



## Refugees Digest 12 January 2017

### Refugees, Migrants and Displaced Persons

2017 has dawned and with it dire warnings of a rise in the numbers of displaced persons, the rise in the struggle for scarce resources and in some places an inadequate infrastructure to support them and a decline in the political will to ensure justice for the most vulnerable groups on the face of the earth. A sign of this is that the story contained in the sixth link indicates that three of the ten most fraught humanitarian crises are linked to people on the move. Of importance therefore is the recent document of Pope Francis issued for the World Migrants Day on 15<sup>th</sup> January. This year the Pope focuses on child migrants whom he rightly calls the most vulnerable group.

In September 2016 UNICEF estimated that one in 200 children is a refugee and that children thus constitute more than half the world's refugee population. It was also estimated that 9/10 refugee and migrant children reaching Europe are unaccompanied. In the first five months of 2016 7000 unaccompanied children reached Europe from Africa. At present Syria and Afghanistan produce the most child refugees and the vast majority of child refugees come from a total of 10 countries. Pope Francis calls for protection, integration and the search for long term solutions to be a major part of all advocacy and activism with regard to child refugees.

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