From the results of the analysis, a picture appears that refugees do settle in the wrong places.

This is due to the allocation of refugees in Germany says Lukas Weiden at the Empirica Institut: “On a first level the refugees are allocated to the Länder based on the  Königsteiner Schlüssel - which is based on population and tax revenue shares. On a second level the Länder have their own mechanisms - mainly based on population shares - to allocate them to the counties and municipalities. Hence the refugees should be more or less equally distributed in Germany.”

Another reason migrants seem to congregating in the wrong places may be due to the fact that

refugees behave like domestic migrants explains Weiden. Refugees would move to the same cities, which are already expensive and short in supply, while taking advantage of housing in the rural areas that exist. The potential Objection, that there are no or less jobs in the rural areas is wrong. There are as many and in some areas even more open positions per 1,000 working population (also for lower qualifications) and that's good for refugees.