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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

* Note: For seven commitments, the assessment period was from 8 July 2017 to 9 January; for the remaining 10 commitments, the assessment period extended to 5 March 2018.

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7. Migration: Addressing Needs

“We commit to addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia		0	
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia		0	
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score		+0.40	

Background

The G20 first committed to addressing the global refugee crisis at the 2015 G20 Summit in Antalya. By that time, worldwide displacement had reached an ultimate high of approximately 59.5 million persons displaced.²¹⁴⁸ The cause of mass migration was widespread war, conflict, and persecution in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Thus in 2015, the G20 committed to strengthening support to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).²¹⁴⁹

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders continued to address the global refugee crisis and recognized that migration numbers had reached a scale unseen since World War II.²¹⁵⁰ In Hangzhou, G20 leaders recognized the potential for mass migration to challenge the future of global economic growth and thus reiterated their support for addressing the root causes of displacement, protecting

²¹⁴⁸ Worldwide displacement hits all-time high as war and persecution increase, UNHCR (Geneva) 18 June 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/latest/2015/6/558193896/worldwide-displacement-hits-all-time-high-war-persecution-increase.html>.

²¹⁴⁹ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Antalya Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communication.html>.

²¹⁵⁰ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>.

refugees, and creating a better system of shared responsibility.²¹⁵¹ They also called for “strengthening humanitarian assistance for refugees and refugee resettlement.”²¹⁵²

Two years after the G20 made its first commitments in response to the global refugee crisis, massive influxes of refugees and migrants continue to affect G20 members. While old crises are still unfolding, new humanitarian disasters are emanating. In June 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that by the end of 2016, 65.6 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide.²¹⁵³

Thus at the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders recognized the main drivers of forced displacement to be conflicts, natural disasters, and human rights violations and abuses.²¹⁵⁴ In particular, they acknowledged that irregular migration and forced displacement poses many complex challenges for countries of origin, transit, and destination, and that safe, orderly and regular migration can lead to substantial social and economic benefits.²¹⁵⁵ While G20 leaders reiterated old commitments to address the root causes of displacement, they also made new, unprecedented promises to address migration. In the “Leaders’ Declaration,” the G20 committed to counter migrant smuggling and trafficking and increase the promotion of economic development in countries where displacement occurs.²¹⁵⁶ They also stressed the particular importance of addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants and enabling refugees and migrants to return home safely when it is possible.

Commitment Features

The G20 committed to “addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.”

It is important to distinguish between refugees and migrants. Migration is a “movement that takes place outside the regulatory norms of the sending, transit and receiving countries.”²¹⁵⁷ It may be an internal movement within a country. However, it also can, but does not require, the crossing of international borders. Migrants refer to those “who move across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence”²¹⁵⁸ and include asylum seekers, refugees, and IDPs.²¹⁵⁹ A refugee is “someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence”²¹⁶⁰ and “has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.”²¹⁶¹ In contrast, an

²¹⁵¹ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>.

²¹⁵² G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>.

²¹⁵³ Global Trends: Forced Displacement 2016, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 June 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/5943e8a34/global-trends-forced-displacement-2016.html>.

²¹⁵⁴ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Hamburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

²¹⁵⁵ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Hamburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

²¹⁵⁶ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Hamburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

²¹⁵⁷ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁵⁸ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁵⁹ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁰ What is a refugee?, USA for UNHCR (Washington). Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/>.

²¹⁶¹ What is a refugee?, USA for UNHCR (Washington) 2017. Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/>.

asylum seeker is someone who has similarly experienced persecution in their country of origin and is waiting to gain asylum or refugee status into a safe country.²¹⁶² Further, IDPs are “persons or a group of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence”²¹⁶³ due to or in order to avoid armed conflict, generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural disasters.²¹⁶⁴ Unlike refugees, they have not crossed an internationally recognized State border to find safety.²¹⁶⁵ Given that refugees thus are a sub-category of migrants, and that the term “migrant” additionally includes asylum seekers and IDPs, this commitment will refer to “migrants” rather than “refugees and migrants” for the sake of simplicity.

“Addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants” refers to the unique needs of migrants in light of their circumstances. These needs are specific to migrants and are a direct result of their particular circumstances. These can include basic needs such as access to food, water, and shelter as well as more complex needs such as psychological, economic, or legal support. Many have undergone traumatic experiences, been exposed to violence, become dependent on external support, and have limited economic opportunities to rebuild their livelihoods.²¹⁶⁶ Providing these needs is thus humanitarian in nature and requires a multi-sectorial response.

Furthermore, supporting migrants who are “close to their region of origin” implies a particular emphasis on addressing the needs of migrants who are currently located near their country of origin, which is either inside or near the territory of a G20 member. This commitment is therefore divided into two components: taking concrete and tangible actions at the 1) domestic level and 2) international level, to provide address the distinct needs of migrants.

Part One: Domestic Actions

In taking domestic action to meet the distinct needs of migrants, members must support the resettlement needs and provide support for migrants in their own jurisdictions. This implies that refugees must receive the rights they are entitled to according to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, including economic and social rights, and should have “access to medical care, schooling and the right to work.”²¹⁶⁷ Other migrants, such as asylum seekers, must also be subject to fair asylum procedures. G20 members could provide “services to facilitate [refugee] integration, such as cultural orientation, language and vocational training, as well as programmes to promote access to education and employment.”²¹⁶⁸ Other examples could also include supporting psychological services, enhancing opportunities for employment, and providing educational opportunities for refugee children, and enhancing refugees’ equal and fair access to justice in a court of law, among others.²¹⁶⁹

Part Two: International Actions

Members can also take action to meet the distinct needs of migrants on an international level by providing humanitarian and/or financial assistance and other forms of support to host countries, migrant populations abroad, or other organizations including UNHCR and non-governmental

²¹⁶² Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶³ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁴ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁵ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁶ UNHCR’s Guiding Principles 2008-2012, UNHCR (Geneva) 2008. Access Date: 1 November 2017.

<http://www.unhcr.org/4885959c2.pdf>.

²¹⁶⁷ Protecting Refugees: questions and answers, UNHCR (Geneva) 1 February 2002. Access Date: 4 November 2017.

<http://www.unhcr.org/afr/publications/brochures/3b779dfe2/protecting-refugees-questions-answers.html>.

²¹⁶⁸ Resettlement, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/resettlement.html>.

²¹⁶⁹ Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, UNHCR (Geneva) 28 July 1951. Access Date: 30 October 2017.

<http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10>.

organizations (NGOs) who are working to meet the needs of migrants. Taking international action thus encompasses supporting programs to provide access to clean water, food, and adequate shelter for migrants, as well as providing health, psychological and educational services. Members can also provide support for refugee resettlement efforts and assist other countries develop a great capacity to offer protection.

“When applicable, to enable them to return home safely” implies efforts allowing for the return of migrants to their countries of origin when it is justifiable and safe to do so. Enabling their safe return is an international action in nature as it involves the crossing of national borders. Furthermore, facilitating migrants’ return to their countries of origin also counts towards meeting their distinct needs by helping to resettle them at home.

According to the Refugee Convention, “no Contracting State shall expel or return refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.”²¹⁷⁰ Refugees must “return in safety and with dignity to their country of origin and re-avail themselves of national protection.”²¹⁷¹ Hence, the option to return home must be voluntary in nature. Assisted voluntary return is the “administrative, logistical, financial and reintegration support to rejected asylum seekers, victims of trafficking in human beings, stranded migrants, qualified nationals and other migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host country who volunteer to return to their countries of origin.”²¹⁷² Actions to enable the safe return include offering specialized assistance and services to migrants in situations of vulnerability, facilitating travel documentation, assisting with travel arrangements and contributions to and cooperation with assisted voluntary return programs operated by external organizations.²¹⁷³ Other aspects include “public assurances of personal safety, integrity, non-discrimination and freedom from fear of persecution or punishment upon return, physical safety protection from armed attacks” and access to land or means of livelihood.”²¹⁷⁴

Enabling the return of migrants to their homes without satisfying the above criteria will thus be counted negatively towards compliance. This includes failing to facilitate their return when it is applicable to do so or facilitating their return when it is not applicable to do so. Furthermore, when it is not applicable to enable migrants to return home safely, G20 members must support their local integration and resettlement instead.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take concrete action to address the distinct needs of migrants both domestically and internationally. When applicable, G20 members must also take steps to enable their safe return home in order to fulfill the international aspect of the commitment.

²¹⁷⁰ Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, UNHCR (Geneva) 28 July 1951. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10>.

²¹⁷¹ UNHCR Resettlement Handbook, UNHCR (Geneva) July 2011. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/46f7c0ee2.pdf>.

²¹⁷² Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁷³ Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration: Annual Report of Activities, IOM (Geneva) 2012. Access Date: 1 November 2017. https://www.iom.int/files/live/sites/iom/files/partnerships/docs/2012-IOM-CSOConsultations/Additional_Resources/AVRR_Report_2011.pdf.

²¹⁷⁴ Voluntary Repatriation: International Protection Handbook, UNHCR (Geneva) 1996. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/publications/legal/3bfe68d32/handbook-voluntary-repatriation-international-protection.html>.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member has failed to take neither domestic NOR international action to address the needs of migrants, INCLUDING taking steps to enable the safe return of migrants when applicable.
0	G20 member has taken either domestic OR international action to address the distinct needs of migrants INCLUDING the safe return of migrants when applicable OR has taken both domestic and international action but has NOT taken steps to enable their safe return when applicable.
+1	G20 member has taken domestic action AND international action to address the distinct needs of migrants, INCLUDING taking steps to enable the safe return of migrants when applicable.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

As of 2 October 2017, the Argentine government received 62 income permit requests for the second 2017 semester in progress for the Syria Program.²¹⁷⁵

On 10 November 2017, the Ministry of Interior and Transport enhanced the Syria Program to include 100 more humanitarian visas, reaching a total of 420 visas granted for Syrian refugees.²¹⁷⁶ The program was initially created on 14 October 2014, and granted special visas for 3,000 Syrian refugees.²¹⁷⁷ Refugees first receive temporary and renewable residence permits, which can become permanent after two years.²¹⁷⁸ The humanitarian visa entitles refugees to the same social services as national citizens, including access to job opportunities and education, with the option to voluntarily return home when conditions allow, or to become self-reliant in Argentina.²¹⁷⁹

On 14 December 2017, Argentina hosted a forum on Migration, Trade, and the Global Economy.²¹⁸⁰ The event was co-held by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development and

²¹⁷⁵ Leaders’ Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing National Direction of Migration, Special Humanitarian Visa Program (Buenos Aires) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/programasiria/indexSiria.php?estadisticas>.

²¹⁷⁶ Syrian refugees reap benefits of Argentina’s new visa rules, UNHCR (Córdoba) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/afr/news/stories/2017/11/5a0586774.html>.

²¹⁷⁷ Special humanitarian visa program for foreigners affected by the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 14 October 2014. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/programasiria/?acercaprograma>.

²¹⁷⁸ Special humanitarian visa program for foreigners affected by the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 14 October 2014. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/programasiria/?acercaprograma>.

²¹⁷⁹ Syrian refugees reap benefits of Argentina’s new visa rules, UNHCR (Córdoba) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/afr/news/stories/2017/11/5a0586774.html>.

²¹⁸⁰ Argentina Hosts Forum on Migration, Trade and the Global Economy (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/argentina-hosts-forum-migration-trade-and-global-economy>.

International Organization for Migration to promote a better understanding of the link between migration and international trade.²¹⁸¹

As of 15 December 2017, Argentina accepted a total number of 155 people under their Syria Program in 2017, the largest number of refugees since its launch in 2014.²¹⁸² Almost half of them have been received as of December 2017.²¹⁸³

In 2017, Argentina contributed USD113,900 to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²¹⁸⁴

As of January 2018, President Mauricio Macri extended the Syria Program's validity for another year.²¹⁸⁵ The priorities for 2018 are focused on supporting the private sector and strengthening the institutions in charge of the program's functioning.²¹⁸⁶

Argentina has taken steps to address the distinct needs of migrants through both concrete domestic and international actions, by strengthening domestic programs like the Syria Program, and sustaining existing international initiatives with continued funding contributions to the UNHCR.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: 0

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 5 September 2017, the Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill was passed, allowing for the rejection of visas or applications for one based on character grounds informed by the use of protected information.²¹⁸⁷ These grounds include the commitment of serious crime, posing a risk to safety, or threatening Australia's national interest.²¹⁸⁸

²¹⁸¹ Argentina Hosts Forum on Migration, Trade and the Global Economy (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/argentina-hosts-forum-migration-trade-and-global-economy>.

²¹⁸² Argentina acogió en el 2017 el mayor número de refugiados sirios, dice la OIM, El Comercio (Lima) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.elcomercio.com/actualidad/argentina-refugiados-siria-oim-acogida.html>.

²¹⁸³ Argentina acogió en el 2017 el mayor número de refugiados sirios, dice la OIM, El Comercio (Lima) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018 <http://www.elcomercio.com/actualidad/argentina-refugiados-siria-oim-acogida.html>.

²¹⁸⁴ Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²¹⁸⁵ Argentina: How Does the Syria Program Work?, Latin American Post, 7 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.latinamericanpost.com/index.php/human-rights/19531-argentina--how-does-the-syria-program-work>.

²¹⁸⁶ Argentina: How Does the Syria Program Work?, Latin American Post, 7 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.latinamericanpost.com/index.php/human-rights/19531-argentina--how-does-the-syria-program-work>.

²¹⁸⁷ Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_LEGislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r5926.

²¹⁸⁸ Bills Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017 Second Reading, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2017. <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=CHAMBER;id=chamber%2Fhansards%2F8b210eb0-f0ba-48da-b074-bd89cc83d1bc%2F0217;query=Id%3A%22chamber%2Fhansards%2F8b210eb0-f0ba-48da-b074-bd89cc83d1bc%2F0210%22>.

On 30 October 2017, the Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill was passed, which amended the definition of ‘protected information’ so that only information that is harmful to national or public interest is protected.²¹⁸⁹ Moreover, this amendment is backdated to the original enactment period of the 2015 Australia Border Force Act, which allows those who work in places like the Nauru or Manus Island detention centres the ability to speak on their conditions without fear of prosecution.²¹⁹⁰

On 31 October 2017, the Manus Island detention centre was closed by the Australian government following a court ruling in Papua New Guinea.²¹⁹¹ The centre had been used to process migrants who arrived by boat in Australia without proper documentation, and a similar centre on Nauru remains open. During the previous month, the Australian government compensated nearly 2000 people detained at the Manus Island detention centre over claims of physical and psychological injuries.²¹⁹² Both centres have been criticized for inadequate conditions due to a lack of sufficient facilities and for exposing individuals to harm.²¹⁹³ A number of migrants from the facility in Manus refused to leave and were subsequently forcibly evicted from the centre.²¹⁹⁴ The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has criticized conditions in the new centres as lacking basic minimum standards.²¹⁹⁵ However, migrants at the centres have been provided consideration to resettle to the United States, a number of which have already been accepted.²¹⁹⁶

In 2017, Australia contributed USD39.7 million to the UNHCR.²¹⁹⁷

As of 28 February 2018, Australia has provided the UNHCR with USD26 million in funding in 2018.²¹⁹⁸ Other international aid includes funds directed toward the World Food Programme, International Committee of the Red Cross, and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian

²¹⁸⁹ Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 Second Reading, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=CHAMBER;id=chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0012;query=id%3A%22chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0008%22>.

²¹⁹⁰ Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 Second Reading, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=CHAMBER;id=chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0012;query=id%3A%22chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0008%22>.

²¹⁹¹ Court approves \$70 million compensation payout to Manus Island detainees, Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/court-approves-70-million-compensation-payout-to-manus-island-detainees-20170906-gybpjy.html>.

