Alfredo Jaar
Ilhan Omar, U.S. Congresswoman, 2019
Original photograph by Luisa Dörr

Helena Christensen
15 year old Soreli Martinez, Internally Displaced from Colombia.
Photograph. Courtesy of the artist © Helena Christensen

REZA
Le fleuve Amour
Tirage original en Lambda sur papier photographique Fujicolor Mat

Miriam Cahn
BLAU
Oil on canvas. Courtesy of the artist, Galerie Jocelyn Wolff and Meyer Riegger Gallery © François Doury

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Watercolor and pastel on paper. Courtesy of the artist, Galerie Jocelyn Wolff and Meyer Riegger Gallery © François Doury

Emmanuel Jambo
Sisters – Exile is not for everyone.
Photography © Emmanuel Jambo

Emmanuel Jambo
Three women, where did we go wrong?
Photography © Emmanuel Jambo

François Burland & association NELA
Géographies perdues
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Tania Bruguera
Dignity has no nationality
Billboard, 904X1181 mm, 2019. Courtesy of Estudio Bruguera

Bouchra Khalili
Sea as Sky

Natalia Sierra
My Last Treasures
Courtesy of the artist and MAS Art & Society, ZHdK

Natalia Sierra and her family had to flee Colombia in 2016 and seek asylum in Switzerland. Already active as a documentary filmmaker in Colombia, Natalia continues developing her artistic skills in Switzerland thanks to the Programme of the Zurich University of the Arts “Access for Refugees”, developed for refugees in Switzerland who want to pursue an artistic career.

Hayv Kahraman
Migrant 3
Oil on wood, Courtesy of the artist, Jack Shainman, The third line and Susanne Vielmetter

“Being Syrian, I care about addressing refugee issues and the way people were affected by the war in my artwork” – Hayv Kahraman

Allam Fakhour
Weiterflucht
Acrylic on canvas and digital design

“Being Syrian, I care about addressing refugee issues and the way people were affected by the war in my artwork” – Allam Fakhour

Allam Fakhour could find refuge in Switzerland with his wife thanks to the Swiss resettlement programme. Discover his story on www.unhcr.ch
Where should birds fly after the last sky?
A project dedicated to refugee women

On the occasion of World Refugee Day 2019, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, developed a series of posters in collaboration with internationally acclaimed and socially engaged artists including Alfredo Jaar, Tania Bruguera, Miriam Cahn, François Burland, Bouchra Khalili – and many others. The series features several refugees among participating artists.

“[There are] 68.5 million forcibly displaced people in the world today. It is an intolerable number which demonstrates a colossal failure of politics. We must find ways to offer refugees a home, a new life. What is the meaning of humanity if we fail? Art and culture offer society essential spaces of freedom that have unfortunately become too rare nowadays. Let us welcome them here, among us, in these spaces. Perhaps the world will follow us?”

Alfredo Jaar