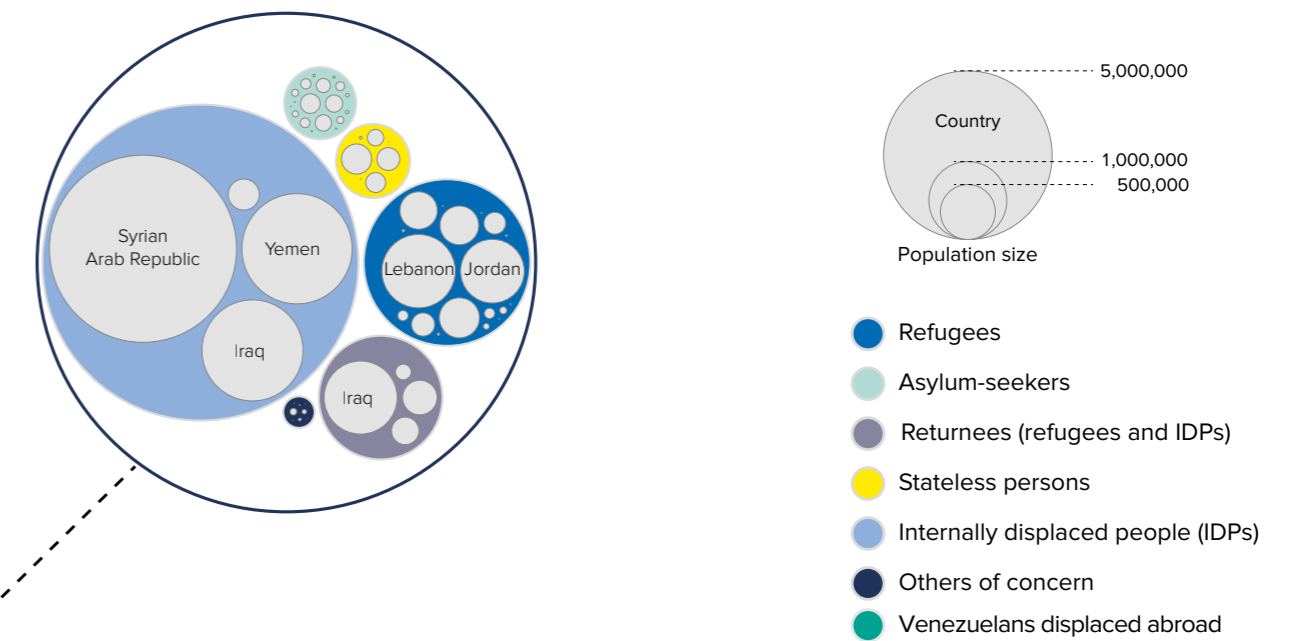
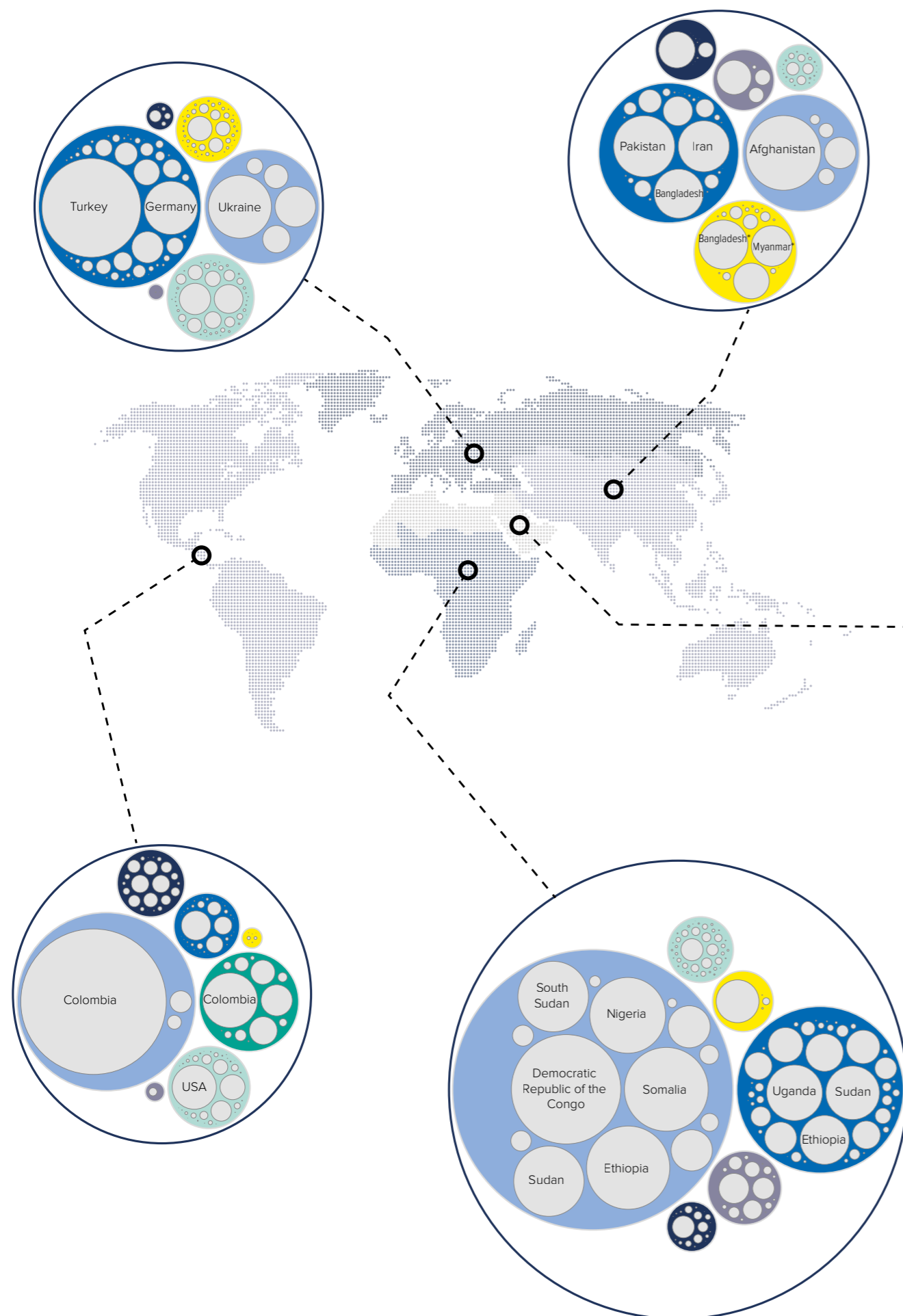