²¹⁹² Court approves \$70 million compensation payout to Manus Island detainees, Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/court-approves-70-million-compensation-payout-to-manus-island-detainees-20170906-gybpjy.html>.

²¹⁹³ Australia asylum: Why is it controversial?, BBC (London) 31 October 2017. Access Date: February 28, 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-28189608>.

²¹⁹⁴ Third group of Manus refugees leave for US as despair grips those left behind, The Guardian (London) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/14/third-group-of-manus-refugees-leave-for-us-as-despair-grips-those-left-behind>.

²¹⁹⁵ Third group of Manus refugees leave for US as despair grips those left behind, The Guardian (London) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/14/third-group-of-manus-refugees-leave-for-us-as-despair-grips-those-left-behind>.

²¹⁹⁶ In Deal Trump Called ‘Dumb,’ US Taking 50 Refugees From Australia, New York Times (Sydney) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/20/world/australia/refugees-turnbull-trump.html>.

²¹⁹⁷ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²¹⁹⁸ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

Affairs.²¹⁹⁹ Resources allocated to the Humanitarian and Refugee Program help provide for refugee and humanitarian visas, though those who arrived by boat after 2012 are generally denied access to these visas.²²⁰⁰ The 2018 budget provides funds for settlement services which include counselling, language training, and job skills.

Australia has implemented some measures that address the needs of migrants internationally and domestically through aid and funding of specific programs. However, the policies in place directed at migrants who arrive by boat and the conditions under which they are detained do not meet the standards set by the commitment.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

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Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, particularly close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 19-20 September 2017, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security hosted the first International Seminar to Combat Trafficking of Persons and Smuggling of Migrants with the support of the European Union and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.²²⁰¹ The event convened members of government institutions, civil society and representatives of other countries collaborating with Brazil to combat the crime.²²⁰² International organizations such as the EU, International Organization for Migration, UN Children's Fund and UN Development Programme also participated in the seminar.²²⁰³ The seminar provided an opportunity for participants to share experiences, best practices and data on the subject and to contribute to the development of Brazil's 3rd National Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons.²²⁰⁴ The seminar also enabled the collection of subsidies to begin the construction of the plan, which will be implemented from 2018 to 2021.²²⁰⁵

On 21 November 2017, the Government of Brazil implemented a new migration law that grants visas for stateless persons or those arriving in Brazil due to a situation of imminent institutional instability, armed conflict, environmental disaster, violation of human rights or violation of

²¹⁹⁹ 2017-18 Federal Budget: What it means for Refugees and People Seeking Humanitarian Protection, Refugee Council of Australia (Surry Hills) 10 May 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-18-Budget-summary_web.pdf.

²²⁰⁰ Fact sheet — Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian programme, Department of Home Affairs (Canberra). Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/corporate/information/fact-sheets/60refugee>.

²²⁰¹ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰² Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰³ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰⁴ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰⁵ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

international humanitarian law in their home countries.²²⁰⁶ Chief of Staff of the National Secretariat of Justice Bernardo Laferté commented that the new law actualizes the provisions of Article 5 of the federal constitution, which prohibits discretionary distinctions between Brazilians and foreigners.²²⁰⁷

In 2017, Brazil contributed USD662,778 to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²²⁰⁸

On 6 February 2018, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security announced that asylum seekers will receive identification documents beginning in October 2018.²²⁰⁹ The identification documents reaffirm the rights of asylum seekers and will further facilitate access to the rights already guaranteed to them, including access to public services such as health, education, and social assistance.²²¹⁰

On 8 February 2018, Minister of Defense Raul Jungmann announced that the Brazilian government will relocate tens of thousands of Venezuelan refugees and increase aid to hundreds of thousands of people who fled Venezuela.²²¹¹

On 8 February 2018, Minister of Justice Torquato Jardim stated that the Brazil would implement procedures within 90 days to revalidate the diplomas of Venezuelan migrants.²²¹² This would allow Venezuelan migrants with higher education to integrate into the Brazilian labour market.²²¹³

On 15 February 2018, Brazil adopted measures to address the influx of Venezuelans, including creating a federal assistance committee, and a series of measures aiming to to improve social protection, health and public safety in municipalities overwhelmed by the influxes.²²¹⁴

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to address the needs of refugees and migrants by taking domestic actions. It has also taken international action by financially supporting the UNHCR.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

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²²⁰⁶ Nova lei de migração está em vigor para facilitar regularização de estrangeiros, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/nova-lei-de-migracao-esta-em-vigor-para-facilitar-regularizacao-de-estrangeiros-no-brasil>.

²²⁰⁷ Nova lei de migração está em vigor para facilitar regularização de estrangeiros, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/nova-lei-de-migracao-esta-em-vigor-para-facilitar-regularizacao-de-estrangeiros-no-brasil>.

²²⁰⁸ Contributions to UNHCR — 2017, UNHCR 14 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²²⁰⁹ Solicitantes de refúgio terão documento de identificação no Brasil, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.justica.gov.br/news/solicitantes-de-refugio-terao-documento-de-identificacao-no-brasil>.

²²¹⁰ Solicitantes de refúgio terão documento de identificação no Brasil, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.justica.gov.br/news/solicitantes-de-refugio-terao-documento-de-identificacao-no-brasil>.

²²¹¹ Brazil to deploy more troops on Venezuela border amid refugee crisis, Reuters (Boa Vista) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-brazil/brazil-to-deploy-more-troops-on-venezuela-border-amid-refugee-crisis-idUSKBN1FS3AD>.

²²¹² Suely Campos cobra soluções para a crise migratória em Roraima e apresenta 11 propostas, Governo de Roraima (Brasília) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://portal.rr.gov.br/?p=3637>.

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²²¹⁴ Brazil adopts measures to contain social emergency in Roraima, UOL News 15 February 2018. Access Date: 18 April 2018. <https://noticias.uol.com.br/ultimas-noticias/afp/2018/02/15/brasil-adota-medidas-para-conter-emergencia-social-em-roraima.htm>.

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 4 October 2017, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie Marie-Claude Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would contribute CAD3 million in response to an appeal from the United Nations and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for additional aid to address the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar.²²¹⁵ The funding will provide hospital care and health care services focusing on sexual and reproductive health, sexual and gender-based violence, psychosocial support for survivors and obstetric care.²²¹⁶ The funding will also provide access to water and sanitation services, and emergency shelter and non-food items for new asylum seekers.²²¹⁷ This funding will also support humanitarian efforts by Doctors Without Borders, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), ICRC, and International Organization for Migration in formal camps, informal settlements, and other hard-to-reach areas.²²¹⁸

On 16 October 2017, Minister Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would contribute over CAD1 million to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food assistance for 25,000 Rohingya refugees living in informal settlements in Bangladesh.²²¹⁹ This funding would focus on supporting the efforts of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank's members, Emergency Relief and Development Overseas, and World Renew to provide food assistance.²²²⁰

On 27 October 2017, the Government of Canada changed the definition of the age of dependents from individuals under 19 to those under 22.²²²¹ This new age limit will enable more family members of refugees to qualify as dependents and reunite them with their families.²²²² The increased maximum

²²¹⁵ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

²²¹⁶ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

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²²¹⁸ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

²²¹⁹ Canada marks World Food Day with additional support to feed Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_marks_worldfooddaywithadditionalstupporttofeedrohingyarefu.html.

²²²⁰ Canada marks World Food Day with additional support to feed Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_marks_worldfooddaywithadditionalstupporttofeedrohingyarefu.html.

²²²¹ New definition of age of dependents now in force, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/10/new_definition_ofageofdependantsnowinforce.html.

²²²² New definition of age of dependents now in force, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/10/new_definition_ofageofdependantsnowinforce.html.

age will apply to applications received by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada on or after 24 October 2017.²²²³

On 31 October 2017, Minister Bibeau launched the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund to aid civil society organizations in delivering gender-sensitive humanitarian assistance to Rohingya refugees.²²²⁴ The fund aims for the Government of Canada to match eligible donations contributed by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities between 25 August 2017 and 28 November 2017.²²²⁵ The funding will focus on meeting the needs of vulnerable women and girls, such as providing sexual and reproductive health services and psychosocial counselling for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.²²²⁶

On 13 December 2017, Minister Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would contribute CAD12.55 million to assist Rohingya refugees through the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.²²²⁷ This contribution matches Canadian individuals' contributions to registered Canadian Charities between 25 August 2017 and 28 November 2017 to assist the Rohingya.²²²⁸

On 15 December 2017, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen announced that the Government of Canada would contribute CAD10.4 million to assist vulnerable populations affected by the ongoing severe drought and food insecurity in Somalia.²²²⁹ The funding will be allocated to the World Food Programme, UN Children's Fund, UN Development Programme, and American Refugee Committee.²²³⁰ The funding will focus on providing food, water and sanitation, treatment for acute malnutrition, medical support, shelter, and protection to affected populations.²²³¹

²²²³ New definition of age of dependents now in force, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/10/new_definition_ofageofdependentsnowinforce.html.

²²²⁴ Minister Bibeau launches Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/minister_bibeau_launchesmyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁵ Minister Bibeau launches Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/minister_bibeau_launchesmyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁶ Minister Bibeau launches Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/minister_bibeau_launchesmyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁷ Minister Bibeau announces final tally for Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/minister_bibeau_announcesfinaltallyformyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁸ Minister Bibeau announces final tally for Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/minister_bibeau_announcesfinaltallyformyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁹ Canada continues to respond to critical humanitarian needs in Somalia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_continuestorespondtocriticalhumanitarianneedsinsomalia.html.

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On 20 December 2017, Minister Hussen announced that the Government of Canada would provide CAD15 million to assist refugees and drought-affected populations in Kenya.²²³² The funding will be allocated to the WFP and the UNHCR.²²³³

In 2017, Canada contributed USD81.9 million to the UNHCR, making it one of the top 10 donors to the UNHCR for that year.²²³⁴

On 20 February 2018, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada announced a change to its scheduling policy regarding refugee case hearings.²²³⁵ This was intended to address the continued delays with hearing asylum claims, as asylum seekers wait an average of 16 months to have their case presented.²²³⁶ The number of delayed cases has grown steadily throughout 2017.²²³⁷ As of September 2017, the number of delayed cases has reached 34,462.²²³⁸

As of 27 February 2018, Syrian refugees are facing difficulties integrating into the Canadian job market.²²³⁹ Despite having lived in Canada for months, if not more than a year, many Syrians are unable to find jobs.²²⁴⁰ Almost 1,500 refugees landed in Halifax between November 2015 and July 2017, and half of them rely on income assistance due to the lack of available jobs, which is largely due to language barriers and a lack of skill recognition.²²⁴¹

Canada has been active in addressing the needs of migrants both domestically and abroad. The Government of Canada has also collaborated with partners to facilitate successful resettlement of domestic refugees. While the Canadian government has shortcomings, it has been supporting its domestic refugees through income assistance and has actively addressed the backlog of refugee hearings/ Canada has also contributed internally to the needs of migrants through funds to provide food, sanitation, and other resources for the Rohingya refugees.

²²³² Canada announces funding for humanitarian and development assistance in Kenya, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_announcesfundingforhumanitariananddevelopmentassistancein.html.

²²³³ Canada announces funding for humanitarian and development assistance in Kenya, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_announcesfundingforhumanitariananddevelopmentassistancein.html.

²²³⁴ Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²²³⁵ The immigration and Refugee Board of Canada changes how refugee hearings are scheduled, IRBC (Ottawa) 20 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/Eng/NewsNouv/NewNou/Pages/hearing-schedule.aspx>.

²²³⁶ "I have hope": Most refugees now waiting 16 months to have claims heard, CBC (Ottawa) 7 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/refugee-board-delayed-16-months-1.4344254>.

²²³⁷ "I have hope": Most refugees now waiting 16 months to have claims heard, CBC (Ottawa) 7 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/refugee-board-delayed-16-months-1.4344254>.

²²³⁸ Canada's refugee board abruptly changes its scheduling system amid surging backlog, The Star (Toronto) 26 January 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/immigration/2018/01/26/canadas-refugee-board-abruptly-changes-its-scheduling-system-amid-surging-backlog.html>.

²²³⁹ These Syrian refugees named their son after Justin Trudeau but now, their optimism is fading, CBC (Ottawa) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/syrian-refugee-update-1.4545226>.

²²⁴⁰ Unable to find work, many Syrian refugees reluctantly turn to social assistance, CBC (Ottawa) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/syrian-refugees-struggling-social-assistance-language-barrier-1.4368833>.

²²⁴¹ Unable to find work, many Syrian refugees reluctantly turn to social assistance, CBC (Ottawa) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/syrian-refugees-struggling-social-assistance-language-barrier-1.4368833>.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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China: 0

China has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 19 September 2017, China delivered 500 tons of rice to Beirut for Syrian refugees residing in Lebanon.²²⁴² China has pledged 2,764 tons of food in total, the rest of which has yet to be delivered.²²⁴³

On 28 September 2017, China donated 150 tons of aid to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²²⁴⁴ The donations are composed of items such as 2,000 relief tents and 3,000 blankets.²²⁴⁵

In September 2017, the Vice Minister of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative signed an agreement with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as part of the process to eventually fulfill China's pledge of USD1 billion towards refugees in Asia and Africa.²²⁴⁶

On 23 October 2017, 86,000 Syrian refugee students in Lebanon received educational supplies paid for by the Chinese government.²²⁴⁷ Chinese Ambassador Wang Kejian, who personally delivered the supplies, has stated the aid is a representation of Chinese support for Syrian refugees.²²⁴⁸

On 4 November 2017, China arrested 10 refugees from North Korea, and returned them to North Korea by the end of the month.²²⁴⁹ The Chinese government claims that the deportation was conducted in accordance with domestic and international laws.²²⁵⁰ The number of North Korean

²²⁴² China's food aid for Syrian refugees delivered at Lebanon's Beirut port, Xin Hua News (Beijing) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/20/c_136622111.htm.

²²⁴³ China's food aid for Syrian refugees delivered at Lebanon's Beirut port, Xin Hua News (Beijing) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/20/c_136622111.htm.

²²⁴⁴ China aids Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh while backing Myanmar government, The Diplomat (Washington) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/china-aids-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-while-backing-myanmar-government/>.

²²⁴⁵ China aids Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh while backing Myanmar government, The Diplomat (Washington) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/china-aids-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-while-backing-myanmar-government/>.

²²⁴⁶ Press: China and UNHCR Sign the Assistance Agreement to Meet Refugee Challenges, Ministry of Commerce People's Republic of China (Beijing) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/article/newsrelease/significantnews/201710/20171002654087.shtml>.

²²⁴⁷ China provides educational supplies to 86,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Xin Hua Net (Beijing) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/24/c_136700896.htm.

²²⁴⁸ China provides educational supplies to 86,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Xin Hua Net (Beijing) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/24/c_136700896.htm.

²²⁴⁹ North Korean defectors returned home despite father's plea, BBC (London) 28 November 2017. Access Date: January 13 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-42156449>.

