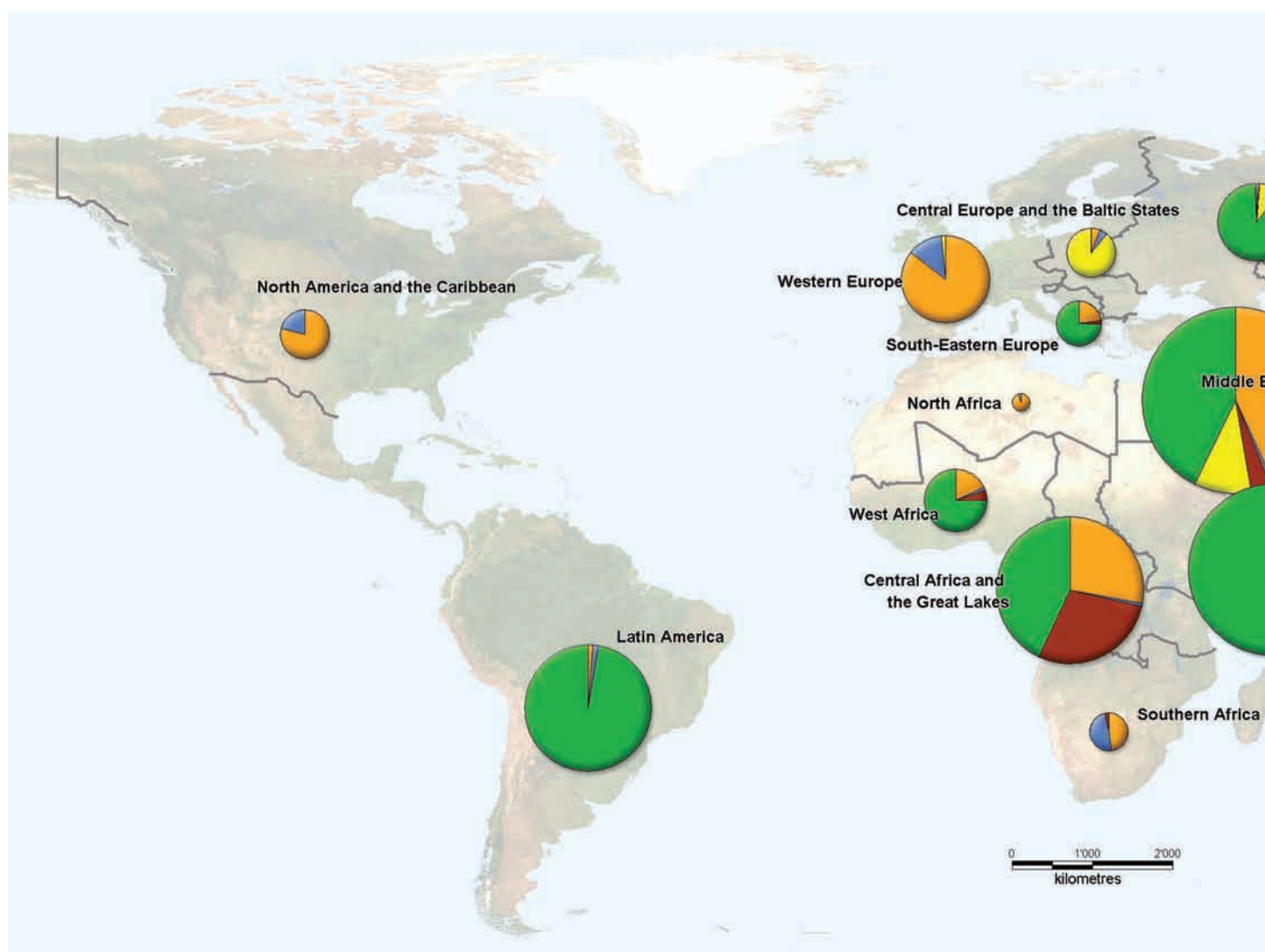
