclusive human mobility during and in the aftermath of COVID-19

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