²²⁵⁰ North Koreans Refugees Trapped by China's Expanding Dragnet, Human Rights Watch (New York) 18 September 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/18/north-korean-refugees-trapped-chinas-expanding-dragnet>.

asylum seekers in China has risen sharply in the last year.²²⁵¹ From July to August 2017, China has arrested 41 North Koreans, a significant increase from the total 51 arrests between July 2016 to June 2017.²²⁵²

On 9 November 2017, China donated USD1 million to the World Food Programme (WFP) to provide aid and assistance to refugees and migrants in the Diffa Region in Niger.²²⁵³

On 27 November 2017, China donated an additional USD1 million to the WFP, towards refugees from Afghanistan and Iraq living in Iran.²²⁵⁴ The funds have been allocated towards the purchase of food staples such as lentils, flour, rice, and sugar.²²⁵⁵

In 2017, China contributed USD11.1 million to the UNHCR.²²⁵⁶

On 13 February 2018, China's representative in Iran completed a refugee aid package of USD1 million.²²⁵⁷ The aid was given under an agreement signed by China in August 2017 and was used primarily towards purchasing foodstuffs for Afghan and Iraqi refugees residing in Iran.²²⁵⁸

China has contributed to international actions to address the needs of refugees by donating aid to Syrian and Rohingya refugees and taking steps to fulfill its pledge of monetary funds towards refugees abroad, such as in Iran and Niger. However, China has largely failed to take domestic action to address the needs of migrants within its territory.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nancy Qin

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of migrants and refugees, in particular close to their regions of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

²²⁵¹ North Koreans Refugees Trapped by China's Expanding Dragnet, Human Rights Watch (New York) 18 September 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/18/north-korean-refugees-trapped-chinas-expanding-dragnet>.

²²⁵² North Koreans Refugees Trapped by China's Expanding Dragnet, Human Rights Watch (New York) 18 September 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/18/north-korean-refugees-trapped-chinas-expanding-dragnet>.

²²⁵³ Life-saving Chinese contribution to WFP's efforts in Niger to support victims of Boho Haram crisis, World Food Programme News (Niamey) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/life-saving-chinese-contribution-wfps-efforts-niger-support-victims-boko-haram-cr>.

²²⁵⁴ WFP welcomes contribution from China to support Afghan and Iraqi refugees in Iran, World Food Program News (Tehran) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-welcomes-contribution-china-support-afghan-and-iraqi-refugees-iran>.

²²⁵⁵ WFP welcomes contribution from China to support Afghan and Iraqi refugees in Iran, World Food Program News (Tehran) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-welcomes-contribution-china-support-afghan-and-iraqi-refugees-iran>.

²²⁵⁶ Contributions to UNHCR — 2017, UNHCR 14 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²²⁵⁷ China completes US\$1M refugee aid project in Iran, China.org (Beijing) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.china.org.cn/world/2018-02/14/content_50518045.htm.

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On 12 July 2017, the French government presented a new action plan for a balanced and controlled immigration policy.²²⁵⁹ The plans include reducing the asylum procedure from 14 to 6 months, improving the integration of refugees, increasing reception facility capacities for asylum seekers, increasing genuine equal opportunities for all documented foreign nationals, installing a credible deportation policy, and improving focus on certain groups of asylum seekers.²²⁶⁰

On 28 July 2017, President Emmanuel Macron publicly vowed to provide housing for all refugee and asylum seekers in France.²²⁶¹

On 31 July 2017, the French government announced that it will provide water and sanitation to refugees and migrants in Calais and open two reception centres away from the port.²²⁶²

On 2 August 2017, Minister of the Interior Gérard Collomb pledged to welcome an additional 3,500 migrants to the country by the following year.²²⁶³

On 28 August 2017, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain agreed to help Chad and Niger with border control to stem the flow of migrants through Libya and across the Mediterranean.²²⁶⁴ At the summit, France also called on the European Union to offer an extra EUR60 million to help African countries deal with asylum seekers who have returned from Europe and to prevent further migration flows.²²⁶⁵

On 28 August 2017, Minister Collomb announced that the government allowance to refugees voluntarily exiting France to return to their country of origin would be raised from EUR1,000 to EUR2,500 before 31 December 2017.²²⁶⁶

On 20 November 2017, Minister Collomb announced that France would receive refugees evacuated from Libya in December 2017.²²⁶⁷ France plans to receive 10,000 refugees by 2019, with 3,000 people coming from a resettlement program in Niger and Chad.²²⁶⁸

²²⁵⁹ Guaranteeing the right to asylum and improving control of migration flows, French Government (Paris) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/guaranteeing-the-right-to-asylum-and-improving-control-of-migration-flows>.

²²⁶⁰ Guaranteeing the right to asylum and improving control of migration flows, French Government (Paris) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/guaranteeing-the-right-to-asylum-and-improving-control-of-migration-flows>.

²²⁶¹ France to boost refugee aid, deport economic migrants, France 24 (Paris) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <http://www.france24.com/en/20170712-france-boost-refugee-aid-deport-economic-migrants>.

²²⁶² France to provide water and open centres for refugees near Calais, The Guardian (Calais) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/31/france-to-provide-water-and-open-centres-for-refugees-near-calais>.

²²⁶³ France to take in 3,500 more migrants to meet Macron pledge, Financial Times. (Paris) 6 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.ft.com/content/6d1c3db4-7a9e-11e7-ab01-a13271d1ee9c>.

²²⁶⁴ African and European leaders agree action plan on migration crisis, The Guardian (Paris) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/28/emmanuel-macron-hosts-summit-to-tackle-migration-crisis>.

²²⁶⁵ African and European leaders agree action plan on migration crisis, The Guardian (Paris) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/28/emmanuel-macron-hosts-summit-to-tackle-migration-crisis>.

²²⁶⁶ Paid leave: France offers migrants 2,500 euros to return home, Sputnik News (Paris) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://sputniknews.com/europe/201708271056826505-france-migrants-pay/>.

²²⁶⁷ Refugees escaping Libya arrived in France, CNN (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/19/europe/france-libya-slavery-niger-intl/index.html>.

By the end of 2017, 43,000 asylum seekers had been granted refugee status in France that year.²²⁶⁹ France received a record high of 100,412 asylum requests.²²⁷⁰

In 2017, France contributed USD39.7 million to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.²²⁷¹

On 19 January 2018, President Macron and British Prime Minister Theresa May agreed on a the Sandhurst Treaty, anew border security deal through which the UK will pay EUR50 million for fencing, CCTV, and other detection technologies in Calais and channel ports, stoping migrants trying to reach British shores.²²⁷² The Sandhurst Treaty will speed up the time taken to process migration from Calais to the UK, reducing the wait time from six months to one month for adults, and 25 days for minors.²²⁷³ The UK also agreed to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France.²²⁷⁴

In February 2018, President Macron introduced proposals in legislation with the goals of speeding up the process for asylum requests and for expelling migrants who are unable to claim asylum.²²⁷⁵ The new legislation also includes plans to introduce fines of EUR3,750 or a one year jail term for people who illegally cross borders within the EU.²²⁷⁶ It also doubles the time asylum-seekers can be held in detention to 90 days, halves the amount of time asylum-seekers have to appeal their rejected refugee claims, hastens the deportation of asylum-seekers deemed to be economic migrants, and cuts the average waiting time on asylum applications from 11 months to six.²²⁷⁷

France has contributed to international projects that address refugee rights such as providing assistance to African countries to deal with their own migration flows. Yet although France has taken some steps to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants in France, substantial systemic deficiencies remain.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sara Fallaba

²²⁶⁸ Refugees escaping Libya arrived in France, CNN (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/19/europe/france-libya-slavery-niger-intl/index.html>.

²²⁶⁹ Number of asylum seekers hits record high in France, Anadolu Agency (Paris) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/europe/number-of-asylum-seekers-hits-record-high-in-france/1025264>.

²²⁷⁰ Number of asylum seekers hits record high in France, Anadolu Agency (Paris) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/europe/number-of-asylum-seekers-hits-record-high-in-france/1025264>.

²²⁷¹ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²²⁷² 'Sandhurst Treaty': Britain and France agree new deal on border security, France 24 19 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.france24.com/en/20180118-france-uk-migrants-calais-sandhurst-treaty-britain-france-agree-new-deal-border-security>.

²²⁷³ Calais migrants: UK and France sign new treaty, BBC (Calais) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42723401>.

²²⁷⁴ UK to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France, The Local 20 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20180120/uk-to-accept-260-unaccompanied-minors-from-france>.

²²⁷⁵ Emmanuel Macron unveils plans to crack down on immigration, The Guardian (Paris) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/21/emmanuel-macron-unveils-plans-to-crack-down-on-immigration-france>.

²²⁷⁶ France presents new immigration bill, Deutsche Welle 21 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/france-presents-new-immigration-bill/a-42678578>.

²²⁷⁷ France presents new immigration bill, Deutsche Welle 21 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/france-presents-new-immigration-bill/a-42678578>.

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

Since July 2017, the Federal Office of Migration and Refugees (BAMF) has been highly active in launching programs to properly integrate refugees into Germany's job market.²²⁷⁸ However, structural challenges in the system continue to persist.²²⁷⁹

In July 2017, BAMF expanded their reach by providing additional translation services for migration, integration, and asylum procedures, showing adaptation to the diverse influx of people.²²⁸⁰

On 2 August 2017, BAMF began a project to improve regional cooperation for refugee integration programs in partnership with the Regional Directorate of Bavaria of the Federal Employment Agency together with the Bavarian Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Family and Integration.²²⁸¹

In August 2017, Federal Ministry of the Economy and Technology outlined the ways in which refugees can integrate into the job market, specifically by filling the needs of skilled and unskilled workers in nursing homes through proper education and training.²²⁸²

In August 2017, BAMF took action to meet the psychological needs of refugees by subsidizing special trainings for integration teachers to deal with "traumatized refugees."²²⁸³

In September 2017, Germany announced it was contributing EUR60 million of humanitarian aid, through the UN, to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²²⁸⁴ For those still in Myanmar, the German government reserved EUR11.2 million to provide vital medical care, promote employment for internally displaced persons (IDPs), and help local communities with receiving IDPs.²²⁸⁵

In October 2017, hundreds of migrants participated in a social integration program, which emphasized greater integration in cultural and economic institutions. The program included a diverse

²²⁷⁸ Integration ist zentrale Aufgabe, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2017/20170724-am-cordt-trifft-praesident-des-zdh.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁷⁹ Refugees in Germany waiting longer for asylum processing, Deutsche Welle (Bonne) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/refugees-in-germany-waiting-longer-for-asylum-processing/a-41188387>.

²²⁸⁰ Information for refugees in several languages, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 3 December 2017. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/EN/2017/20170727-pm-mehrsprachige-infos-fuer-gefluechtete.html>.

²²⁸¹ Integration und Flüchtlinge vor Ort, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2017. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2017/20170802-026-pm-regionale-koordination.html?nn=1366068>.

²²⁸² Ausbildung und Beschäftigung von Flüchtlingen in der Altenpflege, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie (Berlin) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Publikationen/Ausbildung-und-Beruf/ausbildung-und-beschaeftigung-von-fluechtlingen-in-der-altenpflege.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=38.

²²⁸³ Fortbildungen: Arbeit mit traumatisierten Geflüchteten, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2017/20161024-individuelle-foerderung-fortbildungen.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁸⁴ Humanitarian aid for people in Myanmar, the Federal Government (Berlin) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Artikel/2017/09_en/2017-09-11-myanmar-rohingya_eng.html.

²²⁸⁵ Humanitarian aid for people in Myanmar, the Federal Government (Berlin) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Artikel/2017/09_en/2017-09-11-myanmar-rohingya_eng.html.

set of activities, including a day at the theatre.²²⁸⁶ By December 2017, similar programs were implemented for older migrants and refugees to socialize with elderly Germans.²²⁸⁷

Furthermore, by October 2017, BAMF slowed down the processing of asylum claims. In the beginning months of 2017, 50,000 asylum cases were processed per month, compared to between 15,000 and 18,000 in recent months.²²⁸⁸ Speculations included understaffing at BAMF and a system under strain and inefficiency.²²⁸⁹

In November 2017, the Kompetenzzentrum Fachkräftesicherung, one of Germany's primary skilled workers organizations, launched a detailed plan of action for the integration of refugees into the job market under the oversight of the Federal Ministry of the Economy and Technology.²²⁹⁰

Additionally, in November 2017, the German government announced its contribution of EUR2 million to the World Food Program's efforts to aid refugees and asylum seekers living in Tanzania and Rwanda, many of whom are from Burundi.²²⁹¹

In 2017, Germany contributed USD476.9 million to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), marking the UNHCR's second highest donation in 2017.²²⁹²

In January 2018, BAMF began easing legal processes for refugees.²²⁹³ As part of the project, hotlines and online services for better and faster communication with courts were launched.²²⁹⁴

On 29 January 2018, the Federal Ministry of the Interior announced that it would resettle a small number of migrants from Italy and Greece, specifically those left outstanding from 2017.²²⁹⁵

²²⁸⁶ Was ich schaffen kann, das kannst auch Du schaffen, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Projekte/DE/ProjekteDesMonats/171030-oktober-projekt-des-monats.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁸⁷ Alt ist nicht gleich alt, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Projekte/DE/ProjekteDesMonats/171219-dezember-projekt-des-monats.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁸⁸ Refugees in Germany waiting longer for asylum processing, Deutsche Welle (Bonne) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/refugees-in-germany-waiting-longer-for-asylum-processing/a-41188387>.

²²⁸⁹ Refugees in Germany waiting longer for asylum processing, Deutsche Welle (Bonne) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/refugees-in-germany-waiting-longer-for-asylum-processing/a-41188387>.

²²⁹⁰ Ausbildung von Flüchtlingen, KOFA (Berlin) November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.kofa.de/fileadmin/Dateiliste/Publikationen/Handlungsempfehlungen/Handlungsempfehlung-Ausbildung-von-Fluechtligen.pdf>.

²²⁹¹ Germany Provides Critical Humanitarian Assistance for Refugees in Rwanda and Tanzania, World Food Program (Dar Es Salaam) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/germany-provides-critical-humanitarian-assistance-refugees-tanzania-and-rwanda>.

²²⁹² Contributions to UNHCR –o2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²²⁹³ Jahregerichtsstatistik 2017, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 23 February 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180223-klagezahlen-gegen-asylentscheidungen.html?nn=1367522>.

²²⁹⁴ Jahregerichtsstatistik 2017, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 23 February 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180223-klagezahlen-gegen-asylentscheidungen.html?nn=1367522>.

²²⁹⁵ Migrant relocations from Italy and Greece drawing to a close, Deutsche Welle 29 January 2018. Access Date : 19 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/migrant-relocations-from-italy-and-greece-drawing-to-a-close/a-42346999>.

In February 2018, BAMF and the UNHCR announced the intensification of their cooperation, especially in the quality of services provided for refugees.²²⁹⁶ They announced their focus of 2018 as refugee resettlement, with the results of this joint goal yet to be seen.²²⁹⁷

Germany has launched highly ambitious programs in ensuring the economic and social integration of the millions of their migrants and refugees. It also continues to be a leading player in international efforts to help refugees.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mertol Özalp

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 14 September 2017, the Indian government launched Operation Insaniyat to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees in Bangladesh.²²⁹⁸ The relief material included sugar, pulses, rice, salt, and biscuits.²²⁹⁹

On 21 September 2017, the Indian government announced 116 new “high impact community development projects” in Afghanistan.²³⁰⁰ One of the projects is a low cost housing program for ensuring the safe return of Afghan refugees.²³⁰¹

On 22 November 2017, the Ministry of External Affairs announced the inclusion of persecuted minorities from Pakistan and Bangladesh in a self-financing scheme for educational programs.²³⁰²

²²⁹⁶ UNHCR und BAMF im Dialog, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 28 February 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180227-unhcr-und-bamf-im-dialog.html>.

²²⁹⁷ UNHCR und BAMF im Dialog, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 28 February 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180227-unhcr-und-bamf-im-dialog.html>.

²²⁹⁸ Operation Insaniyat — Humanitarian Assistance to Bangladesh on account of influx of refugees, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/28944/Operation_Insaniyat__Humanitarian_assistance_to_Bangladesh_on_account_of_influx_of_refugees.

²²⁹⁹ Operation Insaniyat — Humanitarian Assistance to Bangladesh on account of influx of refugees, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/28944/Operation_Insaniyat__Humanitarian_assistance_to_Bangladesh_on_account_of_influx_of_refugees.

