

26,852 beneficiaries resettled to countries in the EEA in 2018, more than ever



18 EEA countries implemented projects on resettlement or HAP with IOM's support in 2018



31% of IOM's resettlement or HAP worldwide in 2018 was received in countries of the European Economic Area



IOM's role in resettlement

Resettlement is a **protection tool for refugees** whose lives and liberty are at risk; a **durable solution** alongside local integration and voluntary repatriation; and an expression of solidarity with those developing countries that host the majority (85%) of the world's refugees.

Refugee resettlement is defined by UNHCR as *'the selection and transfer of refugees from a state in which they have sought protection to a third country that admits them – as refugees – with a permanent residence status'*.

IOM works closely with **governments, UNHCR, NGOs** and other partners to help refugees in need.

For more than **65 years**, IOM has played a vital role in resettlement providing a range of supporting activities upon request of the receiving states.

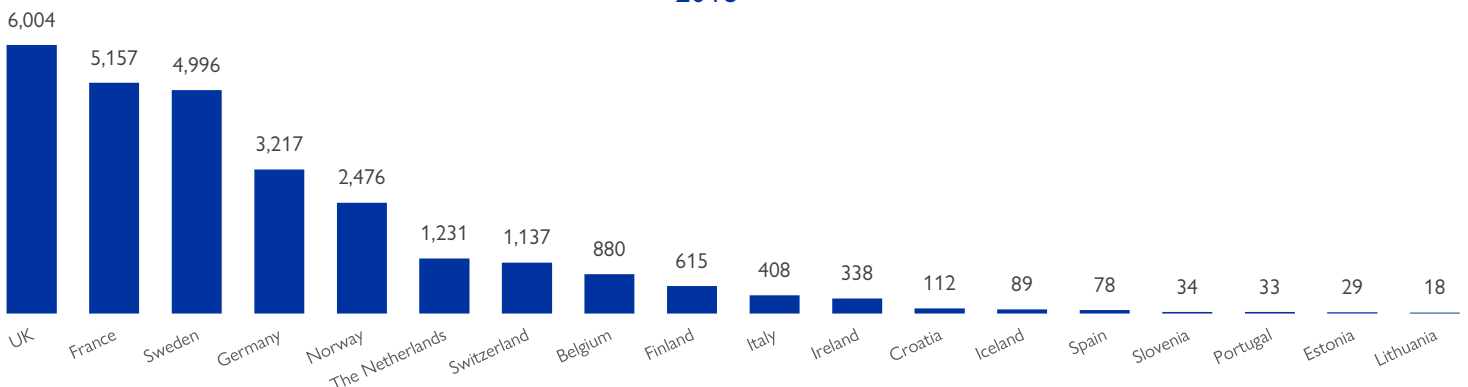
These include **case processing**; **health assessments** and travel health assistance; **movement** and travel operations; and **pre-departure** and **post-arrival integration** support.

In **2018**, IOM has assisted governments to receive more than **87,000** refugees globally through resettlement and humanitarian admission programmes (HAP).

Countries in the **European Economic Area** alone have received **26,852** refugees through national and EU programmes.



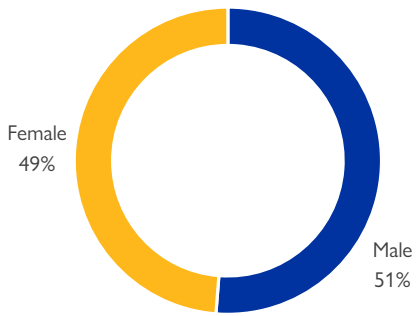
Resettlement and humanitarian admission to the EEA 2018



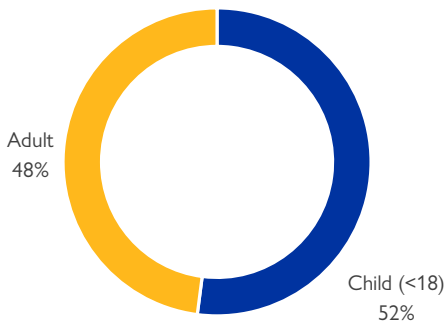


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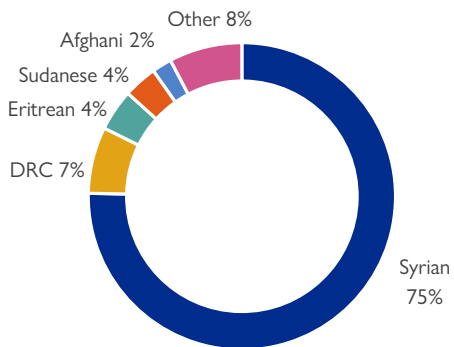
Gender of beneficiaries - 2018



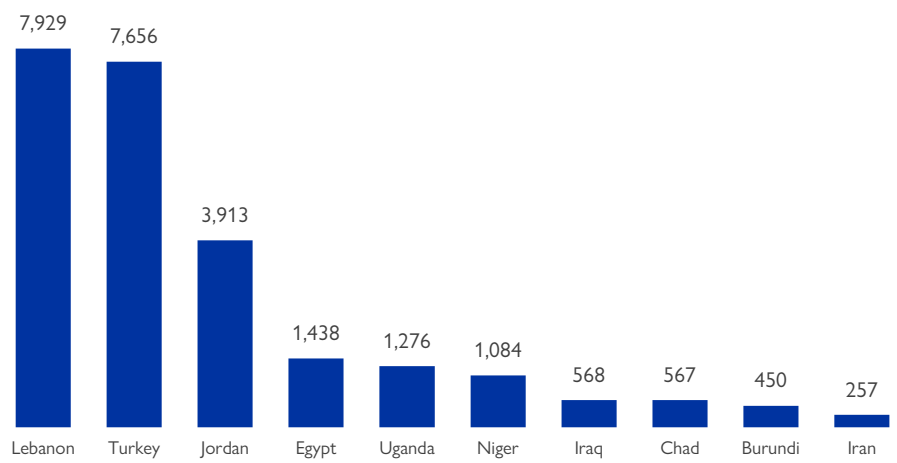
Age of beneficiaries - 2018



Nationality of beneficiaries - 2018



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Top 10 departure countries



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Beneficiaries supported by IOM (2014-2018)

