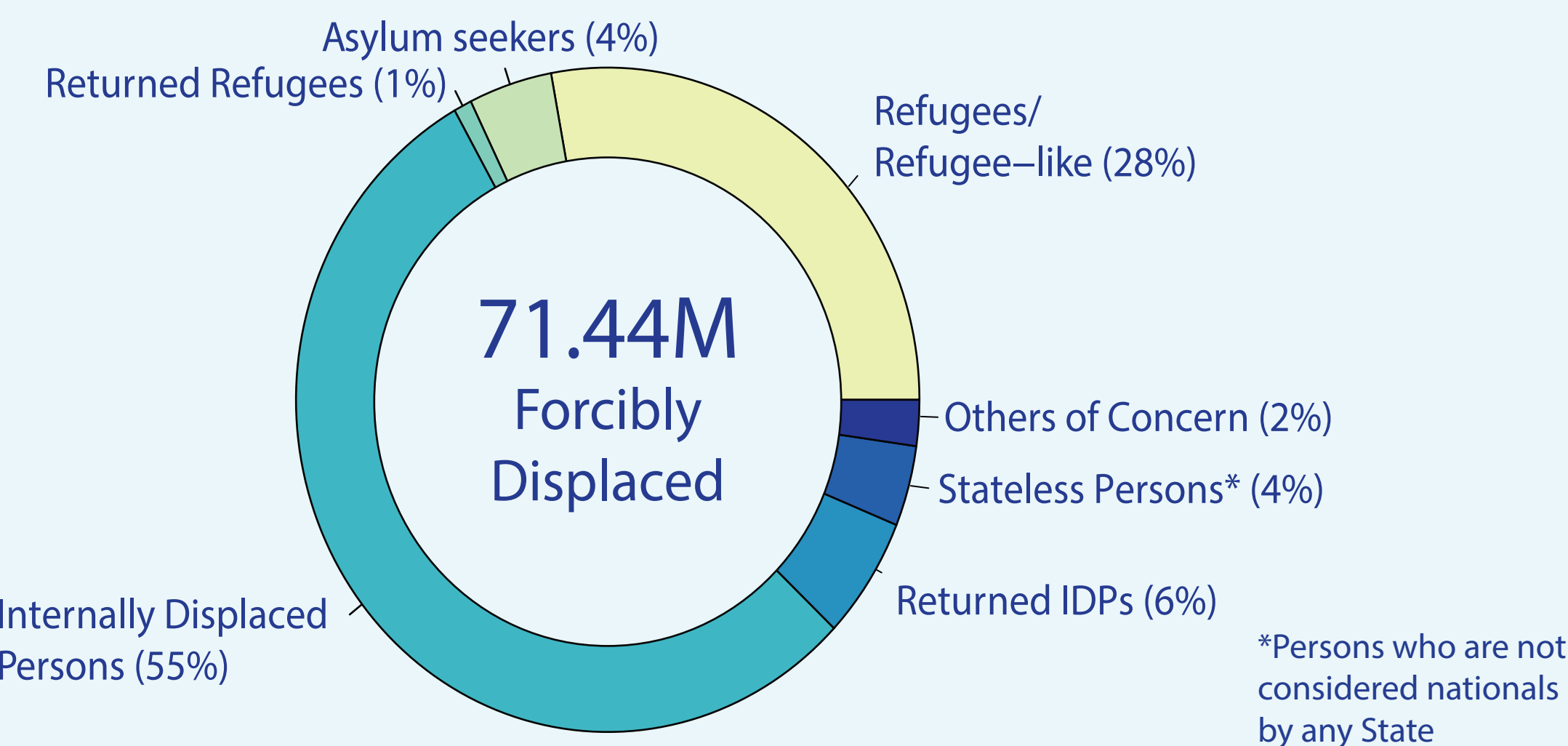# GLOBAL FORCED DISPLACEMENTS IN 2017
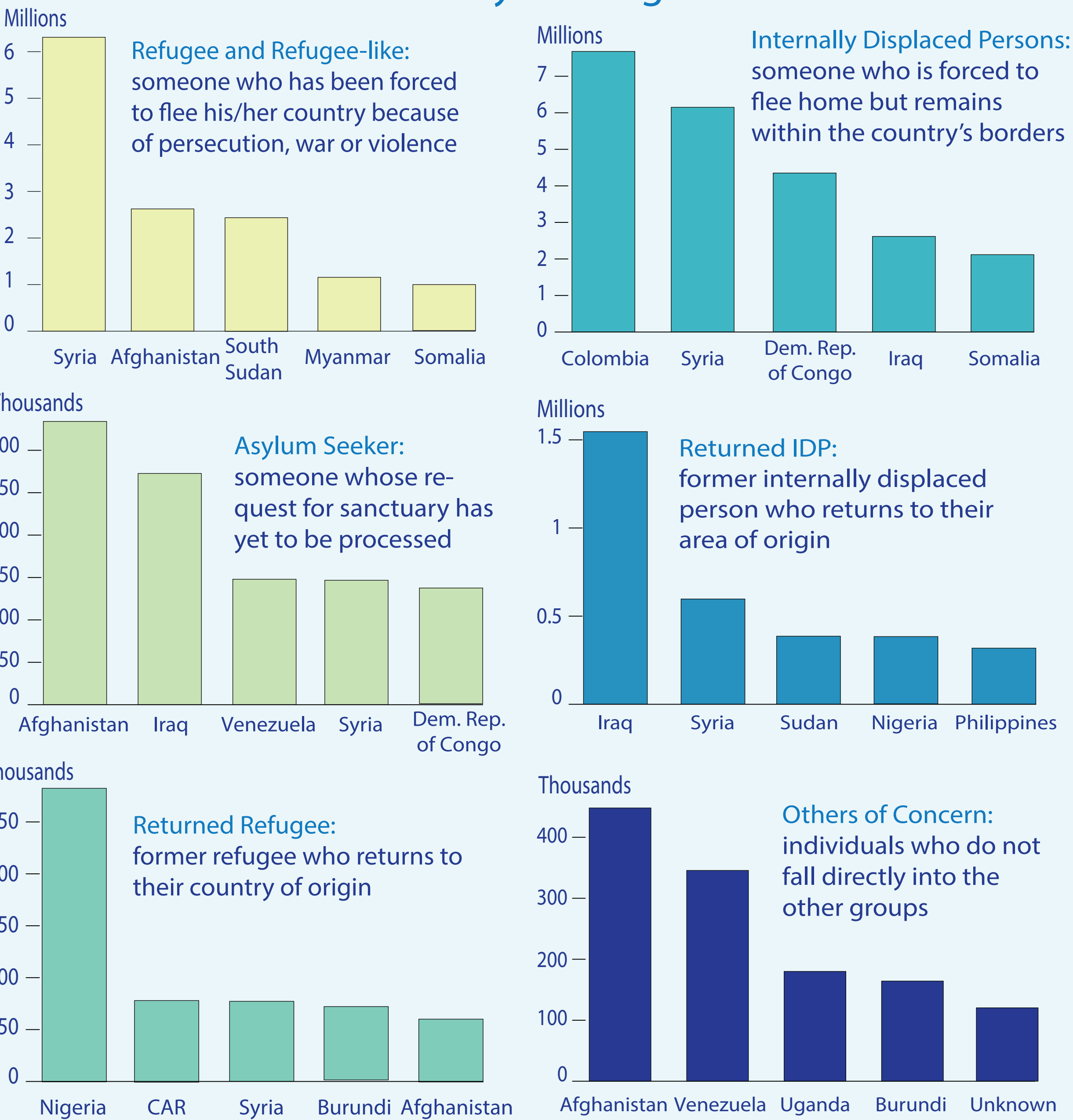
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In