At the margins of survivability: Water stress, climate change, and refugee/IDP camps

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Water @ Wilson: 50 Years of Water, Conflict, and Cooperation
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UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency

68,500,000 people
68,500,000 stories
68,500,000 dreams
68,500,000 journeys
68,500,000 lives uprooted
68,500,000 missed chances
68,500,000 longing for home
68,500,000 unthinkable tragedies
68,500,000 heads full of memories
68,500,000 were displaced in 2017

68.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide

Internally Displaced People
40 million

Refugees
25.4 million
19.9 million under UNHCR mandate
5.4 million Palestinian refugees registered by UNRWA

Asylum-seekers
3.1 million

Source: UNHCR
UNHCR STATISTICS
The World in Numbers

71.44 million persons of concern globally - end of 2017

Source: UNHCR
MSF EMERGENCY REFUGEE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH SUDAN
As of JANUARY 17, 2013

SUDAN
South Kordofan State

Yida Camp 60,000 refugees

Jamam Camp 15,000 refugees

Batil Camp 37,000 refugees

Gendrassa Camp 15,000 refugees

Doro Camp 45,000 refugees

Unity State

Jonglei State

Upper Nile State

Blue Nile State

ETHIOPIA

SOUTH SUDAN

Source: MSF
“…[warming of 2°C] will increase the number of people living under absolute water scarcity by another 40% [to 100%] compared with the effect of population growth alone.”

“Although it has been said that individual climate events cannot be attributed to anthropogenic climate change, a recent assessment by the National Academies of Science concludes that “this is no longer true as an unqualified blanket statement”.

A rising tide
Natural disasters by cause

- **Meteorological:** Storms
- **Hydrological:** Floods, landslides and avalanches
- **Climatological:** Extreme temperatures, droughts, forest fires

Source: Munich Re

https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2017/08/29/weather-related-disasters-are-increasing
you have to understand,
that no one puts their children in a boat
unless the water is safer than the land
no one burns their palms under trains
beneath carriages
no one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck
feeding on newspaper unless the miles travelled
means something more than journey.

- warsan shire