Doctors Without Borders has been treating refugees and IDPs since our founding in 1971. As one of the primary medical providers in nearly every large-scale refugee camp since then, our teams have the expert know-how and the tools to provide lifesaving care to millions in places across the globe.

If you're a parent with two small children, and you consciously step aboard a shabby wooden boat—if you are willing to take that risk—then you are truly desperate. And they are. They see no other way to find safe refuge or a better life.

—DR. ERNA RIJNIERSE, DOCTOR AND EMERGENCY TEAM MEMBER ON A DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS SEARCH AND RESCUE BOAT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
TREATING REFUGEES AND IDPs WHEREVER THEY ARE

Often living and working side-by-side with those we treat, our medical experts and logisticians build and operate hospitals, run vaccination campaigns to prevent outbreaks, ensure access to clean water and lifesaving nutrition, and provide psychological support and primary medical care.

Over 65 million people are currently fleeing conflict or persecution worldwide.*

Right now, millions of people are facing the unthinkable: their homes are unsafe and their governments cannot or will not protect them. In addition to refugees who have fled their countries, there are roughly 26 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been forced from their homes and are seeking safety within their country’s borders.

In and around Nigeria, where more than two million people have been forced from their homes, our teams are tackling a severe malnutrition crisis that’s left 480,000 children without the basic nutrition they need to survive.

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