today's political climate and context, global migration is a particularly salient issue. People are moving rapidly within and across borders in search of economic opportunities or to flee conflict and oppression.
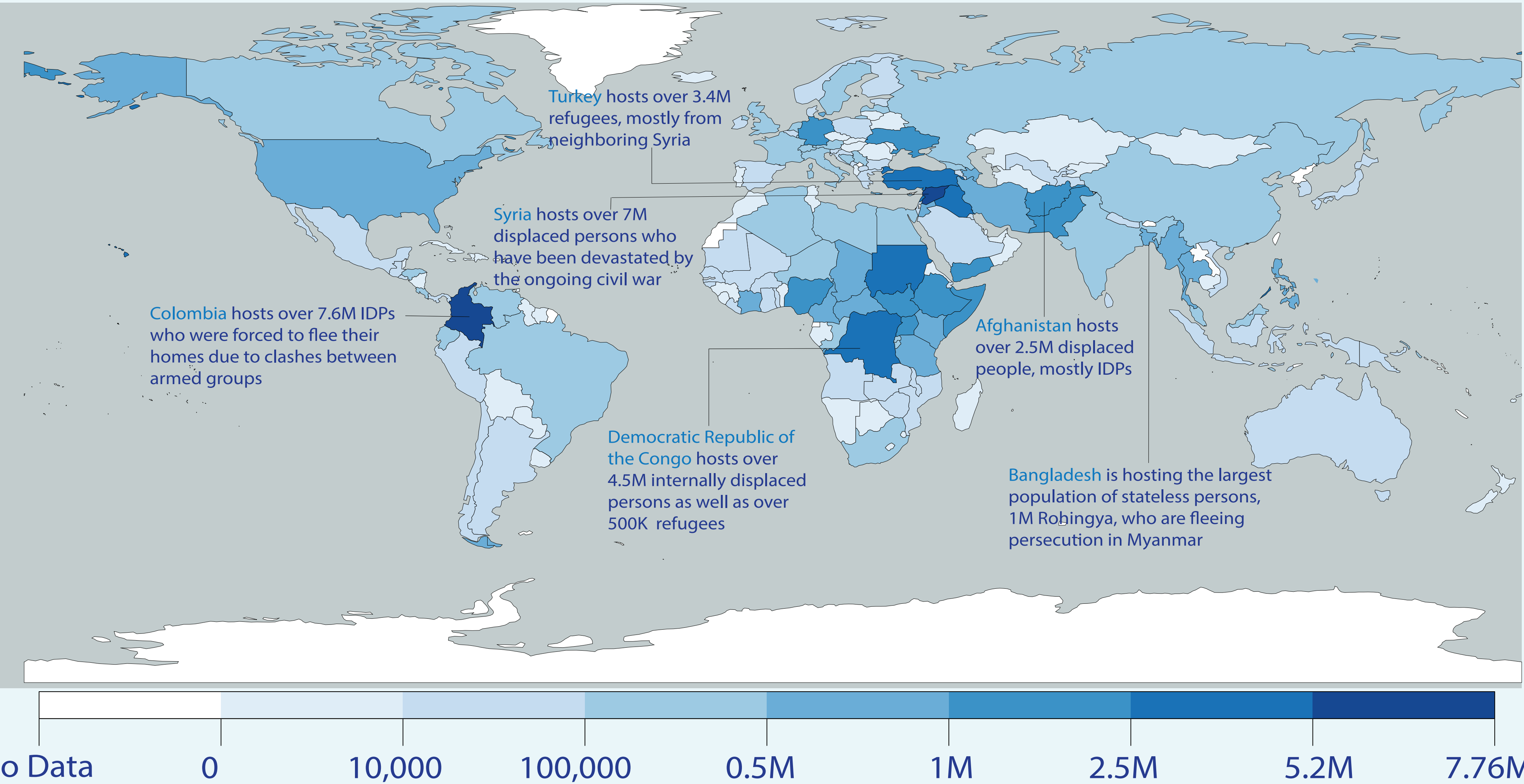
How are displaced people classified?

