Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series

Asia & the Pacific Regional Trends on Forced Displacement and Statelessness 2022

Date and Time: 13:00 – 14:15 (Bangkok time), 28th August 2023

Venue: MS Teams

Concept

Asia and the Pacific is facing many complex displacement situations, ranging from emergencies requiring immediate humanitarian responses to protracted displacement contexts requiring long-term and sustainable solutions. Climate-induced disasters continue to exacerbate humanitarian situations in the region and put vulnerable populations more at risk of displacement or statelessness. In order to articulate the scale and characteristics of forced displacement and statelessness in the region, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Situation Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP), produces an annual flagship regional report containing the most recent trends on the aforementioned topics.

The latest report titled *Asia & the Pacific Regional Trends on Forced Displacement and Statelessness 2022* estimated that the total number of people who are forcibly displaced, stateless, returnees or others of concern to UNHCR in Asia and the Pacific by end of 2022 stood at 14.3 million, a 26 percent increase from 2021. The region hosts 13 percent of the global total population under the purview of UNHCR. 18 percent of the world's refugees and asylum-seekers and 56 percent of the world's stateless population.

As of end 2022, there were 6.8 million refugees, 5 million conflict-affected internally displaced people (IDPs), 2.5 million stateless people (including displaced stateless people), 778,600 IDP returnees, 233,300 asylum-seekers and some 6,900 refugee returnees in Asia and the Pacific.

In 2022, 22.6 million new internal displacements due to disasters and the impact of climate change occurred in the Asia and the Pacific region, with 4.1 million people remaining displaced at the end of 2022. 70 percent of disaster-induced internal displacements occurred in Asia and the Pacific.

These are only some of the figures highlighted in the report and UNHCR RBAP together with ESCAP are organizing this Stats Café to:

a) Highlight the trends on forced displacement and statelessness in Asia and the Pacific in 2022.
b) Introduce latest asylum trends of Afghans in Europe.
c) Share updates regarding census preparation and including nationality/statelessness-related questions in the questionnaire in Uzbekistan.

Agenda

Time	Program
13:00 – 13:10 (10 mins)	Introduction and opening remarks • Ms. Petra Nahmias, Chief of Population and Social Statistics Section, Statistics Division, ESCAP • Mr. Hy Rubin Doved Shelow, Head of Protection Service, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNHCR
13:10 – 13:25 (15 mins)	Regional forced displacement and statelessness trends – Mr. Chao Huang, Statistics and Data Analysis Officer, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNHCR
13:25 – 13:40 (15 mins)	Asylum trends of Afghans in Europe – Mr. Nicolas Vermeulen, Information Officer (Data Analysis), European Union Agency for Asylum
13:40 – 14:05 (25 mins)	Census preparation and including nationality/statelessness-related questions in the questionnaire in Uzbekistan – Mr. Berdikulov Kobil Gulamovich, Head of the Department for Organizing and Conducting Census Processes, the Agency of Statistics under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
14:05 – 14:15 (10 mins)	Q&A