"We created an index of housing, jobs and safety in German districts. The locations for refugee families are scattered throughout the country away from major cities. ",

Aid and diplomacy in Africa

Average voting alignment with China in UN General assemblies 1998 – 2001 and official development assistance, 2000-2012.

Egypt was the African country that most often voted in line with China, Equatorial Guinea was the least. See how much more these counties would have received if they had:

[“Voted like EQ”, “Actually voted”, “Voted like Egypt”]

official development assistance commitments

Sources: Aid Data

Amount ODA, $M

**The big city bias**

Why refugees in Germany moved to the wrong places?

Last year, many refugee families that came to Germany headed straight to larger cities. This might not have been their best choice. Smaller and more rural areas turn out to be performing better when it comes to open jobs and housing, while may also provide with a greater level of safety. To find out where these districts are located, several dataset have been taken into account. The [Empirica Institut](http://www.empirica-institut.de/) provided the numbers on available housing and district’s open job situation. Data on the number of attacks per Bundesland was counted by the German newspaper [Die Zeit](http://www.zeit.de/index). It also provided the figures for refugees that came to Germany in the first half of 2015.

The data map in the visualization shows the mismatch between the most suitable locations for refugee families identified in the analysis on jobs, housing and recent attacks on refugees per state, and the places refugees moved to in the beginning of 2015.

From the results of our analysis, it appears that refugees do congregate in the wrong places. This is due to government’s ruling how to allocate refugees in Germany, says Lukas Weiden from the research institute Empirica. He explains that refugees simply don't know where these "more liveable" areas are and they have never heard of them. For refugees to have family and the chance to meet acquaintances in rural parts or small cities and towns is also lower. The result is that they end up moving to the same cities, which are already expensive and where housing is short in supply, while taking little advantage of housing in the rural parts.

Akram Alfawakheeri, a Syrian refugee who made it to Germany by the end of May 2015 says in an intervie that he thinks the reason what keeps refugees from relocating to areas in Germany with more housing and job availability and less hostility is that they simply don't know where to go. Most immigrants think that big cities have more opportunities while difficulties in settling and moving would narrow down their options, says Akram. Moving to big cities where family or other countrymen are already waiting to support might make it seem easier, and the alternative of choosing a rural place or smaller city harder, where these conditions don’t exist.

Questions to answer:

**We lay out a compelling case that migrants are congregating in the wrong places, but we don’t know why.**

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

As the distribution of refugees across lander and districts are mainly determined by a headcount calculation by the government’s distribution keys, the allocation disregards family structure and other factors completely. The result is the accommodation of many young families in dense cities and groups of young man in small towns, claims the research institute Empirica.

Dabei soll grundsätzlich gelten, dass

Familien mit guter Bleibeperspektive in ländlichere Regionen und allein flüchtende

(junge) Männer stärker auf die größeren Städte verteilt werden.

Why???

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**What is stopping refugees from relocating to areas that have more housing and jobs and less hostility? What is preventing refugees from moving to the regions best-suited to receive them?**

**Why isn't the German government encouraging them to do so?**

But why does the government not change anything? In fact, there is a discussion about how to change the system of allocation refugees.

What where?

Politicians

Actual migrants

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Akram, timereddit, what that is, have the refugees.

I've now given the story a thorough read-through, and I think there's one central piece missing.  You lay out a compelling case that migrants are congregating in the wrong places, but you don't tell us why.  What is stopping them from relocating to areas that have more housing and jobs and less hostility?  And why isn't the German government encouraging them to do so?  I think you probably need to just pick up the phone and ask a bunch of people, preferably including some actual migrants, what is preventing them from moving to the regions best-suited to receive them.  If you could add in a couple of paragraphs on this, that would be great.