Asylum seekers (4%)
Returned Refugees (1%)
Refugees/ Refugee–like (28%)

71.44M Forcibly Displaced

Others of Concern (2%)
Stateless Persons* (4%)
Returned IDPs (6%)
Internally Displaced Persons (55%)

*Persons who are not considered nationals by any State

Where are they coming from?

Refugee and Refugee-like: someone who has been forced to flee his/her country because of persecution, war or violence

Millions — Syria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar, Somalia

Internally Displaced Persons: someone who is forced to flee home but remains within the country's borders

Millions — Colombia, Syria, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Iraq, Somalia

Asylum Seeker: someone whose request for sanctuary has yet to be processed

Thousands — Afghanistan, Iraq, Venezuela, Syria, Dem. Rep. of Congo

Returned IDP: former internally displaced person who returns to their area of origin

Millions — Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Nigeria, Philippines

Returned Refugee: former refugee who returns to their country of origin

Thousands — Nigeria, CAR, Syria, Burundi, Afghanistan

Others of Concern: individuals who do not fall directly into the other groups

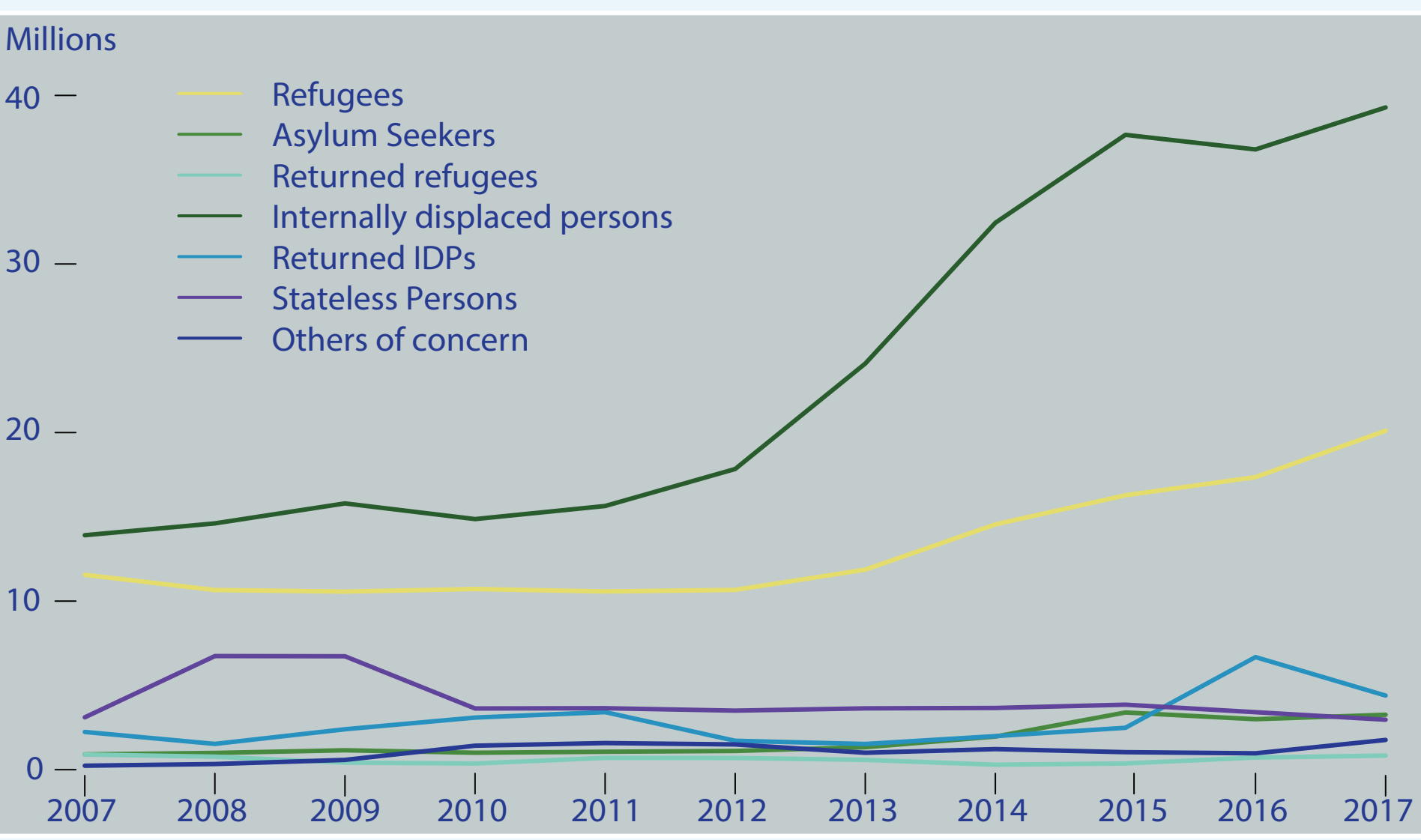Thousands — Afghanistan, Venezuela, Uganda, Burundi, Unknown

Motivation: There are over 71 million displaced people in the world currently. States, policy makers, and other international agencies need to understand who these people are, where they are going and what are the trends in order to better prepare.

What countries host the most displaced people? **

Turkey hosts over 3.4M refugees, mostly from neighboring Syria

Syria hosts over 7M displaced persons who have been devastated by the ongoing civil war

Colombia hosts over 7.6M IDPs who were forced to flee their homes due to clashes between armed groups

Democratic Republic of the Congo hosts over 4.5M internally displaced persons as well as over 500K refugees

Afghanistan hosts over 2.5M displaced people, mostly IDPs

Bangladesh is hosting the largest population of stateless persons, 1M Rohingya, who are fleeing persecution in Myanmar

No Data | 0 | 10,000 | 100,000 | 0.5M | 1M | 2.5M | 5.2M | 7.76M

Are there any major trends over time?

Millions

- Refugees
- Asylum Seekers
- Returned refugees
- Internally displaced persons
- Returned IDPs
- Stateless Persons
- Others of concern

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Where does the data come from?

This dataset comes from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and contains 29 data tables on global trends of forced displacement in 2017. The data for this poster comes from 4 data tables containing 449 rows and 36 columns. Data subsetting was performed with basic R functions including aggregate. Further definitions and country specific data also come from UNHCR's website.

https://data.humdata.org/dataset/unhcr-glob-al-trends-forced-displacement-in-2017

Packages used: RWorldMap, RColorBrewer, classInt
** World Map scaled using log10 to suppress outliers

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