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Refugee Flow –Comprehensive Tool for Exploring the Refugee Crisis– Launches

This tool combines unique sets of data to build a comprehensively human look of refugee transformation.

NEW YORK, New York, July 17, 2018 – Refugee Flow, a data visualization platform that provides an exhaustive view of a person’s transformation to refugee, co-created by Will Su and Abin Abraham is a tool that humanizes the perilous causes, journeys, and lives of refugees.

Leaving home is a difficult prospect no matter the situation.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports that as of 2017, [68.5 million people](#) were forcibly displaced worldwide. Intolerable conditions placed on refugees in host countries are a result of callous indifference that flows from a lack of connection.

Refugee Flow is a response to that indifference and aims to build understanding by comprehensively sourcing information from trusted sources, condensing those data, and visualizing them into something that communicates their complexity. This visualization examines how conflict, persecution, and violence impact the lives of people in their home countries. Finally, it follows them into their displaced communities.

From their home country, Refugee Flow displays incidents of violence and failures in governance that lead to deaths from The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project ([ACLED](#)). This establishes the reason for why people leave.

Refugee Flow then visualizes the treacherous journey with the International Organization for Migration (IOM)’s [Missing Migrants](#) dataset which discriminates cause of death along with their chosen routes. After arrival, users can visualize Frontex data to look at illegal border crossing by migrants and refugees along with the associated risk they face. These data are matched with news articles from trusted sources to establish a point of reference for users.

What’s compelling about our database is that it reveals the ongoing human cost of the largest migration since World War II, in real time. Refugee Flow communicates that we must act now. With data compiled into the Refugee Flow platform, we have an equally unprecedented capability to understand the current situation. With this, we can arm actors to make actionable data-driven decisions.

About Refugee Flow

Taking inspiration from the documentary *Human Flow*, Will began to think of ways to investigate the stories and journeys of fleeing refugees. After meeting at a visualization Meetup, Will and Abin decided to collaborate on this project to create a comprehensive continuation of the movie. Both seek to bring a new perspective on the root and consequential effect of global disorder with a captivating design and comprehensive data.