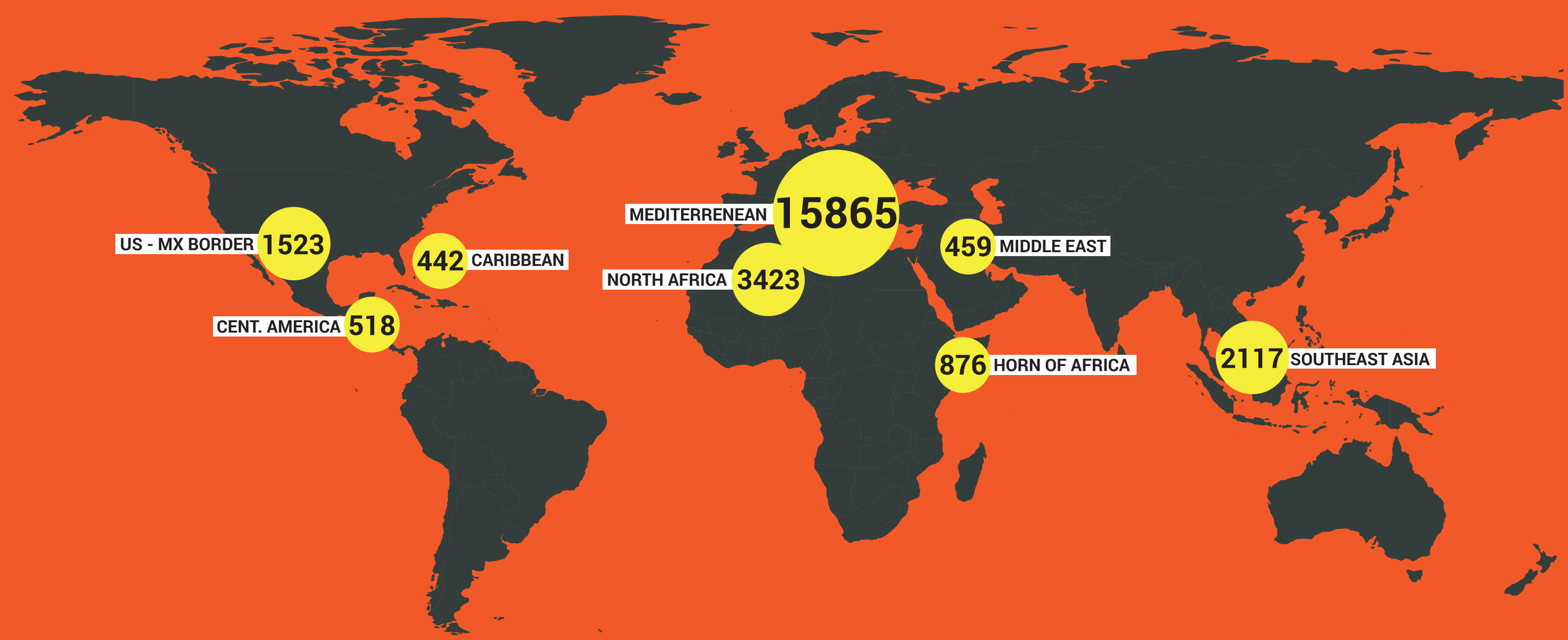


THE PERILOUS JOURNEY TO BETTER LANDS

exploring undocumented refugee graveyards

REFUGEE DEATHS AROUND THE WORLD



To better their lives by escaping conflict, persecution and natural disaster, refugees inevitably travel through dangerous paths. Unfortunately not all of them make this perilous journey, with mounting death tolls around the world.

estimated
>22,500
refugee deaths worldwide
from 2014 to 2018

REFUGEE FLOWS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



zooming into THE MEDITERRANEAN REFUGEE CRISIS

Sea routes are preferred to land routes for refugees seeking to enter the EU from the Middle East and Northern Africa. Inevitably, the major graveyards lie along these routes.

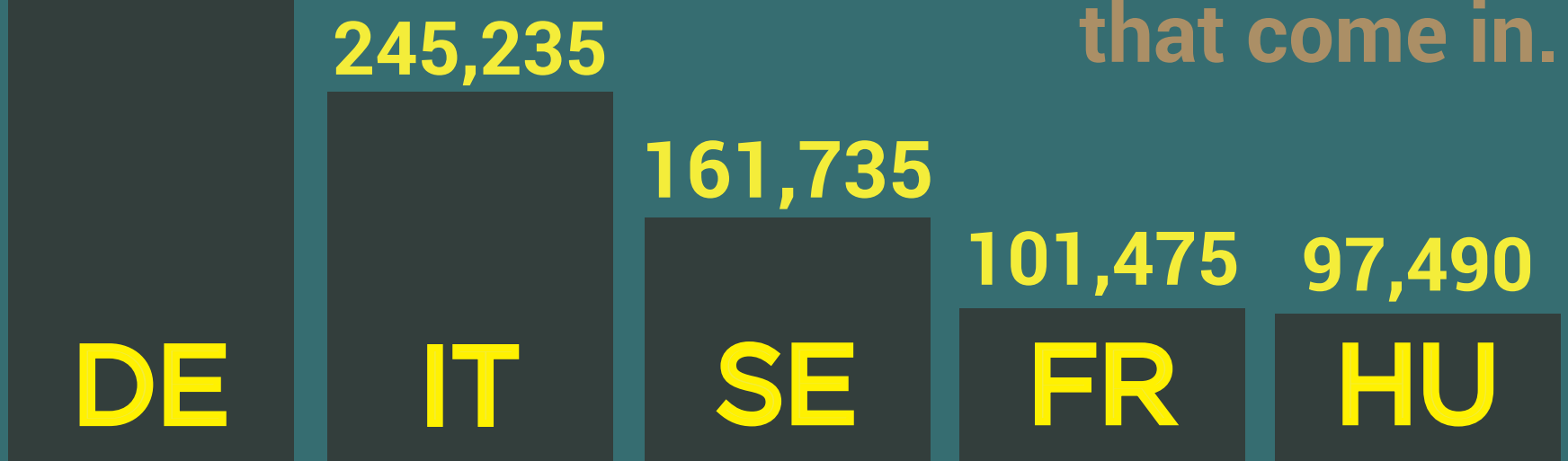
The swelling numbers of asylum seekers has led to governments being less than keen on rescuing incoming ones and housing them.

ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE EU

860,120

SINKS

Refugees typically cross into the EU via Italy and Eastern Europe. Other countries help by accepting refugees from these locations, allowing them to cherry-pick the refugees that come in.



>7,000,000
documented asylum seekers
in the EU from 2014 to 2018



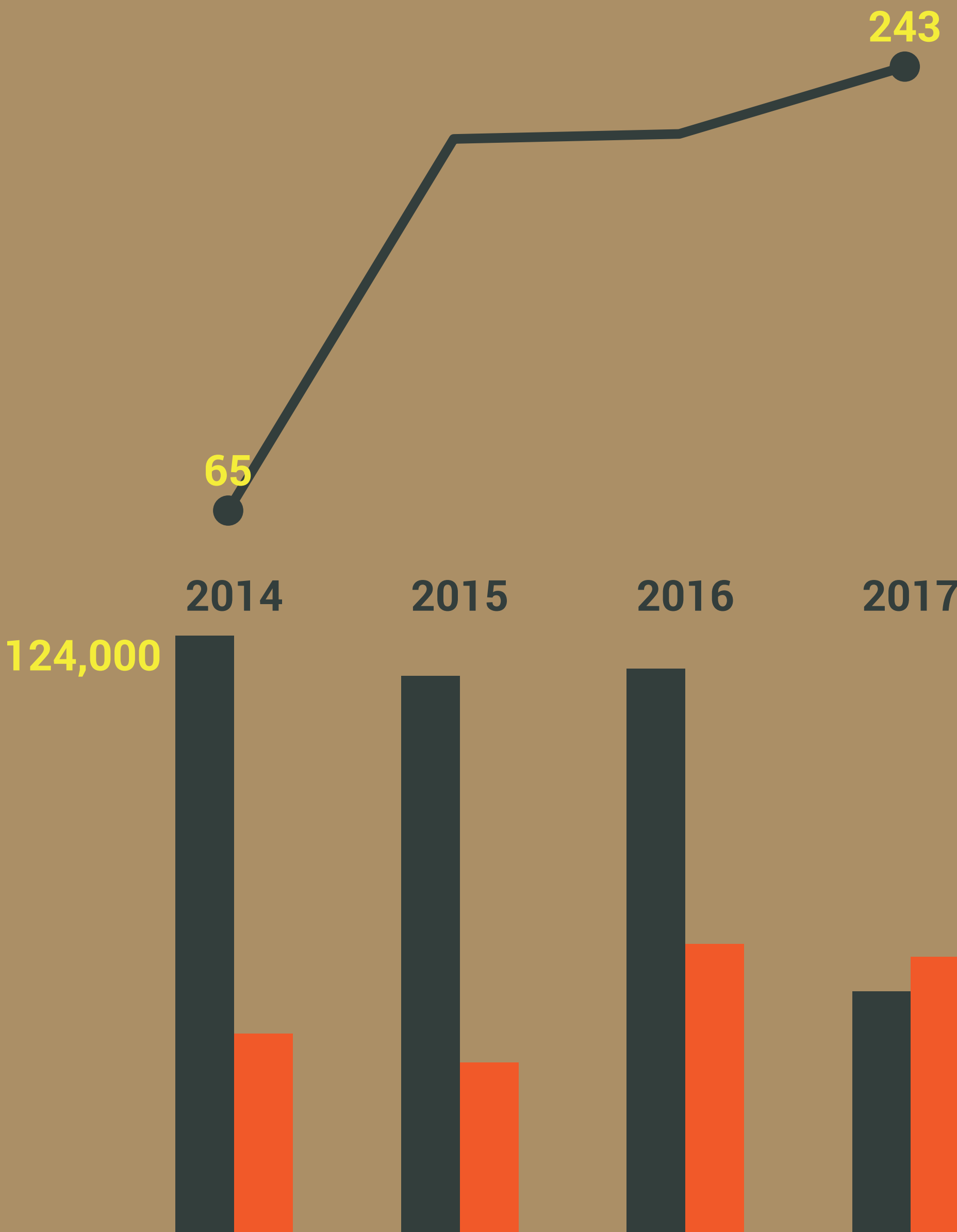
Refugees come mostly from the Middle East, who cross into the EU via the Aegean Sea, fleeing wars and extremist conflict. Other major sources come from the impoverished and troubled Horn of Africa.

SOURCES

2,883,060

WHERE IS THE INTERVENTION?

MEDITERRANEAN FATAL EVENTS



More than 100,000 rescues are made yearly in the Mediterranean Sea, primarily by military naval units, commercial vessels and NGO efforts.

However, data shows that military units drastically reduced search and rescue operations in 2017, significantly reducing the number of people saved.

In contrast, the number of fatal events increased in the same period.

Thus, the reduction in SAR operations cannot be attributed to an improving refugee crisis, but a lack of willingness of the EU to continue taking in refugees at the same rate.