²³⁰⁰ India announces taking up 116 high-impact projects in Afghanistan, The Times of India (New York) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-announces-taking-up-116-high-impact-projects-in-afghanistan/articleshow/60783744.cms>.

²³⁰¹ India announces taking up 116 high-impact projects in Afghanistan, The Times of India (New York) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-announces-taking-up-116-high-impact-projects-in-afghanistan/articleshow/60783744.cms>.

²³⁰² Self-financing scheme — inclusion of persecuted religious minority migrants from Bangladesh and Pakistan based in India, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. www.mea.gov.in/Uploads/PublicationDocs/29131_Self_Financing_pr.pdf.

This scheme will facilitate persecuted religious minority migrants in gaining access to higher education in India.²³⁰³

On 24 November 2017, India sent 3000 family relief packs with items such as rice, salt, sugar, and soap to the displaced people in the Rakhine State.²³⁰⁴

On 20 December 2017, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Dr S. Jaishankar signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Myanmar's Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement that initiated the Rakhine State Development program.²³⁰⁵ Under the program, India will contribute USD25 million over a period of five years on development activities in the Rakhine state.²³⁰⁶ The program attempts to facilitate the return of displaced persons by improving socio-economic conditions through various livelihood-generating initiatives.²³⁰⁷ It also includes a project to build prefabricated housing that will provide an immediate living space to the returning refugees.²³⁰⁸

On 27 December 2017, the Indian paramilitary group Assam Rifles helped to repatriate 1600 refugees to Myanmar's Chin state.²³⁰⁹ Fleeing violence between Myanmar's national forces and the Arakan Army militants, many displaced persons first sought shelter in India's Mizoram province in November 2017.²³¹⁰ Despite an improvement of the Chin state's security situation, most of the refugees have chosen to stay in India, though a small number of them were successfully repatriated by the paramilitary group.²³¹¹ The refugees still present in the four villages in Mizoram's Lawngtlai district are being moved to a single relief camp in Hmawngbuchhuah village in order to ensure better access to food, essential commodities and relief materials.²³¹²

²³⁰³ Self-financing scheme — inclusion of persecuted religious minority migrants from Bangladesh and Pakistan based in India, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. www.mea.gov.in/Uploads/PublicationDocs/29131_Self_Financing_pr.pdf.

²³⁰⁴ India sends 3000 relief packs to Myanmar's Rakhine State, Hindustantimes (New Delhi) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-sends-3000-relief-packs-to-myanmar-s-rakhine-state/story-Xh7KM1NxljSsFYQd862scO.html>.

²³⁰⁵ Visit of Foreign Secretary of India to Myanmar, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29186/Visit+of+Foreign+Secretary+of+India+to+Myanmar+December+20+2017>.

²³⁰⁶ India inks pact to restore normalcy in Rakhine, The Times of India (New Delhi) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-help-myanmar-restore-normalcy-in-rakhine-province/articleshow/62183035.cms>.

²³⁰⁷ Visit of Foreign Secretary of India to Myanmar, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29186/Visit+of+Foreign+Secretary+of+India+to+Myanmar+December+20+2017>.

²³⁰⁸ India, Myanmar sign MoU for Rakhine state's development, Hindustantimes (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-myanmar-sign-mou-for-rakhine-state-s-development/story-cBT3QZmXWtliUeCvNjcFcN.html>.

²³⁰⁹ Mizoram: Refugees moved to one relief camp from four villages, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/rohingya-muslim-refugees-myanmar-relief-camp-5050186/>.

²³¹⁰ Mizoram: Refugees moved to one relief camp from four villages, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/rohingya-muslim-refugees-myanmar-relief-camp-5050186/>.

²³¹¹ Myanmarese refugees of Mizoram unwilling to return, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 9 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/myanmarese-refugees-of-mizoram-unwilling-to-return-5017767/>.

²³¹² Mizoram: Refugees moved to one relief camp from four villages, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/rohingya-muslim-refugees-myanmar-relief-camp-5050186/>.

In 2017, India did not contribute to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Through the provision of humanitarian and development assistance, India has addressed its commitment to refugees in the international sphere. However, India has taken little action to meet the distinct needs of refugees and migrants domestically.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Raafia Shahid

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 September 2017, Indonesia sent 34 tons of aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²³¹³ The aid included tents, rice, sugar and sanitation supplies, water tanks and blankets.²³¹⁴

On 21 September 2017, the Embassy of Indonesia in Yangon and the National Disaster Management Agency provided humanitarian assistance to camps for internally displaced persons in Myanmar and conducted a training session which involved the installation of refugee tents and portable water tanks.²³¹⁵ The aid, which included sarongs, portable water tanks, medicine, and food, was delivered by Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar Ito Sumardi, who also promised further assistance for the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.²³¹⁶

On 14 November 2017, the Government of Indonesia signed the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers.²³¹⁷ In addition to highlighting the rights of migrant workers and their families, the Consensus outlines the obligations and commitments of ASEAN member states, including provisions that strengthen migrant workers' access to health services, social protection, and justice.²³¹⁸

²³¹³ The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, The Washington Times (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/12/the-latest-indonesia-sends-34-tons-of-aid-for-rohi/>.

²³¹⁴ The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, The Washington Times (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/12/the-latest-indonesia-sends-34-tons-of-aid-for-rohi/>.

²³¹⁵ Muslim Community in Myanmar Appreciates RI's Humanitarian Assistance, Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/en/berita/Pages/Muslim-Community-in-Myanmar-Appreciates-Indonesia's-Humanitarian-Assistance.aspx>.

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²³¹⁷ ASEAN Leaders Commit to Safeguard the Rights of Migrant Workers, ASEAN (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://asean.org/asean-leaders-commit-safeguard-rights-migrant-workers/>.

²³¹⁸ ASEAN Leaders Commit to Safeguard the Rights of Migrant Workers, ASEAN (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://asean.org/asean-leaders-commit-safeguard-rights-migrant-workers/>.

On 25 November 2017, Indonesia passed a law on the Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers.²³¹⁹ The law installs measures to prevent the abuse of migrant workers, placing the responsibility for their protection on Indonesia's provincial governments.²³²⁰ Regional bodies are now responsible for providing prospective migrants with pre-departure vocational training and information on the legal routes for seeking work abroad.²³²¹ Regional bodies must also ensure that migrant workers receive proper placements and submit reports on the performance of placement agencies.²³²² These measures are designed to ensure the protection of workers by holding private recruitment agencies accountable.²³²³

In 2017, Indonesia contributed USD60,000 to the UN High Commission for Refugees.²³²⁴

By strengthening the rights of migrant workers and providing humanitarian assistance to refugees abroad, Indonesia has fulfilled its international obligation with respect to the commitment. However, Indonesia has not adequately addressed the distinct needs of refugees within the country.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Raafia Shahid

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 12 July 2017, the Italian government advanced an 11-point plan that proposes new rules for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with refugees in the Mediterranean Sea.²³²⁵ The plan includes a ban on making phone calls or firing flares as they may signal to human traffickers to push boats full of migrants out to sea.²³²⁶ NGO vessels are also required to allow police to travel with to

²³¹⁹ For Migrants' Peace of Mind, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/10/30/editorial-for-migrants-peace-of-mind.html>.

²³²⁰ For Migrants' Peace of Mind, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/10/30/editorial-for-migrants-peace-of-mind.html>.

²³²¹ Indonesia Passes Landmark Migrant Worker Law, Freedom United (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.freedomunited.org/news/indonesia-passes-landmark-migrant-worker-law/>.

²³²² Indonesia Passes Landmark Migrant Worker Law, Freedom United (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.freedomunited.org/news/indonesia-passes-landmark-migrant-worker-law>.

²³²³ Indonesia Passes Landmark Migrant Worker Law, Freedom United (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.freedomunited.org/news/indonesia-passes-landmark-migrant-worker-law>.

²³²⁴ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018.

<http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²³²⁵ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

²³²⁶ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

prevent human traffickers hiding amongst migrants.²³²⁷ The boats will also no longer be able to transfer migrants from their boats to others, and are obliged to carry the migrants to the ports.²³²⁸

On 20 July 2017, Italy pledged a EUR9 million humanitarian aid package for Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan, and Palestine.²³²⁹ Minister of Foreign Affairs Angelino Alfano announced that the aid will support a number of UN agencies and relief organizations, including the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East, UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), and other Italian non-governmental organizations.²³³⁰ The funding will also support programs enabling the repatriation of Somali refugees from Kenya, supplying relief materials for refugees and displaced persons in Afghanistan, and assisting Uganda in hosting its South Sudanese refugees.²³³¹

On 7 August 2017, Minister Alfano announced EUR2 million for Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia.²³³² The funding will provide assistance to host communities, including through the improvement of refugee reception and integration standards.²³³³

On 26 September 2017, Minister of the Interior Marco Minniti presented the first official plan for migrant integration initiatives.²³³⁴ The plan's key objectives include teaching respect for women and the Italian language to new arrivals in Italy.²³³⁵

On 23 October 2017, Italy pledged EUR7 million in humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and Myanmar.²³³⁶ The funding will assure that food, healthcare, and protection is offered

²³²⁷ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

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²³²⁹ Alfano: "Italy makes emergency contributions in Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Palestine", Farnesina (Rome) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/07/alfano-dall-italia-interventi-di.html.

²³³⁰ Alfano: "Italy makes emergency contributions in Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Palestine", Farnesina (Rome) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/07/alfano-dall-italia-interventi-di.html.

²³³¹ Alfano: "Italy makes emergency contributions in Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Palestine", Farnesina (Rome) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/07/alfano-dall-italia-interventi-di.html.

²³³² Alfano: "Two million euros for refugees in Ethiopia from the Fund for Africa", Farnesina (Rome) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/08/alfano-dal-fondo-per-l-africa-due.html.

²³³³ Alfano: "Two million euros for refugees in Ethiopia from the Fund for Africa", Farnesina (Rome) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/08/alfano-dal-fondo-per-l-africa-due.html.

²³³⁴ Piano nazionale d'integrazione dei titolari di protezione internazionale, Dipartimento per le Libertà Civili e l'Immigrazione (Rome) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.interno.gov.it/servizi-line/documenti/piano-nazionale-d-integrazione-dei-titolari-protezione-internazionale>.

²³³⁵ Piano nazionale d'integrazione dei titolari di protezione internazionale, Dipartimento per le Libertà Civili e l'Immigrazione (Rome) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.interno.gov.it/servizi-line/documenti/piano-nazionale-d-integrazione-dei-titolari-protezione-internazionale>.

to the refugees.²³³⁷ It will be provided by UN agencies and the International Committee of the Red Cross.²³³⁸

On 22 December 2017, Minister Minniti promised to airlift 10,000 migrants from Libya by next year to counter human trafficking through the Mediterranean Sea.²³³⁹

In 2017, Italy contributed USD51.4 million to the UNHCR.²³⁴⁰

On 10 January 2018, during the Summit of the Southern European Union Countries, Italy and other European countries issued a statement urging the EU to share the responsibility of receiving refugees and helping those states that are at the forefront of the EU's external borders.²³⁴¹ They also expressed their determination to continue working with countries of origin and transit.²³⁴²

On 16 January 2018, the Italian coastguard and finance police, EU Operation Sophia, and ships run by humanitarian agencies rescued 1,400 migrants off the coast of Libya.²³⁴³

On 23 January 2018, Ambassador of Italy to Libya Giuseppe Perrone announced that Italy will send aid to refugees in southern Libya, like medicines and medical equipment, as part of a humanitarian assistance program.²³⁴⁴

In January 2018, Italy donated EUR250,000 to the UNHCR to support refugees in Zambia, including by providing basic needs such as food, clean water, sanitation, and blankets.²³⁴⁵

²³³⁶ Alfano: "Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people", Farnesina (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html.

²³³⁷ Alfano: "Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people", Farnesina (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

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https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html.

²³³⁹ Italy vows to bring in 10,000 migrants from Libya by plane, The Times (Rome) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/italy-vows-to-bring-in-10-000-migrants-from-libya-by-plane-9ppj5vjzw>.

²³⁴⁰ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018.

<http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²³⁴¹ Declaration: Bringing the EU forward in 2018, Summit of the Southern European Union Countries (Rome) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.governo.it/sites/governo.it/files/documenti/documenti/Notizie-allegati/governo/DeclarationIVEUSouthSummit.pdf>.

²³⁴² Declaration: Bringing the EU forward in 2018, Summit of the Southern European Union Countries (Rome) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.governo.it/sites/governo.it/files/documenti/documenti/Notizie-allegati/governo/DeclarationIVEUSouthSummit.pdf>.

²³⁴³ Some 1,400 migrants rescued at sea, two bodies recovered: Italy coastguard, Reuters (Rome) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-italy/some-1400-migrants-rescued-at-sea-two-bodies-recovered-italy-coastguard-idUSKBN1F52FC>.

²³⁴⁴ Italy to send aid to southern Libya, says ambassador Perrone, The Libya Observer 23 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.libyaobserver.ly/inbrief/italy-send-aid-southern-libya-says-ambassador-perrone>.

²³⁴⁵ Italy donates 250,000 euros towards refugee programmes in Zambia, The Lusaka Times 31 January 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.lusakatimes.com/2018/01/31/italy-donates-250000-euros-towards-refugee-programmes-zambia/>.

On 15 March 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs donated EUR1 million the World Food Programme and UN Children's Fund to support Sahrawi refugees.²³⁴⁶ The humanitarian aid will provide nutritional food, health, and education for the refugees.²³⁴⁷

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of migrants and refugees, in particular close to their regions of origin. It has taken international action by providing humanitarian aid for refugees in various countries like Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Bangladesh. It has also taken domestic action by rescuing migrants off their shores and bringing them to safety, as well as establishing integration methods for refugees.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sara Fallaha

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

In August and September 2017, Syrian refugee students arrived in Japan to begin their studies as a part of the Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR).²³⁴⁸ The JISR was initiated by Government of Japan in partnership with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in 2016 to provide Syrian refugee students with the opportunity to take courses for master's degree programs, with the intention of helping them to contribute to Syria's future reconstruction.²³⁴⁹ The students will be learning Japanese and have received an orientation in Japanese society and culture.²³⁵⁰

On 4 October 2017, Japan announced USD3.5 million in emergency grant aid to Syrian refugees.²³⁵¹ Of the USD3.5 million, USD1.5 million was given to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) for vaccinations, sanitation, and other basic needs of Syrian women and children, and the other USD2 million was allocated to the UNHCR to meet the daily needs of urban refugees in Syria and provide health services.²³⁵²

²³⁴⁶ Italy grants 1 million Euros as aid to Sahrawi refugees, Sahara Press Service (Algiers) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.spsrasd.info/news/en/articles/2018/03/16/14284.html>.

²³⁴⁷ Italy grants 1 million Euros as aid to Sahrawi refugees, Sahara Press Service (Algiers) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.spsrasd.info/news/en/articles/2018/03/16/14284.html>.

²³⁴⁸ The first round of participants arrive in Japan under the Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.jica.go.jp/syria/english/office/topics/171012.html>.

²³⁴⁹ Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.jica.go.jp/syria/english/office/others/jisr.html>.

²³⁵⁰ Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo). Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.jica.go.jp/syria/english/office/others/jisr.html>.

²³⁵¹ Government of Japan grants US\$3.5 million to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to crisis affected Syrians, UNICEF Jordan (Amman) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 9 March 2018. https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media_12242.html.

²³⁵² Government of Japan grants US\$3.5 million to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to crisis affected Syrians, UNICEF Jordan (Amman) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 9 March 2018. https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media_12242.html.

