**U.S. Refugee Admissions & Asylum**

We are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record: Nearly 1 person is forcibly displaced every two seconds

70.8 Million People Displaced Globally

- **43.3%** internally displaced people
- **25.9%** asylum seekers
- **3.5%** refugees (majority of whom are women & children)

Source: UNHCR

The U.S. admitted fewer than 54,000 refugees in 2017, at the time the lowest number in a decade. In FY 2018, the president further reduced the refugee admissions ceiling to 45,000 and America admitted less than 23,000 refugees last year. This year, the admissions ceiling is just 30,000, and as of June 30, we have admitted only 21,260 refugees.

The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is usually responsible for designating/recognizing refugee status in international settings. UNHCR refers fewer than 1 percent of all refugees worldwide for resettlement to a third country, usually the most vulnerable, and only when the other two durable solutions – voluntary repatriation (being able to safely go home) or local integration (your host country lets you stay legally) – are not possible. In 2018, the U.S. lost its status as the leading refugee resettlement country. In that year Canada resettled 28,000 refugees, over 5,000 more than the U.S.

**Origin of Refugees arriving in the United States of America (2002 - 2018)**