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The Right to Seek Asylum: A Fundamental Human Right

Today, more than 117 million people worldwide have been forcibly displaced, including 44.6 million refugees and asylum-seekers, with children accounting for 38% of those affected. In Trinidad and Tobago alone, over 26,500 registered asylum-seekers and refugees from more than 40 nationalities continue to seek safety and protection. Unlike migrants who move voluntarily for work or education, refugees flee conflict, persecution, violence, and serious human rights violations. Their journeys are often dangerous, driven by the fundamental need for safety and dignity. Observed annually on 20 June, World Refugee Day reminds us that the right to seek asylum is a universal human right. Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that everyone has the right to seek and enjoy asylum from persecution. Yet many refugees continue to face barriers to legal status, employment, education, healthcare, and documentation. The 1951 Refugee Convention, to which 148 countries are party, establishes the principle of non-refoulement—protecting refugees from being returned to places where their lives or freedom are at risk—and guarantees rights to work, education, legal protection, and freedom of movement. Refugees strengthen the communities they join through their skills, resilience, and cultural diversity. Protecting their rights is not only a legal obligation but a moral imperative that benefits society as a whole. Refugee rights are human rights, and they must be upheld for everyone, everywhere.

In Solidarity with Venezuela

CCHR extends its heartfelt support and solidarity to the people of Venezuela following the devastating earthquakes that have affected communities across the country. Our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones, been injured, or displaced. We stand with all humanitarian efforts to provide relief, protection, and recovery, and reaffirm that in times of crisis, compassion, dignity, and human rights must remain at the centre of our regional response.

Human Rights for All.



This image is an infographic map illustrating the movement and distribution of Venezuelan refugees and migrants across Latin America and the Caribbean as of September 2019, based on UNHCR-IOM data.

US in talks with Jamaica to send third-country migrants as rift widens in Caribbean. [Read More](#)

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World Refugee Day 2026 comes at a time when the promise of safety is being tested in every region of the world. [Read More](#)

U.S. Third-Country Deportation Agreements Are More About Fear than Numbers. [Read More](#)

Jamaica is in talks with Washington over accepting third-country migrants deported by the United States, the country's Deputy Prime Minister and Security Minister Horace Chang said in a statement on Tuesday. [Read More](#)

Dominican Republic: Receiving Third-Country Deportations from the United States Undermines Refugee Protection. [Read More](#)

Caribbean Roundup: Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and more. The government of Antigua and Barbuda has welcomed the start of construction. [Read More](#)

US, Cuba and Iran join global rescue effort after Venezuela earthquakes. Latin American and European countries also offer solidarity and help to nation already enduring a humanitarian crisis. [Read More](#)

US slaps new sanctions on Cuban companies key to island's crumbling economy. [Read More](#)

Many refugee women face heightened vulnerability during displacement. [Read More](#)



The image above shows the Celebration of resilience, embracing humanity, and standing together on World Refugee Day 2026.