On 17 October 2017, the Japanese government pledged USD8.6 million in aid towards the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar.²³⁵³

Between 6 November 2017 and 1 December 2017, the Japanese government detained 91 asylum seekers working illegally in Japan.²³⁵⁴

In 2017, Japan contributed USD152.4 million to the UNHCR, making it one of the UNHCR's top donors for the year.²³⁵⁵

By the end of 2017, Japan accepted 20 of the 19,628 applications it received from asylum seekers in 2017.²³⁵⁶

On 12 January 2018, the Ministry of Justice initiated a new policy that aims to limit the number of work permits available to individuals who have applied for refugee status.²³⁵⁷ This may increase barriers faced by refugees resettling into host communities, as work is a form of financial support and a way of social integration for migrants.²³⁵⁸ The policy is part of an ongoing effort to discourage individuals from applying for refugee status in Japan.²³⁵⁹ It will deny approximately 10,000 work permits to asylum seekers.²³⁶⁰

Japan has taken international action to meet the needs of Rohingya and Syrian refugees living abroad. However, Japan's stringent policies against asylum seekers, its limited support for domestic refugees, and new rules regarding asylum seekers' limited job access indicate that Japan does not take sufficient domestic actions in fulfilling its commitment to meeting the need of migrants.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nancy Qin

²³⁵³ UNHCR chief praises Japan's willingness to address "most serious refugee crisis since '90s," *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/11/20/national/unhcr-chief-praises-japans-willingness-address-serious-refugee-crisis-since-90s/> - .WhmgfkqnFnI.

²³⁵⁴ Japan rounds up 341 in first crackdown on asylum seekers working illegally, *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/02/27/national/crime-legal/japan-rounds-341-first-crackdown-refugee-applicant-work-abuses/> - .WqWWcK2ZOfU.

²³⁵⁵ Voluntary contributions to UNHCR in 2017, UNHCR (New York City) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/donors.html>.

²³⁵⁶ Japan had 20,000 applications for asylum in 2017. It accepted 20, *The Guardian* 16 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/16/japan-asylum-applications-2017-accepted-20>.

²³⁵⁷ Japan toughens screening rules for refugees; automatic work permits ditched, *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/01/12/national/japan-tighten-refugee-screening-system-starting-next-week/> - .WlxW8ainFnI.

²³⁵⁸ Not welcome: Japan refuses more than 99 percent of refugee applications, *The Telegraph* (London) 4 May 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/04/not-welcome-japan-refuses-99-percent-refugee-applications/>.

²³⁵⁹ Japan rounds up 341 in first crackdown on asylum seekers working illegally, *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/02/27/national/crime-legal/japan-rounds-341-first-crackdown-refugee-applicant-work-abuses/> - .WqWWcK2ZOfU.

²³⁶⁰ Japan to launch crackdown on asylum seekers: Yomiuri, *Reuters* (London) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-immigration/japan-to-launch-crackdown-on-asylum-seekers-yomiuri-idUSKBN1D006R>.

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 25 July 2017, 23 Myanmar nationals were resettled in Korea as part of United Nations High Commission for Refugees' (UNHCR's) resettlement program.²³⁶¹ Another 7 refugees from Myanmar arrived later in August.²³⁶² These refugees were given F-2 visas that allowed them to live and work in Korea, and they also received Korean language instruction and vocational training, in accordance with the 2013 Refugee Act.²³⁶³

On 22 August 2017, the Korean government pledged USD200,000 in humanitarian aid to Nepal in the wake of numerous floods and landslides that killed 131 and destroyed about 9,850 homes.²³⁶⁴

On 29 August 2017, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family announced plans to build two shelters for female migrant victims of physical abuse.²³⁶⁵

On 5 September 2017, it was reported that Advocates for Public Interest Law and the International Organization for Migration had recently released a report detailing a two-year investigation into the conditions faced by migrant fishermen in South Korea.²³⁶⁶ It found that migrant fishermen suffer poor living conditions, long work hours, unequal pay, and verbal and physical assault.²³⁶⁷ Migrant fishermen are hired under the Seafarers Act, which does not include labour rights or a set minimum wage.²³⁶⁸

On 6 September 2017, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Guy Ryder called for Korea's Employment Permit System to be reevaluated in order to prevent discrimination and inhuman working conditions.²³⁶⁹ Under the current system, migrant workers do not have the right to seek new employment without the consent of their current employer, leaving them

²³⁶¹ Korea to take in 30 Myanmar refugees for resettlement, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170724000598>.

²³⁶² Korea to take in 30 Myanmar refugees for resettlement, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170724000598>.

²³⁶³ Korea to take in 30 Myanmar refugees for resettlement, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170724000598>.

²³⁶⁴ ROK Government to Provide Humanitarian Aid worth US\$200,000 to Flood-hit Nepal, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=318978&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=aid&srchTp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=&page=1&titleNm=.

²³⁶⁵ Gender equality ministry to boost support for sexual offense victims, The Korea Times (Seoul) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/08/113_235601.html.

²³⁶⁶ Activists call for improvement in migrant fishermen's human rights, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170905000873&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁶⁷ Activists call for improvement in migrant fishermen's human rights, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170905000873&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁶⁸ Activists call for improvement in migrant fishermen's human rights, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170905000873&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁶⁹ Employment permit system needs review, The Korea Times (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2017/09/371_236103.html.

vulnerable to abuse.²³⁷⁰ He also stated that Korean labour law does not comply with ILO conventions, which stipulate equal treatment and freedom of association.²³⁷¹

On 9 September 2017, the Korean government pledged USD200,000 in humanitarian aid to Bangladesh through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).²³⁷²

On 20 September 2017, the Korean government pledged USD1.5 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to provide humanitarian aid to the refugees that have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state.²³⁷³

As of 18 October 2017, Incheon has only nine lawyers within the Ministry of Justice to assist 61,254 foreign residents, including by helping migrants file complaints regarding wages, rental contracts, and immigration proceedings.²³⁷⁴ As a result, the staff is unable to handle the number of requests received.²³⁷⁵

On 2 November 2017, the Korean government announced plans to investigate the situation of undocumented migrant children and address their distinct human rights concerns.²³⁷⁶ A total of USD113,983 has been allocated to fund the project.²³⁷⁷ After the investigation, the Ministry of Justice will be tasked with creating policies to ensure that the human rights of undocumented children are upheld.²³⁷⁸

As of 7 November 2017, Korea lacks a systematic support system for North Korean defectors, resulting in many North Korean refugees seeking asylum elsewhere.²³⁷⁹ National Assembly Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee Member Lee Seok-hyun called on the Korean government to

²³⁷⁰ Migrant workers protest against Employment Permit System, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 21 August 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170821000752&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁷¹ 'Employment permit system needs review,' The Korea Times (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2017/09/371_236103.html.

²³⁷² ROK Government to Provide Humanitarian Aid worth US\$200,000 to Flood-affected Bangladesh, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018.

http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=319099&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=aid&srchTp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=&page=1&titleNm=.

²³⁷³ ROK Government to Provide Humanitarian Aid worth US\$1.5 million regarding Situation in Myanmar's Rakhine State, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/myanmar/rok-government-provide-humanitarian-aid-worth-us15-million-regarding-situation>.

²³⁷⁴ Incheon foreigners suffer legal services shortage, The Korea Times (Seoul) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/10/113_237827.html.

²³⁷⁵ Incheon foreigners suffer legal services shortage, The Korea Times (Seoul) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/10/113_237827.html.

²³⁷⁶ Gov't to boost protection for undocumented children, The Korea Times (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/113_238682.html.

²³⁷⁷ Gov't to boost protection for undocumented children, The Korea Times (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/113_238682.html.

²³⁷⁸ Gov't to boost protection for undocumented children, The Korea Times (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/113_238682.html.

²³⁷⁹ North Korean defectors choosing third countries over South Korea, The Korea Times (Seoul) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_238860.html.

expand its assistance framework and help North Korean defectors with finding sustainable jobs and accessing psychological support services during the integration process.²³⁸⁰

On 12 November 2017, the Executive Office of the Korean President called on China to release North Korean defectors to the Government of Korea during a meeting between Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Kyung-wha and Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi.²³⁸¹ This move followed a report received by the Korean Consulate in Shenyang, China that found that ten North Korean defectors were in danger of being deported by the Chinese police.²³⁸² If China agrees to cooperate, Presidential Press Secretary Yoon Young-chan stated that the decision to move to Korea would be based on the wishes of the defectors.²³⁸³

On 21 November 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi stated that the Government of Korea's assistance to the UNHCR is likely to exceed USD30 million by the end of 2017.²³⁸⁴

On 7 December 2017, the Ministry of Employment and Labour announced that it will take steps to improve labour standards and workplace safety for migrant workers in Japan by ensuring them rights to overtime pay, sick leave, and paid holidays.²³⁸⁵ This announcement was made after the National Human Rights Commission issued a report finding that migrant workers, on average, work 10.5 hours a day and 33 per cent of them live in temporary housing.²³⁸⁶ A study conducted by the IOM Migration Research & Training Centre also found that 67.9 per cent of migrant workers who were injured on the job received no governmental compensation due to language barriers and efforts by employers to cover up accidents.²³⁸⁷

On 22 December 2017, an inter-ministerial committee in charge of managing the foreign labor force in Korea announced new policies to improve the working and living conditions of migrant workers.²³⁸⁸ The committee, headed by Minister of the Office for Government Policy Coordination Hong Nam-gi, pledged to stop migrant workers from being placed with employers that offer vinyl or makeshift houses as residences.²³⁸⁹ They also announced they would allow migrant workers to change

²³⁸⁰ North Korean defectors choosing third countries over South Korea, The Korea Times (Seoul) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_238860.html.

²³⁸¹ Seoul asks Beijing to hand over N. Korean defectors, The Korea Times (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_239114.html.

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²³⁸⁴ Foreign Minister Meets with UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=319418&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=Vice&srcHtp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=.

²³⁸⁵ Ministry vows efforts for better treatment of migrant workers, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171208000560&ACE_SEARCH=1.

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²³⁸⁸ Korea to accept 56,000 foreign workers in 2018, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171222000777&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁸⁹ Korea to accept 56,000 foreign workers in 2018, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171222000777&ACE_SEARCH=1.

their places of employment if subjected to poor conditions, or if their wages had been unfairly reduced to pay for lodging.²³⁹⁰

On 26 December 2017, the Government of Korea announced an extra USD2.6 million in humanitarian aid to the Rohingya migrants in Bangladesh.²³⁹¹ These funds will be delivered through the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP), and UN Population Fund.²³⁹²

In 2017, Korea contributed USD21.8 million to the UNHCR.²³⁹³

On 13 February 2018, the Korean Cabinet approved a revision to the North Korean Refugees Protection and Settlement Support Act that would cut the questioning period of North Korean defectors from 180 to 90 days.²³⁹⁴ This was a response to critics who stated that the original questioning period which determines these migrants' motivations for defecting was unnecessarily long.²³⁹⁵

On 1 March 2018, the Government of Korea pledged 50,000 tons of Korean rice, valued at USD42.5 million to the WFP to distribute to displaced persons in Syria, Yemen, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda.²³⁹⁶

Korea has taken international action by providing monetary assistance to organizations that work to address the distinct needs of migrants. However, while the Korean government does guarantee many rights to refugees, these same benefits are not extended to other migrants, such as humanitarian status holders. The high rejection rate of refugee status applications and the slowness of the review process show that asylum seekers are not subject to fair asylum procedures.

Thus, Korea receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kathryn Mannie

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

²³⁹⁰ Korea to accept 56,000 foreign workers in 2018, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171222000777&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁹¹ ROK Government Decides to Offer Additional US\$2.6 Million in Human Assistance to Rohingya in Bangladesh and Myanmar, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/rok-government-decides-offer-additional-us26-million-human-assistance-rohingya>.

²³⁹² ROK Government Decides to Offer Additional US\$2.6 Million in Human Assistance to Rohingya in Bangladesh and Myanmar, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/rok-government-decides-offer-additional-us26-million-human-assistance-rohingya>.

²³⁹³ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018.

<http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²³⁹⁴ Govt. to cut NK defector questioning period in half to 90 days, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20180213000223&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁹⁵ Govt. to cut NK defector questioning period in half to 90 days, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20180213000223&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁹⁶ Korea to supply 50,000 tons of rice as foreign aid, The Korea Times (Seoul) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/biz/2018/03/602_244956.html.

On 25 August 2017, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi stated that Mexico needed to increase protection for asylum seekers, especially along its southern border to match the increase of applicants due to the violence against citizens in countries such as Honduras and El Salvador.²³⁹⁷

In 2017, Mexico contributed USD80,000 to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²³⁹⁸

As of 18 January 2018, Mexico has contributed USD900,000 to the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2017.²³⁹⁹ The funds will go towards the World Food Programme to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees in Burundi, Jordan, Lebanon, South Sudan, Turkey, and the West Africa Bureau.²⁴⁰⁰

As of 23 January 2018, Mexican migration authorities have routinely deported asylum seekers from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala without consideration for the risk to their security.²⁴⁰¹

Mexico sustained existing international initiatives through its financial contributions to the UNHCR and WFP. However, it has failed to provide new concrete actions to address the unique needs of refugees and migrants domestically and has taken action that proves harmful to migrants.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Lisa Alers-Hankey

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 17 July 2017, Russia delivered more than 20 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Yemen, including food, tents and medical equipment.²⁴⁰²

In July 2017, Russia granted refugee status to two individuals from Syria, although there are reportedly 7,000 Syrians in Russia who have been assisted by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴⁰³

Between July 2017 and December 2017, the number of individuals granted asylum in Russia has dropped significantly.²⁴⁰⁴ Police forces are regularly arresting individuals applying for asylum status

²³⁹⁷ U.N. official urges Mexico and US to boost refugee protection, Reuters (Mexico City) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-refugees-un/u-n-official-urges-mexico-and-u-s-to-boost-refugee-protection-idUSKCN1B52QS>.

²³⁹⁸ Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²³⁹⁹ Donor Profiles, World Food Programme (Rome) 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.wfp.org/about/funding/governments/mexico>.

²⁴⁰⁰ Donor Profiles, World Food Programme (Rome) 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. Donor Profiles, WFP (Rome) 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.wfp.org/about/funding/governments/mexico?year=2016>.

²⁴⁰¹ Mexico: Migration authorities unlawfully turning back thousands of Central Americans to possible death, Amnesty International (Mexico City) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/01/mexico-migration-authorities-unlawfully-turning-back-thousands-of-central-americans-to-possible-death/>.

²⁴⁰² Russia delivers humanitarian aid to Yemen, Al Masdar News (Beirut) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/russia-delivers-humanitarian-aid-yemen/>.

²⁴⁰³ Syrian refugees in Russia have to fight for their rights, Open Democracy (London) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/ekaterina-fomina/syrian-refugees-in-russia>.

and the Directorate of Migration Affairs brings administrative charges and fines against asylum seekers, violating Article 31 of the UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.²⁴⁰⁵

On 10 January 2018, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced that Russia allocated USD10 million in funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East for its work in 2017-2021.²⁴⁰⁶

In 2017, Russia contributed USD2 million to the UNHCR.²⁴⁰⁷

Russia has taken minimal steps to ensure the protection of migrants and refugees internationally, by donating money to the UNHCR. However, it has severely undermined these efforts through its unfair treatment of asylum seekers within its own territory.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nadine Abd El Razek

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

By 24 August 2017, the Saudi Arabian government ordered illegal migrants to register their intention to return to their country of origin, regardless of the domestic conditions of each individual's country of origin.²⁴⁰⁸ If they fail to register, they could face detention, fines, and deportation.²⁴⁰⁹

In September 2017, the Saudi Arabian government pledged USD15 million in aid for Rohingya Muslim refugees in Myanmar.²⁴¹⁰

In November 2017 at the United Nations General Assembly, the Government of Saudi Arabia pledged USD37 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

²⁴⁰⁴ Syrian refugees in Russia have to fight for their rights, Open Democracy (London) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/ekaterina-fomina/syrian-refugees-in-russia>.

