

# BE THERE

A GLOBAL RESPONSE  
TO CONFLICT AND  
THE REFUGEE CRISIS



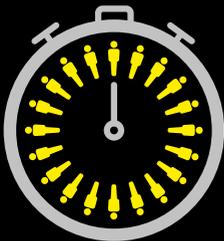
# OUR VISION

We believe in a world where everyone has the opportunity to live in safety and with dignity. Where we can strive to save lives, prevent future crises and bring those responsible for crimes to justice. Where people whose lives have been torn apart by war are protected on every step of their journey. And where people see those who have lived through conflict as part of a solution, rather than part of the problem.



## KEY FACTS

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**20 PEOPLE**

ARE FORCIBLY  
DISPLACED  
**EVERY MINUTE**  
AS A RESULT OF  
CONFLICT OR  
PERSECUTION.

WAR CRIMES WERE  
COMMITTED IN AT LEAST  
**23 COUNTRIES**  
IN 2017.



**68.5M PEOPLE**

DISPLACED GLOBALLY DUE TO  
PERSECUTION, CONFLICT,  
VIOLENCE OR OTHER  
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS;



**25.4M ARE REFUGEES.**

# THE CHALLENGE

Today, from Syria to Myanmar, more than 40 conflicts are unfolding worldwide. The violence is brutal and often indiscriminate, and technological advances are making weapons increasingly powerful. Armed groups such as Boko Haram and ISIS have little care for international law and the response to these groups from state actors can often be indiscriminate, causing substantial civilian casualties. Access for those who shine a light on injustice is all but impossible. Neighbouring countries taking in the largest numbers of refugees are the least equipped to cope. Richer countries build walls, both

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physical and administrative, to keep people out, spurred on by the populist rhetoric of hate and blame. In many places, the stories of people’s suffering go unheard, and perpetrators do everything in their power to keep the truth hidden.

We are living through the worst refugee crisis since World War Two. Today, we have the chance to turn the tide – before it’s too late.

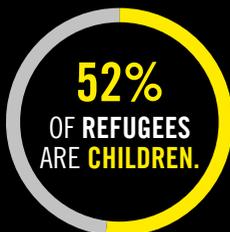


**1.4M PEOPLE**

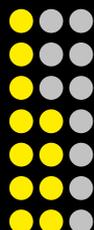
NEED **URGENT RESETTLEMENT**, AVAILABLE PLACES CATER TO **UNDER 10%** OF THIS.

**36 COUNTRIES**

ILLEGALLY SENT REFUGEES BACK TO A COUNTRY WHERE THEIR RIGHTS WERE AT RISK.



ALMOST **175,000** UNACCOMPANIED OR SEPARATED.



**21.2M PEOPLE**

IN **YEMEN** NEED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING FOOD, HEALTH CARE, SHELTER) OF WHICH OVER

**11M ARE CHILDREN.**

# OUR SOLUTION

Be There is a step-change in Amnesty International's contribution to solving the refugee crisis and is the largest programme of work conceived and delivered in our history. Be There is a five-year, EUR 50m programme designed to deliver a huge scale-up of our work to protect people affected by conflict and crisis.

Amnesty International is uniquely placed to deliver this impact. We already employ the right tools to get the job done, from human rights investigations to popular campaigning, from public education to high level advocacy. Powerful people take our evidence seriously and we have a proud track record of making change happen.

When conflict hits, together we will be there to protect people from abuse, help them live with dignity, and support their fight for justice. **The work will focus on three major steps on the journey of a crisis, building on our expertise and harnessing new technology throughout.**



## 1 We will help prevent violence and protect people in conflict situations, and as they flee in search of safety

We will increase our crisis capacity by at least 100% to double our response to major incidents, including verifying weapons remnants and documenting atrocities experienced by the most vulnerable people.

We will greatly expand our use of high-tech and open-source tools to protect lives in real time, before conflict escalates. This means monitoring trends, such as the rise of hate speech on social media, or patterns of arm transfers and sounding the alarm about emerging crises.

As physical access is increasingly difficult, we will widen our use of pioneering technology, such as remote sensing and satellite imagery, to capture evidence of mass graves, destruction of homes or the movement of people, exposing even the most secretive perpetrators.

## **2 We will help people build new lives, where they have fled conflict and cannot safely return home**

We will develop a new scalable refugee study scheme in five cities to offer specific places and support for refugee students and their families.

We will expand refugee community sponsorship schemes in at least five new countries, working with community-based organisations to give refugees the networks, resources and support they need to build new lives in safety.

We will continue to invest in new technology to track refugees' journeys and convene a panel of experts to greatly improve border management policies.



## **3 We will help people who have suffered abuse in conflict to fight for justice and hold those responsible to account**

We will increase the capacity of local human rights organisations and individuals across the world to fight for justice and pursue cases on behalf of the most vulnerable people, by providing training and legal support.

We will collate more high-quality evidence and share it with relevant investigations – whether national, regional or international – to give many more victims the greatest chance to hold abusers to account.

Be There will help create a step-change in the scale and reach of Amnesty International's existing work and expertise in this area, with the potential to protect millions of people from violence, abuse and discrimination.



# WHAT WILL YOU ACHIEVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WITH YOUR INVESTMENT?



We are seeking significant investment over 5 years to fund this transformational work and create a step-change in reach and impact for people facing conflict and crisis. With one "Art 19 – Box One", a limited edition of ten original fine art prints costing 50,000 euros each, at least 20,000 euros goes directly to "Be There"\*. You therefore allow us to finance the following:

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**20,000** Software, licensing and communications per year for the revolutionary Amnesty Decoders network of digital volunteers.

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**20,000** 3 in-depth research trip to a crisis zone, covering kit, expertise and logistics.

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**20,000** 3 grants provided to help refugee communities develop and test innovative and practical solutions to build new lives.

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**20,000** Supports welcoming communities over one month year to provide refugees with a safe and sustainable pathway to a new home in a new country.

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**20,000** Supports and trains 2 future human rights investigators as part of the digital verification corps, covering six universities.

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**20,000** Buys 6 months of satellite imagery by the crisis response team.

\* Upon request, we can provide the potential buyer with the complete details of how the costs are distributed.

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