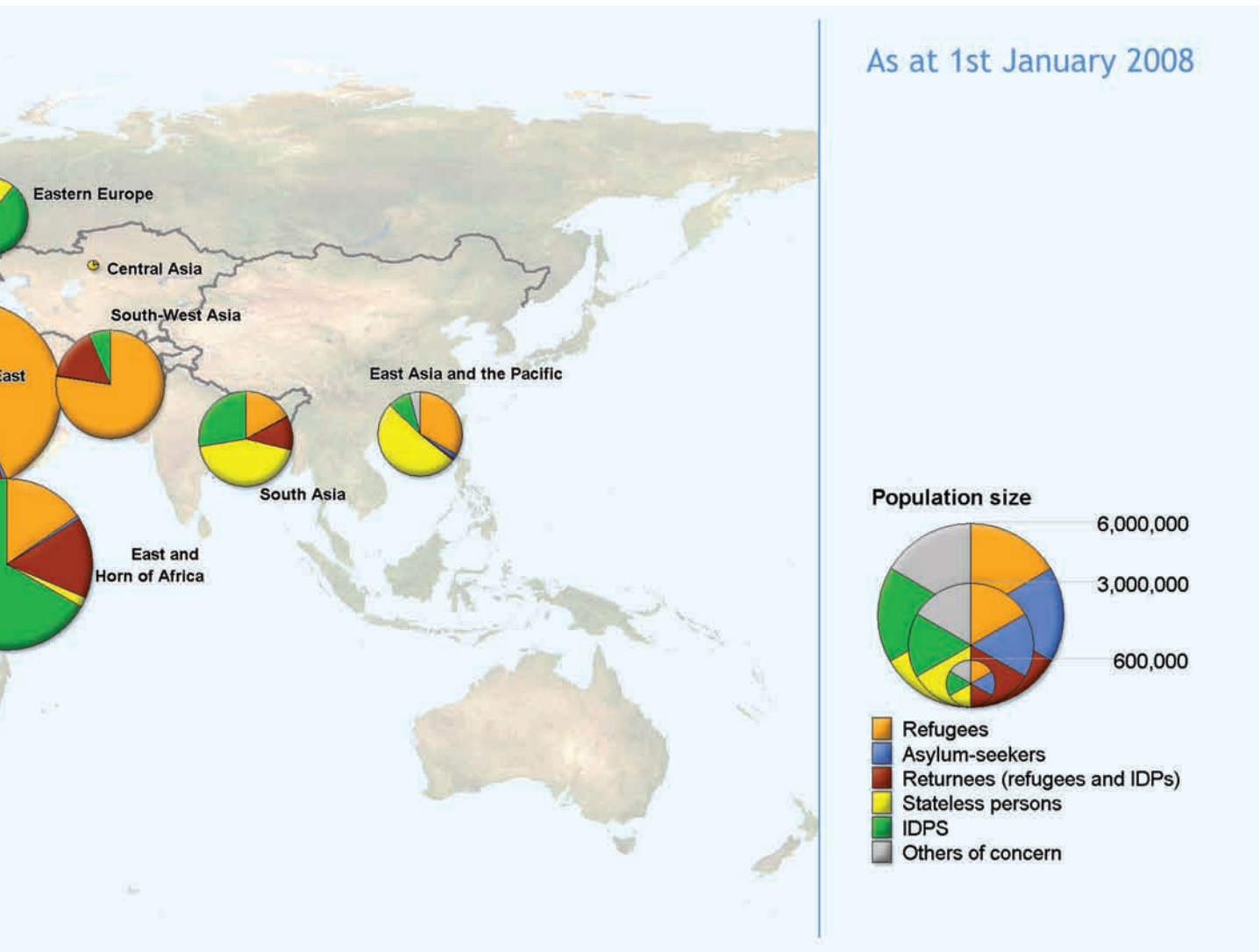


