

UNHCR Vocabulary Defined

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Directions: Read the definition for the term in the middle column, and cite an example of the term in the last column.

Term	Definition	Real-life Example
UNHCR	the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; established in 1950 to protect the human rights of refugees and provide for their assistance through legal, social, economic aid	
refugee	someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group	
asylum seeker	a person who flees his or her own country and seek sanctuary in another country	
migrant	a person who moves to a foreign country for a variety of reasons and for a certain length of time (usually a minimum of a year)	
economic migrant	someone who leaves his or her country of origin for financial reasons, rather than due to persecution or violation of human rights like refugees	
immigrant	someone who takes up permanent residence in a country other than his or her original homeland	
Internally Displaced Person (IDP)	someone who has been forced to flee his or her home for the same reason as a refugee, but remains in his or her own country and has not crossed an international border. Unlike refugees, IDPs are not protected by international law or eligible to receive many types of aid	
stateless person	someone who is not a citizen of any country	
asylum	the right to be recognized as a refugee and receive legal protection and material assistance	
"prima facie" refugees	refugees who are recognized as needing human rights protection on a group basis (for example, a mass movement of refugees across a border during a widespread conflict)	
repatriation	the process of returning to one's home country	
resettlement	the process of helping a refugee find a new, permanent home when they cannot safely reside in a country of first asylum or return home	

