

January

STAR: Students Together Assisting Refugees

STAR INTRODUCTION

What is STAR?

STAR stands for Students Together Assisting Refugees. STAR is a national organization that recently added a branch at Cary Academy in the form of an Upper School club.

What is the purpose of STAR?

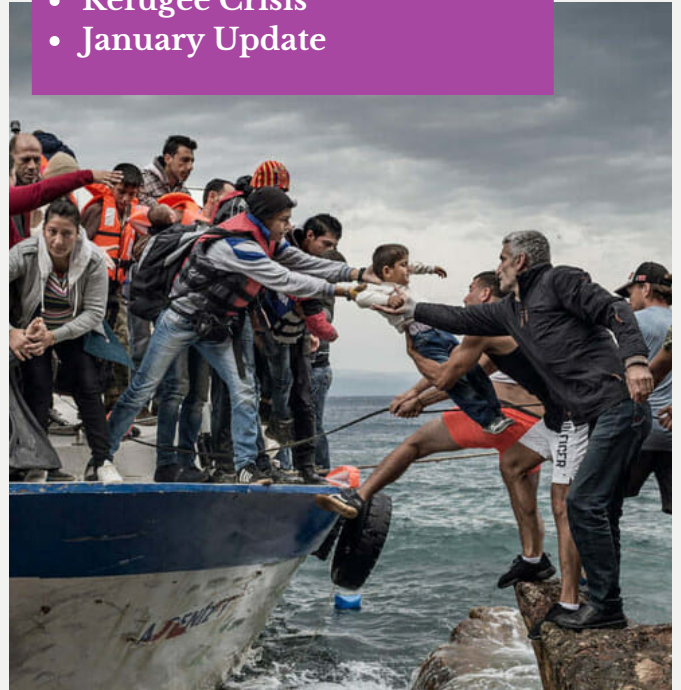
The purpose of STAR is two-fold. First, STAR intends on raising awareness about the Refugee Crisis. Second, STAR plans to work with local and global organizations to better the lives of refugees.

Why now?

The inception of STAR at Cary Academy is due to the Afghan Refugee Crisis in August of 2021. Over 76,000 Afghan refugees have come to the USA since the summer of 2021. Right now, NC organizations are working to resettle 1,200 Afghan refugees. STAR hopes to help assist these operations.

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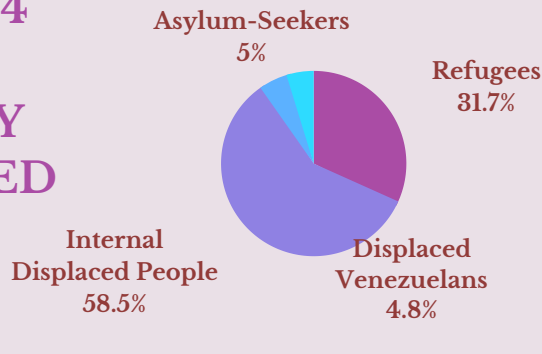
<https://theincap.com/refugee-crisis/>

This newsletter will serve as a way for STAR to achieve its goal of helping to raise awareness. Through monthly updates on the Refugee Crisis and highlighted stories of local refugees, STAR at Cary Academy hopes to make a difference in the local refugee community.



Refugee Crisis

OUT OF 84 MILLION FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE...

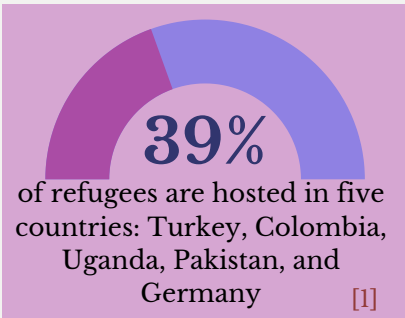
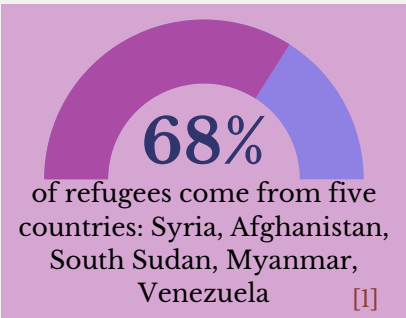


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THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAS *DOUBLED* SINCE THE LAST DECADE [1]

<https://www.worldvision.org/refugees-news-stories>

Half of world's refugees are children.



JANUARY UPDATE

- Air Strikes in Ethiopia:** Airstrikes in Tigray, Ethiopia have been increasing. In the first two weeks of January, 59 people died in an airstrike at a displaced people camp. A total of 108 civilians have been killed and 75 injured from these airstrikes. As a result, refugees in Tigray's camp have been cut off from food, water, and medicines. As of January 21, humanitarian supplies had not been delivered to the two camps since December 14 [3].
- Climate Hazards:** Flooding has caused the displacement of around 35,000 refugees and migrants in Bahía, Brazil. Two earthquakes struck a drought-stricken Afghanistan, furthering the humanitarian crisis [2].
- The Sahel Conflict:** After a decade of Sahel conflict, 2.5 million people are displaced. On January 14, UNHCR called "concerted international action" with hopes to end the internal conflict and violent attacks [3].

Paper Products Drive

In collaboration with Refugee Support Center, a local refugee organization, STAR held a Paper Products Drive.

The products included paper towels, toilet paper, or tissue boxes.

Thank you to all who donated!



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