²⁴⁰⁵ Russian Federation, The UN Refugee Agency (Moscow) 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/2551?y=2017#year>.

²⁴⁰⁶ Moscow praises UN help to Palestinian refugees, TASS (Moscow) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://tass.com/politics/984536>.

²⁴⁰⁷ Contributions to UNHCR — 2017, UNHCR. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²⁴⁰⁸ Why Saudi Arabia Must Halt Deportation of Half a Million Ethiopians, Human Rights Watch (New York City) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/08/24/why-saudi-arabia-must-halt-deportation-half-million-ethiopians>.

²⁴⁰⁹ Why Saudi Arabia Must Halt Deportation of Half a Million Ethiopians, Human Rights Watch (New York City) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/08/24/why-saudi-arabia-must-halt-deportation-half-million-ethiopians>.

²⁴¹⁰ Rohingya crisis: Saudi Arabia stays silent on growing humanitarian disaster despite oil interests and historic ties, The Independent (London) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/rohingya-crisis-latest-saudi-arabia-burma-muslim-refugees-persecution-rakhine-oil-bangladesh-china-a7958716.html>.

(UNRWA) to assist Palestinian refugees in 2018.²⁴¹¹ As of 6 November 2017, Saudi Arabia pledged over USD51 million to the UNRWA to support programs in health and education in 2017.²⁴¹²

By 29 November 2017, more than 1300 Ethiopians were expelled from Saudi Arabia in “recent days.”²⁴¹³ Many expelled Ethiopians were unable to claim asylum and be entitled to international protection due to the fact that Saudi Arabia is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention.²⁴¹⁴

In 2017, Saudi Arabia contributed USD18 million to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴¹⁵

On 6 January 2018, Saudi Arabia and the UAE agreed to join Malaysia in a joint humanitarian project to assist Rohingya refugees in Cox’s Bazaar in Bangladesh.²⁴¹⁶ Saudi Arabia agreed to provide medical supplies and other materials for Malaysia’s field hospital to assist refugees.²⁴¹⁷

On 22 January 2018, the Saudi Arabian government pledged USD1.5 billion in humanitarian aid for Yemen, although the funds have not yet been formally allocated.²⁴¹⁸

On 29 January 2018, Saudi Arabia and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees signed an agreement to assist Syrian refugees in Lebanon.²⁴¹⁹ The agreement includes a USD3.5 million contribution from Saudi Arabia for a housing rehabilitation project for refugees.²⁴²⁰

Saudi Arabia has taken some steps to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants by providing monetary aid to international organizations that assist refugees abroad but has not taken any steps to support refugees domestically.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nadine Abd El Razek

²⁴¹¹ ‘Epic’ Humanitarian Crisis Looms Should Palestine Refugee Agency Be Compelled to Scale Back Services, Delegates Warn as Fourth Committee Debate Continues, The UN Press (Geneva) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/gaspd654.doc.htm>.

²⁴¹² ‘Epic’ Humanitarian Crisis Looms Should Palestine Refugee Agency Be Compelled to Scale Back Services, Delegates Warn as Fourth Committee Debate Continues, The UN Press (Geneva) 6 November 2017. Access Ddate: 18 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/gaspd654.doc.htm>.

²⁴¹³ Ethiopia Says Saudi Arabia Has Expelled More Than 1,300 of Its Citizens, Bloomberg (Addis Ababa) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-29/ethiopia-says-saudi-arabia-expels-more-than-1-300-citizens>.

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²⁴¹⁵ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²⁴¹⁶ UAE and Saudi to join Malaysia in humanitarian mission to Bangladesh, The Star Online (Kluang) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2018/01/06/uae-and-saudi-to-join-malaysia-in-humanitarian-mission-to-bangladesh/>.

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²⁴¹⁸ Saudi-led coalition to give \$1.5 billion in Yemen aid, expand port capacity, Reuters (Riyadh) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://news.trust.org/item/20180122000138-nzflj/>.

²⁴¹⁹ Saudi Arabia, UNHCR sign agreement to aid Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Arab News (Jeddah) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1235776/saudi-arabia>.

²⁴²⁰ Saudi Arabia, UNHCR sign agreement to aid Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Arab News (Jeddah) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1235776/saudi-arabia>.

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 23 August 2017, more than 473 migrant applications were delayed by the South African government.²⁴²¹ The Department of Home Affairs is legally required to process overdue applications within a reasonable timeframe; however, some have been delayed for over four years.²⁴²²

As of September 2017, the low number of Refugee Reception Offices (RROs) throughout the country meant asylum seekers were facing difficulties in maintaining the validity of their documentation, as they were required to travel long distances to RROs every three to six months.²⁴²³ RROs are critical to carrying out the services entitled to asylum seekers by the Refugee Act.²⁴²⁴

On 3 October 2017, Minister of Home Affairs Hlengiwe Mkhize spoke to the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴²⁵ The Minister reaffirmed the South African government's commitment to keeping their ports of entry open to incoming migrants and providing access to education and healthcare.²⁴²⁶ She also confirmed that the South African government has upgraded the technology in its refugee centres to increase efficiency in processing asylum applications.²⁴²⁷

As of 17 October 2017, a growing number of asylum seekers were being arrested and deported without due process as they attempted to renew their Section 22 permits.²⁴²⁸ There had been many instances where asylum seekers were only verbally told that their application had been denied and did

²⁴²¹ Migrant bungling by home affairs officials hampers job creation, Business Day (Johannesburg) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2017-10-13-migrant-bungling-by-home-affairs-officials-hampers-job-creation/>.

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²⁴²³ SCA rules that closure of Cape Town Refugee Reception Office unlawful, Legal Resources Centre (Cape Town) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://irc.org.za/ircarchive/press-releases/3739-press-release-sca-rules-that-closure-of-cape-town-refugee-reception-office-unlawful>.

²⁴²⁴ SCA rules that closure of Cape Town Refugee Reception Office unlawful, Legal Resources Centre (Cape Town) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://irc.org.za/ircarchive/press-releases/3739-press-release-sca-rules-that-closure-of-cape-town-refugee-reception-office-unlawful>.

²⁴²⁵ SA committed to treating asylum seekers with dignity, SA News (Cape Town) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sa-committed-treating-asylum-seekers-dignity>.

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²⁴²⁸ South Africa steps up deportation of asylum seekers, Refugees Deeply (Johannesburg) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/articles/2017/10/17/south-africa-steps-up-deportation-of-asylum-seekers>.

not receive any kind of written record.²⁴²⁹ Additionally, in some cases, asylum seekers were told their applications had been denied despite an official decision never being made.²⁴³⁰

On 18 October 2017, the South African government announced the development of an action plan to address the unique challenges faced by unaccompanied migrant children.²⁴³¹ There has been a lack of funding in this area, many front-line officials are incapable of adequately providing for unaccompanied children, and there are no accurate statistics on this specific demographic.²⁴³² Migrant children in South Africa generally lack access to basic services, which is a violation of human rights protected by the South African Constitution.²⁴³³

On 15 November 2017, the Department of Home Affairs introduced a new travel document for refugees, with updated technology and security standards, in accordance with the UNHCR and International Civil Aviation Authority guidelines.²⁴³⁴ The enhanced security decreases the risk of identity fraud and increases trust in the refugee who uses them, ensuring safe travel for refugees, as the risk of exploitation, abuse, and violence decreases.²⁴³⁵

On 13 December 2017, a report indicated that dozens of migrant children were being illegally detained alongside adults at the Lindela Repatriation Centre.²⁴³⁶ In addition, the clinic at the centre denied life-saving care to migrants and lacks Tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing equipment.²⁴³⁷ Beatings and suspicious deaths have also been reported at the Krugersdorp centre.²⁴³⁸

²⁴²⁹ South Africa steps up deportation of asylum seekers, Refugees Deeply (Johannesburg) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/articles/2017/10/17/south-africa-steps-up-deportation-of-asylum-seekers>.

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²⁴³⁴ Home Affairs launches improved Refugee Travel Document, South African Government (Cape Town) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/home-affairs-launches-improved-refugee-travel-document-15-nov-2017-0000>.

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On 18 December 2017, the Government of South Africa passed the Refugees Amendment Act.²⁴³⁹ The amendment includes policies dictating that refugees may lose their status through voluntary actions, such as re-availing themselves to their country of origin, or if the circumstances for their refugee status no longer exist.²⁴⁴⁰

On 19 December 2017, it was reported that migrant business owners are often subjected to harassment and extortion, receive minimal protection from the police, and oftentimes must bribe officials.²⁴⁴¹ Furthermore, South Africa's migration policy has become more exclusionary as evident by the 90 per cent rejection rate among asylum and refugee applications.²⁴⁴²

In 2017, the Departments of Health and of Sports and Recreation assisted the International Organization for Migration in providing healthcare to migrants and had supported migrant youth in sports participation.²⁴⁴³

Additionally, in 2017, the Government of South Africa contributed USD147,382 to the UNHCR.²⁴⁴⁴

As of 31 January 2018, the portable toilets at the Cape Town Refugee Reception Office was removed and migrants have resorted to relieving themselves on the grounds outside the building.²⁴⁴⁵

On 10 February 2018, Home Affairs Director of Asylum Seeker Management Mandla Madumisa reported that there is currently a backlog of 140,000 asylum status appeal cases during a hearing conducted by the South African Human Rights Commission.²⁴⁴⁶ Furthermore, the majority of asylum seekers need to bribe officials with ZAR2,500 in order to gain refugee status.²⁴⁴⁷

As of 7 March 2018, over 1,000 asylum seekers are fearing deportation because the Department of Home Affairs lacks the interpreters needed to provide assistance with applications for refugee

²⁴³⁹ Refugees Amendment Act of 2017, South African Government (Cape Town) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018.

https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/RefugeesAmendmentAct%2011%20of2017_G41343_gon1452.pdf.

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²⁴⁴³ Migrant community grateful for integration, News24 (Cape Town) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/Local/Maritzburg-Fever/migrant-community-grateful-for-integration-20170830>.

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status.²⁴⁴⁸ Without a refugee application underway, asylum seekers lack the documentation that prevents the police from deporting them.²⁴⁴⁹ Under normal circumstances, asylum seekers could access a call centre and request a translator to accompany them to the Department of Home Affairs, but the call centres are understaffed.²⁴⁵⁰

South Africa has contributed to international actions to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants by contributing financial support to organizations such as the UNHCR. Domestically, South Africa has worked to improve their refugee determination process. However, it is difficult for migrants to access the services they are entitled to and efforts have not been made to address these problems.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kathryn Mannie

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 July 2017, the United Kingdom's Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration David Bolt published a report based on an inspection of entry clearance operations in Istanbul carried out by the Turkish government between November 2016 and March 2017.²⁴⁵¹ He found that Istanbul's handling of family reunification applications had improved.²⁴⁵² Nonetheless, he mentioned work still needs to be done in granting access to interpreters and the commissioning and funding of DNA tests.²⁴⁵³

In August 2017, the Ministry of Family and Social Affairs announced that it would oversee the return of 100,000 Syrians to Syria by the end of 2017, in cooperation with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴⁵⁴ This is in addition to the 70,000 individuals that have

²⁴⁴⁸ Deportation fear for refugees in Home Affairs dilemma, IOL (Cape Town) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/deportation-fear-for-refugees-in-home-affairs-dilemma-13640021>.

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²⁴⁵⁴ Around 100,000 refugees expected to return to Syria from Turkey by end of 2017: Study, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 7 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/around-100000-refugees-expected-to-return-to-syria-from-turkey-by-end-of-2017-study-116438>.

already returned.²⁴⁵⁵ The Ministry announced that psychological support would be provided to women and children returnees.²⁴⁵⁶ Furthermore, the Turkish Disaster Management Agency intends to help rebuild towns in northern Syria to help facilitate refugee return.²⁴⁵⁷

On 2 September 2017, the Cooperation and Coordination Agency donated its first shipment of 1,000 tonnes of foodstuffs and medicine to the conflict zone of the Rakhine state in Myanmar, making it the first foreign organization to do so.²⁴⁵⁸

In November 2017, Turkey received EUR2.9 billion from the EU from its 18 March 2016 EUR3 billion pledge to provide a wide range of services, including healthcare, border control, education and a limited universal income for Syrian refugees.²⁴⁵⁹

In November 2017, the Ministry of National Education and UNICEF published two guidebooks to enhance the quality of special education services offered to Syrian refugees in public schools and temporary education centres.²⁴⁶⁰

Additionally, in November 2017, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and UNICEF collaborated to develop a Rolling Work Plan for 2018-2019 to expand social cohesion programmes to integrate Turkish language courses and child protection services for refugee children.²⁴⁶¹

On 22 November 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Recep Akdag announced that Turkey would build 5,000 prefabricated homes for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh in addition to its initial promise of 20,000.²⁴⁶² The Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), Turkish Red Crescent, and

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²⁴⁵⁸ Rohingya crisis brings Turkey and Bangladesh closer, Al Jazeera (Cox's Bazar) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/rohingya-crisis-brings-turkey-bangladesh-closer-171222140806764.html>.

²⁴⁵⁹ Mülteci hesabı, Hürriyet (Ankara) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 27 December 2017.

<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/multeci-hesabi-40644078>.

²⁴⁶⁰ UNICEF Turkey Humanitarian Situation Report No. 15, UNICEF (Ankara) November 2017, Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/UNICEF%20Turkey%20Humanitarian%20Situation%20Report%20%2315%20November%202017%20.pdf>.

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²⁴⁶² Bangladesh's Disaster and Relief Minister: "Turkey is there wherever people are having trouble", AFAD 22 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22788/Bangladeshs-Disaster-and-Relief-Minister-Turkey-is-there-wherever-people-are-having-trouble>.

TIKA also promised to build two field hospitals and ten medical centers in Cox's Bazaar to support Rohingya refugees.²⁴⁶³

On 29 November 2017, Minister of Family and Social Policies Fatma Kaya stressed that a significant portion of the EUR3.3 billion allocated by the EU to Turkey for refugees must go toward the education of Syrian refugee children.²⁴⁶⁴ UNICEF found a 22 per cent increase of the Syrian refugee children receiving cash transfers from the Turkish state to attend school from September 2017 to November 2017.²⁴⁶⁵ As a result, regular school enrolment has increased in this period.²⁴⁶⁶

On 19 December 2017, Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım vowed that Turkey would continue to support Bangladesh with Rohingya refugees during an official visit to the country.²⁴⁶⁷ Since mid-September, TIKA distributed 2.5 tonnes of ingredients every day, often rice, lentils, and potatoes to Rohingya refugees in southern Bangladesh.²⁴⁶⁸ TIKA had also distributed 10,000 blankets, provided essential medical care, and built a playground for Rohingya children in refugee camps.²⁴⁶⁹ The AFAD and Religious Affairs Directorate also provided aid and medical care for Rohingya refugees.²⁴⁷⁰

In 2017, Turkey contributed USD300,000 to the UNHCR.²⁴⁷¹

On 7 February 2018, Minister Kaya announced her continued commitment to meeting the needs of refugees by expanding the psychological support services that had already been given to 300,000

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²⁴⁶⁴ Bugün Türkiye'de okula gidemeyen Suriyeli çocuk varsa bu, dünyanın sorunudur, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Family and Social Policies (Ankara) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/bugun-turkiyede-okula-gidemeyen-suriyeli-cocuk-varsa-bu-dunyanin-sorunudur>.

