In 2003 there were 15 million refugees and internally displaced persons in the world. This map shows the origins of both combined. The origins are the territories these people came from.

The difference between refugees and internally displaced persons is that the former are outside their territory of origin, whilst the latter have stayed within national borders. The movement of these people is based on their “fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion” (UNHCR, 1951).

“...family and friends, your job – everything – all of your memories of life is there – you have to leave everything.”

Akram, 2005