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FUNDING FOR UN REFUGEE AGENCY

As refugee crises continue all over the world, America is only growing as a place where millions of people seek refuge. Due to an influx of people migrating from disasters including, but not limited to, the Israel and Palestine conflict, Hurricane Otis in Mexico, and crime in Venezuela, the United States government has had to make adjustments to how they deal with these situations. At a UN meeting on October 9th, Reuters states, "The U.N. refugee agency is facing one of the most difficult moments in its more than 70-year history as record displacements coincide with funding shortfalls and a "short-sighted" focus on border controls". These disasters have forced more than 110 million people to be displaced worldwide. This places additional pressure on typically welcoming countries, like Germany and the US, to tighten their border restraints when faced with more people than they can take care of.

The UNHCR, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who's main donors

ISRAEL AND GAZA

On October 13th, over a million people in Northern Gaza were ordered by Israeli authorities to evacuate their homes. As the conflict prolonged, that number grew to be over 1.9 million displaced people. These people have nowhere else to go and no means of safely getting there are currently forced to cram into the small governorate of Rafah in the State of Palestine. Prior to the war, Rafah was home to a population of 280,000, which has grown by more than 600% in a short amount of time. In addition to being overcrowded, they still are not free from harm as Gaza's health ministry states, "at least 19,600 people in Gaza, mostly women and children, have been killed since hostilities began, including in areas to which the Israeli military told them to flee."

are Germany and the US, have been faced with a deficit of \$650 million in funding as of this year. This shortcoming in money is causing detrimental effects to refugees who need this aid. Some people are being pushed to make treacherous journeys to places such as Tunisia and Italy in addition to the US, which require crossing the world's migration routes with the highest fatality rates, the Mediterranean Sea in Europe/Northern Africa, and the Darien Gap in Central America. Some things you can do right now include donating to drives that go to refugee organizations such as Refugee Hope Partners and the UNCHR.

For more info:

<https://donate.unhcr.org/int/en/general>

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Statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the Israel-Palestine refugee crisis

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