²⁴⁶⁵ UNICEF Turkey Humanitarian Situation Report No. 15, UNICEF (Ankara) November 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <http://www.unicefturk.org/public/uploads/files/UNICEF%20Turkey%20Humanitarian%20Situation%20Report%20%2315%20November%202017%20.pdf>.

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²⁴⁶⁷ Turkey pledges continued support to Rohingya refugees as Yıldırım visits Bangladesh, Hurriyet Daily News (Dhaka) 19 December 2017. Access Date : 19 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/turkey-pledges-continued-support-to-rohingya-refugees-as-yildirim-visits-bangladesh-124397>.

²⁴⁶⁸ Rohingya crisis brings Turkey and Bangladesh closer, Al Jazeera (Cox's Bazar) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/rohingya-crisis-brings-turkey-bangladesh-closer-171222140806764.html>.

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²⁴⁷¹ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

Syrian refugees.²⁴⁷² She reiterated her focus on women and children, with a commitment to continue placing vulnerable children in foster care, and abused women into shelters.²⁴⁷³

On 15 February 2018, Minister Kaya welcomed UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and maintained her call for cooperation in directing funds properly towards refugee care.²⁴⁷⁴ The Minister again specifically took into consideration the needs of children, such as education, by calling for continued cooperation with UNICEF in implementing the Mandatory Education Program.²⁴⁷⁵

On 23 February 2018, Head of the AFAD Mehmet Gulluoglu announced that Turkey distributed more than USD10 million in aid to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh since August 2017.²⁴⁷⁶

Given the large influx of refugees within Turkey, efforts have been concentrated on domestic actions. Turkey has taken some steps towards addressing the needs of migrants within their territory by financially contributing to refugee assistance programs, especially considering the needs of women and children, and collaborating with international organizations. Turkey has also taken various steps to meet the distinct needs for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, meeting the international component of the commitment, by providing medical equipment, foodstuffs and building infrastructure for refugees.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mertol Özalın

United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 July 2017, a report published by Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration David Bolt reaffirmed the Home Office's default position of refusing family reunification requests

²⁴⁷² Ülkemizde misafir ettiğimiz Suriyeli çocuklarımızın kendi çocuklarımız gibi okul ve eğitim hayatının içerisinde kopmadan yer almalarını çok önemli buluyoruz, T.C. Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı (Ankara) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/ulkemizde-misafir-ettigimiz-suriyeli-cocuklarimizin-kendi-cocuklarimiz-gibi-okul-ve-egitim-hayatinin-icerisinde-kopmadan-yer-almalarini-cok-onemli-buluyoruz>.

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²⁴⁷⁴ Bakan Kaya, BM Mülteciler Yüksek Komiseri Filippo Grandi'yi kabul etti, T.C. Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı (Ankara) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/bakan-kaya-bm-multeciler-yuksek-komiseri-filippo-grandiyi-kabul-etti>.

²⁴⁷⁵ Bakan Kaya, BM Mülteciler Yüksek Komiseri Filippo Grandi'yi kabul etti, T.C. Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı (Ankara) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/bakan-kaya-bm-multeciler-yuksek-komiseri-filippo-grandiyi-kabul-etti>.

²⁴⁷⁶ Turkey provided over \$10M for Rohingya refugees' 23 February 2018. Access Date : 19 March 2018. <https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/turkey-provided-over-10m-for-rohingya-refugees-3135336>.

for refugees coming from Turkey rather than deferring a decision until more evidence can be produced.²⁴⁷⁷

On 19 July 2017, Home Secretary Amber Rudd announced a GBP1 million fund to help communities support refugees.²⁴⁷⁸ The money would be used to fund training and support for all the groups that decided to join the program.²⁴⁷⁹

On 25 August 2017, 8,500 Syrian refugees arrived in the UK as part of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.²⁴⁸⁰ This meant that over one third of the refugees that the UK government promised to resettle before 2020 were already in the UK.²⁴⁸¹

In 2017 the United Kingdom was the ninth highest donor to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNCHR) with a total amount of USD52.3 million donated.²⁴⁸²

On 6 October 2017, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) announced the Department for International Development had donated 4,000 shelter kits to Rohingya refugees fleeing into Bangladesh.²⁴⁸³ Each shelter kit contained two plastic sheets, two ropes, two blankets and one sleeping mat per family.²⁴⁸⁴

On 9 November 2017, it was announced that councils across England will receive GBP18 million in extra funding from the UK government in order to alleviate local services' over-extension caused by recent migration influxes.²⁴⁸⁵

On 15 November 2017, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein accused the UK, among other countries, for the hardships that Libyan refugees endure.²⁴⁸⁶ The comments

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-chief-inspector-has-published-a-report-on-family-reunion-applications-received-at-the-istanbul-entry-clearance-decision-making-centre>.

²⁴⁷⁸ Home Secretary announces £1 million to help communities support refugees, Gov.UK (London) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-1-million-to-help-communities-support-refugees>.

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²⁴⁸⁰ 8,500 refugees arrive on the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, Gov.UK (London) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8500-refugees-arrive-on-the-vulnerable-persons-resettlement-scheme>.

²⁴⁸¹ 8,500 refugees arrive on the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, Gov.UK (London) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8500-refugees-arrive-on-the-vulnerable-persons-resettlement-scheme>.

²⁴⁸² Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/donors.html>.

²⁴⁸³ Rohingya refugees continue to flood into packed Cox's bazaar settlement, International Organization for Migration (Geneva) 6 October 2017. Accessed 2 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/rohingya-refugees-continue-flood-packed-coxs-bazar-settlements>.

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²⁴⁸⁵ £18 million extra funding for council services, Gov.UK (London) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/18-million-extra-funding-for-council-services>.

²⁴⁸⁶ UN accuses Britain of 'turning a blind eye to horrors suffered by refugees,' Independent (London) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/un-uk-refugee-crisis-accusation-libyan-coastguard-turning-blind-eye-horrors-suffered-torture-rape-a8057121.html>.

come in the context of the UK supporting the Libyan coastguard in intercepting refugee boats so they do not land in Italy.²⁴⁸⁷ The High Commissioner was particularly vocal in regards to the beatings, shootings, and fatal sinking of migrants and refugees that allegedly occur.²⁴⁸⁸

On 17 November 2017, the Department for International Development co-funded a program that provides solar energy to remote health posts where Rohingya refugees reside.²⁴⁸⁹ The program allows for 24-hour healthcare services, which would have been otherwise restricted at night time.²⁴⁹⁰

On 12 December 2017, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Jonathan Allen stated in a speech that the UK provided USD79 million to the UN's Humanitarian Response Plan in order to provide life-saving assistance and protection to refugees fleeing towards Bangladesh.²⁴⁹¹ He also called upon Myanmar to engage with the UN Secretary General openly and meaningfully in order to ensure that the return of refugees will eventually be possible.²⁴⁹²

On 14 December 2017, the UK government pledged a GBP52 million humanitarian package for South Sudan in the context of the start of peace negotiations.²⁴⁹³ The aid will also extend to neighbouring Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia, which have also been affected by South Sudanese refugee influxes.²⁴⁹⁴ The package will provide enough medicine, shelter, food, and sanitation to help 50,000 South Sudanese migrants for the next five years.²⁴⁹⁵ Additionally, food assistance will be offered to 950,000 refugees living in Uganda.²⁴⁹⁶ Essential healthcare will also be provided to 450,000 refugees sheltered in Ethiopia.²⁴⁹⁷ As many as 500,000 individuals in South Sudan will be aided

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²⁴⁸⁹ Solar Power brings 24-hour healthcare to Rohingya refugees, local communities in Bangladesh, International Organization for Migration (Geneva) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/solar-power-brings-24-hour-healthcare-rohingya-refugees-local-communities-bangladesh>.

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²⁴⁹¹ "Today's conditions in the Rakhine state do not yet allow for the safe, voluntary, and dignified return of refugees to their homes, Gov.UK (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/todays-conditions-in-the-rakhine-state-do-not-yet-allow-for-the-safe-voluntary-and-dignified-return-of-refugees-to-their-homes>.

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²⁴⁹³ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁴ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁵ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁶ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁷ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

through emergency food, medicine, shelter, health and sanitation, seeds, tools, and fishing kits, which will enable the South Sudanese to feed their families.²⁴⁹⁸

On 18 December 2017, International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt unveiled an aid package meant to address forced displacement.²⁴⁹⁹ She reiterated the above-mentioned figures for South Sudan, to which she added that 460,000 refugees in Tanzania will be helped to find work so that they can remain where they are without being forced to migrate elsewhere to find job opportunities.²⁵⁰⁰ The Secretary also announced a GBP5 million aid package to Libya, which would offer humanitarian aid to migrants and refugees, including some of those in detention.²⁵⁰¹ She said the UK was collaborating with Ethiopia to create 100,000 new jobs for Ethiopians and refugees through a Jobs Compact program.²⁵⁰² The UK has helped issue 70,000 work permits for Syrian refugees in Jordan.²⁵⁰³ The UK has also helped return 2,200 people from Libya and Niger. Secretary Mordaunt also announced the establishment of a fund called Education Cannot Wait, which offers education opportunities to 4.5 million children in Chad, Ethiopia, and Syria.²⁵⁰⁴

In 2017, the UK contributed USD136.2 million to the UNHCR.²⁵⁰⁵

On 16 January 2018, extra funding valuing a total of GBP29 million was given to councils from the UK government in order to support them in aiding unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.²⁵⁰⁶

On 19 January 2018, Prime Minister Theresa May signed the Sandhurst Treaty with French President Emmanuel Macron for Calais to prevent migrants from crossing to the UK through France.²⁵⁰⁷ As a result of this deal, the UK will pay EUR50 million for fencing, CCTV, and other detection technologies in Calais and channel ports, essentially stopping migrants trying to reach British shores.²⁵⁰⁸ The Sandhurst Treaty will speed up the time taken to process migration from Calais to the

²⁴⁹⁸ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁹ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰⁰ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

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²⁵⁰⁵ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²⁵⁰⁶ £29 million extra to boost councils' support for vulnerable children, Gov.UK (London) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/29-million-extra-to-boost-councils-support-for-vulnerable-children>.

²⁵⁰⁷ May and Macron to sign new Calais border treaty, The Guardian (London), 17 January 2018. Access Date: 17 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/17/may-and-macron-to-sign-new-calais-border-treaty>.

²⁵⁰⁸ 'Sandhurst Treaty': Britain and France agree new deal on border security, France 24 19 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.france24.com/en/20180118-france-uk-migrants-calais-sandhurst-treaty-britain-france-agree-new-deal-border-security>.

UK, reducing the wait time from six months to one month for adults, and 25 days for minors.²⁵⁰⁹ The UK also agreed to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France.²⁵¹⁰

On 26 February 2018, the IOM announced the UK had resettled 10,538 refugees as part of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.²⁵¹¹ It is a system meant to resettle Middle Eastern and Northern African minors and their families whose lives are at risk.²⁵¹²

The United Kingdom has taken efforts to meet the domestic and international components of this commitment. Domestically, it has accepted refugees and has enhanced the integration of refugees and migrants. It has also taken a substantial role in international efforts to address the needs of migrants by providing aid packages to refugees in countries such as South Sudan and Tanzania. However, the United Kingdom has also undermined its efforts to addressing the needs of refugees by supporting the Libyan coast guard and signing an agreement with France to stop migrants from reaching British shores.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Flavian Berneaga

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 July 2017, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced USD119 million in funding to assist Iraqis displaced by ISIS.²⁵¹³ The aid includes medical care and nutritional assistance.²⁵¹⁴

On 20 September 2017, USAID announced nearly USD264 million in funding to assist internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq.²⁵¹⁵ The funding will help provide emergency shelter, health care, safe drinking water, and food.²⁵¹⁶

²⁵⁰⁹ Calais migrants: UK and France sign new treaty, BBC (Calais) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42723401>.

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²⁵¹¹ Over 10,000 vulnerable refugees resettled in the UK, Infomigrants 26 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/7764/over-10-000-vulnerable-refugees-resettled-in-uk>.

²⁵¹² Over 10,000 vulnerable refugees resettled in the UK, Infomigrants 26 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/7764/over-10-000-vulnerable-refugees-resettled-in-uk>.

²⁵¹³ United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, USAID Press Office (Washington) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-13-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-iraqi-people>.

²⁵¹⁴ United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, USAID Press Office (Washington) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-13-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-iraqi-people>.

²⁵¹⁵ USAID Administrator Green Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, Office of Press Relations USAID (Washington) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-20-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-iraqi-people>.

On 24 September 2017, President Donald Trump issued travel restrictions for nationals of Chad, Yemen, Libya, Iran, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, and Venezuela.²⁵¹⁷ The travel restrictions took full effect on 4 December 2017.²⁵¹⁸

As of 30 September 2017, the US government announced that funding figures for Syria for the fiscal years of 2012-2017 reached a total of USD7.5 million.²⁵¹⁹ The funding supported organizations including the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the World Health Organization, among various others, in assisting IDPs in Syria.²⁵²⁰ The funding went to activities such as humanitarian coordination and information management, relief commodities, shelter and settlements, meeting health concerns and providing nutritious meals, and offering protection and education for children.²⁵²¹

On 24 October 2017, the 120-day suspension of the refugee admissions program put into place by President Trump expired.²⁵²² The March 2017 Executive Order, directed the Secretary of State and Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend the refugee admissions program for 120 days, though waivers were still granted on a case-by-case basis.²⁵²³ The United States refugee admissions program thus resumed at this time, although President Trump called for a 90-day review for the program in regards to 11 "high risk" countries of origin.²⁵²⁴

²⁵¹⁶ USAID Administrator Green Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, Office of Press Relations USAID (Washington) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-20-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-iraqi-people>.

²⁵¹⁷ White House expands travel ban, restricting visitors from eight countries, The Washington Post (Washington) 24 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-administration-changes-travel-ban-countries/2017/09/24/1fef7cfe-a140-11e7-ade1-76d061d56efa_story.html?utm_term=.e337ca943f28.

²⁵¹⁸ Supreme Court Allows Trump Travel Ban to Take Effect, The New York Times (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/04/us/politics/trump-travel-ban-supreme-court.html>; Presidential Proclamation Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry into the United States by Terrorists or Other Public-Safety Threats, The White House (Washington) 24 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-enhancing-vetting-capabilities-processes-detecting-attempted-entry-united-states-terrorists-public-safety-threats/>.

²⁵¹⁹ SYRIA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/12.08.17_-_USG_Syria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf.

²⁵²⁰ SYRIA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/12.08.17_-_USG_Syria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf.

²⁵²¹ SYRIA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Factsheet #2, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/12.08.17_-_USG_Syria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf.

²⁵²² Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>; Press: Executive Order Protecting Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States, White House (Washington) 27 January 2018. Access Date: February 28, 2018. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states/>.

²⁵²³ Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>.

²⁵²⁴ Trump Ends Refugee Ban with Order to Review Program for 11 Countries, The Guardian (Washington) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 17 April 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/oct/24/trump-refugee-ban-end-immigration-executive-order>.

