This map shows the territory of destination for both refugees and internally displaced persons. The internal movement of people explains why territories experiencing recent instability can simultaneously be a major destination of displaced people, for example Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2003 there were an estimated 15 million refugees and internally displaced persons. The Middle East and South America are the regions in which most displaced people live; Pakistan, Iran and Germany are the territories that provide asylum to most people from outside their borders.

Territory size shows the global proportion of refugees and internally displaced persons living there.

“I miss my country, the sunshine of my country, its soil, my friends, my [family], the way of life and its incredible simplicity”

Habib Souaidia, 2006

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