Populations of concern to UNHCR



Refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees, stateless persons and others of concern to UNHCR (1 January 2008)

Subregion	Refugees				Asylum-seekers	Returned refugees
	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total refugees	<i>Of whom assisted by UNHCR</i>		
Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,100,050	20	1,100,070	673,610	21,900	109,370
East and Horn of Africa	815,180	10	815,190	733,920	30,270	132,940
West Africa	174,730	10	174,730	163,620	13,350	48,260
Southern Africa	181,190	-	181,190	88,480	186,760	12,070
North Africa ³	100,090	29,500	129,590	95,480	5,120	-
Middle East ⁴	2,553,860	38,070	2,591,930	408,980	31,790	45,470
South-West Asia ⁵	1,850,860	1,147,750	2,998,610	1,850,820	4,320	373,870
Central Asia	6,970	350	7,320	3,480	950	10
South Asia	317,470	2,500	319,970	146,340	4,310	2,000
East Asia and the Pacific	498,860	420	499,270	161,450	27,210	70
Eastern Europe	12,700	5,000	17,700	9,120	4,650	260
South-Eastern Europe	116,770	70	116,840	111,200	890	6,100
Central Europe and the Baltic States	35,980	-	35,980	17,940	28,640	160
Western Europe	1,414,760	-	1,414,760	-	217,280	-
North America and the Caribbean	456,980	-	456,980	20	121,500	-
Latin America ⁶	42,940	487,590	530,530	35,910	41,050	30
Total	9,679,390	1,711,280	11,390,670	4,500,350	739,990	730,600



IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR ¹	Returned IDPs	Stateless persons	Various ²	Total population of concern
1,693,800	1,005,000	-	-	3,930,130
3,485,990	663,830	100,000	-	5,228,220
709,050	180	-	-	945,570
-	-	-	470	380,500
-	-	-	-	134,720
2,532,870	166,000	591,080	-	5,959,130
153,720	8,010	-	-	3,538,530
-	-	26,090	-	34,360
509,570	208,600	800,000	140	1,844,590
129,920	9,970	772,560	61,500	1,500,490
1,149,050	1,140	123,110	5,740	1,301,650
376,360	7,390	560	450	508,590
-	-	500,340	310	565,430
-	-	23,560	-	1,655,600
-	-	-	-	578,490
3,000,000	-	10	-	3,571,620
13,740,320	2,070,120	2,937,320	68,620	31,677,620

Notes

The data are generally provided by Governments, based on their own definitions and methods of data collection. In the absence of official refugee estimates in 24 industrialized countries, UNHCR has estimated the refugee population based on ten years of refugee recognition. A dash (-) indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable.

- ¹ IDPs include 146,310 people in "IDP-like situations" in Eastern Europe.
- ² Persons of concern to UNHCR not included in the previous categories but to whom UNHCR extends protection and/or assistance.
- ³ According to the Government of Algeria, there are an estimated 165,000 Sahrawi refugees in the Tindouf camps.
- ⁴ Refugee figures for Iraqis in Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic are Government estimates.
- ⁵ Refugee figure for Pakistan includes recognized Afghan refugees (1,700), registered Afghans in refugee villages who are assisted by UNHCR (886,700), and registered Afghans outside refugee villages who are living in a "refugee-like" situation (1,147,500). Individuals in all categories have been issued a Proof of Registration Card by the Government of Pakistan. Following the completion of the registration in 2007, those living outside refugee villages are now in the "refugee-like" category. They do not receive direct UNHCR assistance but they benefit from advocacy and reintegration support upon return.
- ⁶ According to the Constitutional Court of Colombia, there is a discrepancy between the real number of displaced people and the number given by the national registration system. The Court cites the Director of the Agencia Presidencial para la Acción Social y la Cooperación Internacional who acknowledged that the number of IDPs in Colombia is close to three million (Order of Compliance 218, dated 11 August 2006, related to the landmark Judgement T-025).