# POPULATIONS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR



[ END DECEMBER 2018 ]

	Africa	The Americas	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Middle East and North Africa	TOTAL POPULATION OF CONCERN
Refugees	6,331,669	534,498	4,160,040	6,441,542	2,649,792	20,117,541
Persons in refugee-like situations <sup>(1)</sup>	3,743	108,776	54,565	33,020	42,917	243,021
<b>Total refugees</b>	<b>6,335,412</b>	<b>643,274</b>	<b>4,214,605</b>	<b>6,474,562</b>	<b>2,692,709</b>	<b>20,360,562</b>
Asylum-seekers	484,224	1,311,654	176,332	1,247,229	283,845	3,503,284
Returned refugees <sup>(2)</sup>	341,086	23,900	17,761	54	211,013	593,814
IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR <sup>(3)</sup>	17,659,084	8,061,972	2,686,705	2,715,426	10,301,960	41,425,147
Returned IDPs <sup>(4)</sup>	583,626	-	606,864	197	1,122,239	2,312,926
Stateless persons	711,589	6,892	2,229,401*	533,340	370,761	3,851,983*
Others of concern <sup>(5)</sup>	318,608	209,090	570,573	71,652	12,987	1,182,910
Venezuelans displaced abroad <sup>(6)</sup>	-	2,592,948	-	-	-	2,592,948
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,433,629</b>	<b>12,849,730</b>	<b>9,470,606</b>	<b>11,042,460</b>	<b>14,995,514</b>	<b>74,791,939</b>

The data are generally provided by Governments, based on their own definitions and methods of data collection. A dash ("-") indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable. All data are provisional and subject to change. More information on people of concern to UNHCR in 2018, including statistical trends and changes of global displacement during the year, can be found in the "2018 Global Trends" report.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes groups of persons who are outside their country or territory of origin and who face protection risks similar to those of refugees, but for whom refugee status has, for practical or other reasons, not been ascertained.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes refugees who have returned to their place of origin during 2018. Source: country of origin and asylum.  
<sup>(3)</sup> Includes IDPs who are in IDP-like situations.  
<sup>(4)</sup> Includes IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin during 2018.  
<sup>(5)</sup> People of concern to UNHCR not included in the other categories but to whom UNHCR may extend its protection and/or assistance.  
<sup>(6)</sup> Refers to persons who have left Venezuela as a result of the deteriorating circumstances inside the country, but who have not applied for asylum in the country in which they are present. As indicated in the UNHCR Guidance Note on International Protection Considerations for Venezuelans (May 2019), UNHCR considers that the majority of Venezuelan nationals or stateless persons who were habitually resident in Venezuela, are in need of international protection under the criteria contained in the Cartagena Declaration on the basis of threats to their lives, security or freedom resulting from events that are seriously disturbing public order in Venezuela. In line with the UN Secretary-General's Guidance, UNHCR and IOM have been coordinating closely to respond to the outflow of Venezuelans.  
\*The stateless population includes 906,635 Myanmar refugees in Bangladesh and an estimated 125,000 stateless IDPs in Myanmar who are also counted in refugee and IDP populations.