On 24 October 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order calling for a 90-day review of security procedures for 11 countries, including Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Mali, South Sudan, and Syria.²⁵²⁵

As of 31 December 2017, the US continued its funding of the Refugee and Entrant Assistant account for the fiscal year of 2017 at USD2.141 billion to address migrant needs in integrating into US society.²⁵²⁶

For the fiscal year of 2017, the US provided over USD1 billion in humanitarian funding for the Horn of Africa.²⁵²⁷ The US has collaborated with the UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, the World Food Programme (WFP) and numerous other non-governmental organizations.²⁵²⁸ The funding has supported activities such as providing nutrition for refugees, preventing gender-based violence for refugee women in camps, providing basic education for refugees, and providing psychosocial assistance for refugees, among others.²⁵²⁹

Additionally, in 2017, the US contributed USD1.45 billion to the UNHCR, making it the largest donor in that year.²⁵³⁰ During the same period, the US has reduced the number of refugee applicants it will accept and the number of offices that handle refugees.²⁵³¹

On 8 January 2018, President Trump ended the temporary protected status of Salvadorans living in the US, forcing them to leave the country or be deported by September 2019.²⁵³² The temporary protection status is a humanitarian relief program aimed at providing relief for people fleeing their

²⁵²⁵ Presidential Executive Order on Resuming the United States Refugee Admissions Program with Enhanced Vetting Capabilities, White House (Washington) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-executive-order-resuming-united-states-refugee-admissions-program-enhanced-vetting-capabilities/>.

²⁵²⁶ Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>.

²⁵²⁷ HORN OF AFRICA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/hoa_ce_fs01_11-28-2017.pdf.

²⁵²⁸ HORN OF AFRICA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/hoa_ce_fs01_11-28-2017.pdf.

²⁵²⁹ HORN OF AFRICA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/hoa_ce_fs01_11-28-2017.pdf.

²⁵³⁰ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²⁵³¹ Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>; Trump Administration to Drop Refugee Cap to 45,000, Lowest In Years, NPR (Washington) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.npr.org/2017/09/27/554046980/trump-administration-to-drop-refugee-cap-to-45-000-lowest-in-years>.

²⁵³² Trump Administration Says That Nearly 200,000 Salvadorans Must Leave, The New York Times (Los Angeles) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>; Trump administration says nearly 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants must leave or face deportation, Associated Press (Washington) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-salvadorans-immigrants-protections-ending-deportation-2018-1>.

country due to natural disasters or conflict.²⁵³³ Salvadorians are the fourth nationality to lose temporary protection status in the US since January 2017.²⁵³⁴

On 31 January 2018, the Department of Homeland Security announced enhanced security procedures for refugees seeking resettlement in the US.²⁵³⁵ These procedures included additional screening procedures for 11 countries and periodic reviews of the high-risk refugee countries of origin list.

As of 6 March 2018, the US government committed USD648.6 million in humanitarian funding for the Lake Chad Basin Response for the fiscal year of 2017-2018.²⁵³⁶ The funding supports agencies like the UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, WFP, among others.²⁵³⁷ The funding supports initiatives for displaced persons, including providing protection and offering multi-sector assistance for IDPs, and offering education, health, and nutrition assistance for IDPs and host communities in Nigeria, Chad, Niger, and Cameroon.²⁵³⁸

On 6 March 2018, the US government announced that an additional USD184 million in humanitarian assistance would be provided in response to the South Sudan crisis. Of the USD184 million, USD145 million was committed for interventions in South Sudan and nearly USD39 million was committed for projects that assist South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries.²⁵³⁹ The funding supports agencies including the UNHCR, International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, WFP, and IOM.²⁵⁴⁰ The funding has supported preventing gender-based violence, safe

²⁵³³ Trump Administration Says That Nearly 200,000 Salvadorans Must Leave, The New York Times (Los Angeles) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>; Trump administration says nearly 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants must leave or face deportation, Associated Press (Washington) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-salvadorans-immigrants-protections-ending-deportation-2018-1>.

²⁵³⁴ Trump Administration Says That Nearly 200,000 Salvadorans Must Leave, The New York Times (Los Angeles) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>; Trump administration says nearly 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants must leave or face deportation, Associated Press (Washington) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-salvadorans-immigrants-protections-ending-deportation-2018-1>.

²⁵³⁵ DHS Announces Additional, Enhanced Security Procedures for Refugees Seeking Resettlement in the United States, Department of Homeland Security (Washington) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2018/01/29/dhs-announces-additional-enhanced-security-procedures-refugees-seeking-resettlement>.

²⁵³⁶ LAKE CHAD BASIN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.08.18_-_USAID-DCHA_Lake_Chad_Basin_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf.

²⁵³⁷ LAKE CHAD BASIN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.08.18_-_USAID-DCHA_Lake_Chad_Basin_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf.

²⁵³⁸ LAKE CHAD BASIN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.08.18_-_USAID-DCHA_Lake_Chad_Basin_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf.

²⁵³⁹ SOUTH SUDAN — CRISIS, Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.06.18_-_USAID-DCHA_South_Sudan_Crisis_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf.

²⁵⁴⁰ SOUTH SUDAN — CRISIS, Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.06.18_-_USAID-DCHA_South_Sudan_Crisis_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf.

drinking water and nutrition, providing basic education, and providing psychosocial assistance for IDPs among others.²⁵⁴¹

On 8 March 2018, the Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project, which was sponsored by USAID, ended.²⁵⁴² The US provided a total of USD673,301 to the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association over a period of two years in order to provide legal assistance, monitoring and capacity building on issues related to asylum seekers, migrants, and refugees.²⁵⁴³

The US has implemented some measures which addresses the needs of migrants internationally and domestically based on its funding of certain programs. However, travel restrictions and enhanced security policies enacted create an unfair set of procedures for domestic refugee determination processes.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 6 September 2017, the European Commission called on all member states to keep up the good work made in the process of managing irregular migration.²⁵⁴⁴ At the same time, it also announced that 27,695 persons had been relocated to Turkey through the EU-Turkey Statement, which has both curtailed irregular migration and facilitated the resettlement of 10,000 Syrians in the EU.²⁵⁴⁵ Particularly, the EU-Turkey refugee deal has helped reduce the number of arrivals to just 75 arrivals per day, equating to an overall decrease of 97 per cent since the Statement first began operating.²⁵⁴⁶ The European Commission also increased monetary support for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey. Of the EUR3 billion to be allocated, contracts to deliver financial support were signed for a total of EUR1.66 billion and disbursements increased to EUR838 million.²⁵⁴⁷ As a result, the number of refugees helped by the Emergency Social Safety Net, a humanitarian program funded by the EU,

²⁵⁴¹ SOUTH SUDAN — CRISIS, Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.06.18_-_USAID-DCHA_South_Sudan_Crisis_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf.

²⁵⁴² Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project, USAID (Washington) 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://2012-2017.usaid.gov/node/243876>.

²⁵⁴³ Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project, USAID (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date 13 March, 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/macedonia/fact-sheets/migrant-and-refugee-human-rights-protection-project>.

²⁵⁴⁴ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁴⁵ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁴⁶ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁴⁷ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

rose from 600,000 to 860,000 and is expected to reach 1.3 million by the end of 2017.²⁵⁴⁸ The European Commission stated it had collaborated with partners in Africa to stabilize death rates at sea and reduce the number of people crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Europe.²⁵⁴⁹

On 20 July 2017, the Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants, in collaboration with the EU and International Organization for Migration (IOM) was launched in Nigeria.²⁵⁵⁰ The EU Trust Fund supports the initiative, which provides Nigerian migrants reintegration assistance to start businesses, provide educational opportunities, or cover medical and accommodation costs upon repatriation.²⁵⁵¹

On 6 September 2017, High Representative of the Commission Federica Mogherini indicated that the EU helped assist over 11,000 migrants in their voluntary returns to Libya and Niger alongside the IOM since 2016.²⁵⁵² Similarly, under the Partnership Framework, the Sahel region was aided by the EU in areas of security and development.²⁵⁵³ A grand total of 169 contracts, worth over EUR1.2 billion, were signed under the EU Trust Fund for Africa, which had expanded to cover Guinea Bissau, Ghana, and Cote d'Ivoire as well.²⁵⁵⁴ The EU also helps the G5 Sahel force with financial packages worth EUR 50 million.²⁵⁵⁵ The EU also worked alongside Italy and Libya to build border and migration management capacities in Libya. Their cost was EUR46.3 million.²⁵⁵⁶ Through this effort, protection of migrants and refugees was improved, willful returns increased, and legal avenues for persons in need of protection were opened throughout 2017.²⁵⁵⁷

²⁵⁴⁸ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁴⁹ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels). 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁰ UN Migration Agency, EU Partner to Provide Returning Nigerian Migrants with Reintegration Assistance, IOM (Abuja) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/un-migration-agency-eu-partner-provide-returning-nigerian-migrants-reintegration-assistance>.

²⁵⁵¹ UN Migration Agency, EU Partner to Provide Returning Nigerian Migrants with Reintegration Assistance, IOM (Abuja) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/un-migration-agency-eu-partner-provide-returning-nigerian-migrants-reintegration-assistance>.

²⁵⁵² Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

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²⁵⁵⁶ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁷ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm; 2017 Annual Report EU Trust Fund for Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2018. Access Date: 18 April 2018. https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/sites/euetfa/files/2017_tffa_en_web_lowres_final05.pdf.

On 27 September 2017, President Jean-Claude Juncker presented a set of initiatives to enforce the EU migration and asylum policy in his State of the Union Address.²⁵⁵⁸ The President presented a new resettlement scheme for at least 50,000 refugees, pilot projects for legal migration that would be financially supported by the European Commission, and new measures to create a more effective EU return policy.²⁵⁵⁹ The EU had helped alleviate the burden on Italy and Greece by relocating 29,000 people.²⁵⁶⁰ The new resettlement scheme indicated that at least 50,000 vulnerable persons should be brought in the EU over the next 2 years.²⁵⁶¹ This scheme will be effective until October 2019 and will be undertaken in collaboration with member states, which are bound to receive EUR500 million in order to pursue proper resettlement.²⁵⁶²

On 17 October 2017, the European Commission announced that it had reached one million refugees living in Turkey through its Emergency Social Safety Net program, which initially began in September 2016.²⁵⁶³

On 23 October 2017, the European Union co-hosted a conference in Geneva alongside the IOM, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Kuwait. A total of 35 humanitarian aid pledges were made, collectively worth USD344 million.²⁵⁶⁴ The pledges directed humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees and host communities in Bangladesh.²⁵⁶⁵

On 15 November 2017, High Representative Mogherini pledged to strengthen the European Agenda on Migration.²⁵⁶⁶ At the same time, she announced its already existing successes, which include providing EUR3 billion to refugees in Turkey by the end of 2017, facilitating access to monthly electronic cash transfers to 1 million Syrian refugees, investing almost EUR2 billion in the EU Trust Fund for Africa to support economic development and help manage migration crises, as well as

²⁵⁵⁸ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁹ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶⁰ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶¹ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶² State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶³ 1 million refugees in Turkey reached by EU's Emergency Social Safety Net, European Commission (Brussels) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3902_en.htm

²⁵⁶⁴ Donors pledge US \$344 million in response to Rohingya refugee crisis, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva). 23 October 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2017/10/59ee1c494/donors-pledge-us344-million-response-rohingya-refugee-crisis.html>.

²⁵⁶⁵ Donors pledge US \$344 million in response to Rohingya refugee crisis, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva). 23 October 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2017/10/59ee1c494/donors-pledge-us344-million-response-rohingya-refugee-crisis.html>.

²⁵⁶⁶ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

cooperating with the UNHCR, UN Children's Fund, and the IOM to improve living conditions of migrants in Libya through medical assistance.²⁵⁶⁷ In addition, the EU Trust Fund for Africa also worked in tandem with the Nigerian government in search-and-rescue missions in deserts, which resulted in 1,100 migrants being brought to safety.²⁵⁶⁸ Almost 15,000 migrants, 10,000 of them from Libya, have been helped to voluntarily return to their countries of origin.²⁵⁶⁹ The EU has also worked with member to extract pledges for the new resettlement scheme. As a result, 34,400 pledges have been made by 16 EU member since September 2017, but could exceed 50,000 by October 2019.²⁵⁷⁰

On 20 December 2017, the European Commission drafted the European Partnership for Integration alongside its social and economic partners in order to facilitate the integration of refugees into the European labour market.²⁵⁷¹ The plan emphasis youth employment and intends to engage private and public actors, EU institutions, local authorities, and civil society organizations.²⁵⁷² The key principles of the plan include providing support at the earliest time possible, making sure integration actually benefits refugees in a meaningful way, and ensuring a multi-stakeholder approach.²⁵⁷³ Among the commitments expressed, the main points were the sharing of best practices between social and economic parties, organization of mentoring programmes to ease access into the workplace, ensuring and making identification, assessment, and documentation of skills to be done.²⁵⁷⁴

In 2017, the EU contributed USD436 million to the UNHCR, making it the third largest donor in that year.²⁵⁷⁵

On 15 January 2018, the EU adopted a EUR5 million programme that will provide humanitarian support to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²⁵⁷⁶ The programme will keep adding to previous identification and registration efforts undertaken on behalf of the Bangladeshi government. Its main

²⁵⁶⁷ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁶⁸ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁶⁹ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁰ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁷¹ Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷² Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷³ Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁴ Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁵ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²⁵⁷⁶ EU steps up support to address the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh, European Commission (Brussels) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-201_en.htm.

goal is to facilitate the creation of required conditions for the voluntary, safe, and dignified return of the Rohingya who have fled Myanmar.²⁵⁷⁷

On 30 January 2018, the European Commission announced EUR37.5 million in humanitarian aid for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran.²⁵⁷⁸ The sum is broken down as follows: EUR27 million will be distributed to provide emergency trauma care, food, water, sanitation, shelter, and protection for those affected by conflict in Afghanistan; EUR5.5 million will be distributed to vulnerable Afghans in Pakistan to quell issues such as food security and malnutrition; a further EUR5 million will be distributed to Afghan refugees in Iran in order to provide food assistance, shelter, health, protection, and education.²⁵⁷⁹

On 16 February 2018, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights organized a peer learning activity event which stressed the importance of migrant integration through inclusive education, gender equality lessons, and adequate training for teachers.²⁵⁸⁰

On 26 February 2018, the European Commission adopted three new programmes worth more than EUR150 million to protect migrants and provide them with adequate reintegration options in Libya, Ethiopia, and along the Central Mediterranean Route.²⁵⁸¹ Through these programmes, the EU was delivering on commitments previously made as part of a joint UN, African Union (AU), and EU Task Force established on 29 November 2017 to save and protect lives of migrants and refugees along the routes and within Libya, while also speeding up the voluntary returns to countries of origin, as well as the resettlement of those who required international protection.²⁵⁸² The new programme aimed at carefully evacuating 3,800 refugees from Libya, as well as providing voluntary humanitarian return to 15,000 migrants still present in Libya.²⁵⁸³ These migrants would be helped to return to their country of origin, where they will also be supported financially to reintegrate.²⁵⁸⁴ Lastly, the programme will aid 14,000 individuals in need of international protection, mainly from Niger, Chad, Cameroon, and Burkina Faso.²⁵⁸⁵

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²⁵⁷⁸ Humanitarian aid: €37.5 million for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. European Commission (Brussels) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-384_en.htm.

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²⁵⁸⁰ Intercultural dialogue on integrating migrants and refugees. European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (Vienna) 16 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2018/intercultural-dialogue-integrating-migrants-and-refugees>.

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²⁵⁸⁴ Delivering on commitments: new programmes to protect migrants and support return and reintegration in Africa worth €150 million adopted, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1143_en.htm.

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On 28 February 2018, the European Commission and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs have announced a humanitarian aid package worth EUR 24 million for the Ukraine.²⁵⁸⁶ The money will be spent on food, healthcare, and education for children.²⁵⁸⁷

On 28 February 2018, the EU reaffirmed its commitment towards Palestinian refugees. The commitment occurred in light of the financial crisis experienced by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).²⁵⁸⁸ As such, the EU hoped that a reaffirmation of its support would result in an increased donor base and comprehensive reform of the UNRWA.²⁵⁸⁹

The European Union has taken action to address the distinct needs of migrants both within Europe and abroad through a number of programmes and initiatives, including the EU-Turkey refugee deal and multiple partnership programs with international organizations such as the IOM and UNHCR.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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