

THE EU-JORDAN COMPACT AS A GLOBAL PARADIGM

Development, Mobility,
and Protection in the Syrian
Refugee Response

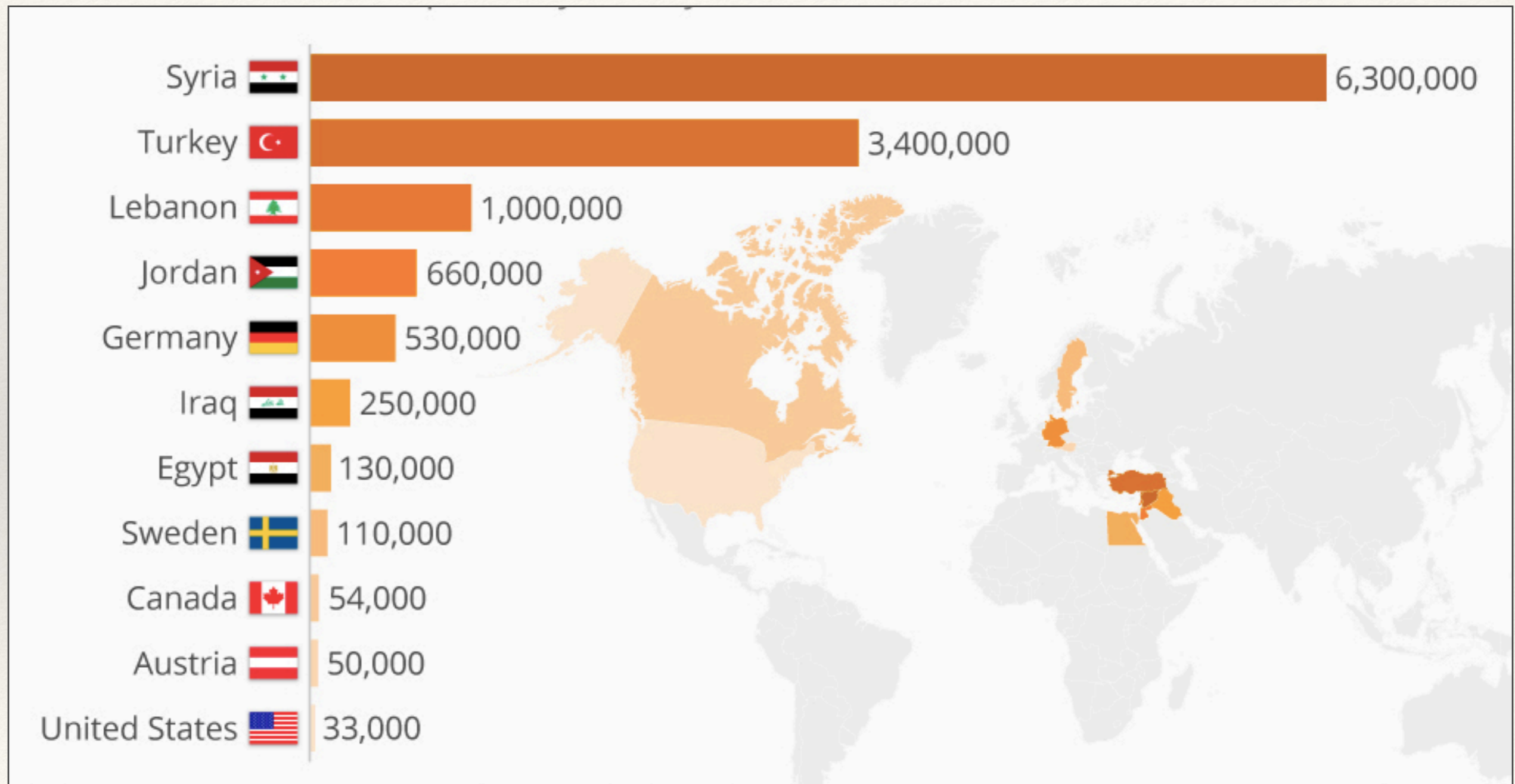
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Global Displacement Trends

- ❖ Durable solutions replaced by ad-hoc/temp responses
- ❖ 15.9 million refugees in protracted displacement (UNHCR 2019a)
- ❖ Avg. time as refugee/IDP almost 20 years (ibid)
- ❖ Focus on “humanitarian-development nexus” and “migration-development nexus”: WHS 2016, NY Declaration 2016, GCR and GCM 2018

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Syrian Refugee Crisis



Source: STATISTA 2018

EU Migrant Crisis 2015-2016

- ❖ 1.2 million first time asylum seekers in 2015 (Eurostat 2016)
- ❖ Development as containment strategy
 - ➔ February 2016: The EU-Jordan Compact
 - ➔ March 2016: The EU-Turkey Deal
 - ➔ November 2016: The EU-Lebanon Contract

The EU-Jordan Compact

- ❖ Launched on February 7, 2016
- ❖ Burden-sharing agreement
 - \$1.7 billion in grants and concessional financing (GoJ 2016b)
 - 40% of all international aid (\$3,201,328,798) as direct budget support (GoJ 2016a)
 - aid to be used for “resilience building” (GoJ 2016b)
 - “targeting host communities” instead of Syrian refugees (ibid)

The EU-Jordan Compact

- ❖ Development framework
 - “Turning the refugee crisis into a development opportunity” (GoJ 2016b)
 - increased investment, exports, and job creation
 - Increased access to education and employment

Benefits 2016-2018

EU

- ✓ Containment of refugees / “migrants”

Jordan

- ✓ Increased funds
- ✓ \$4.9 billion grants
- ✓ \$723 IMF
- ✓ \$635 World Bank

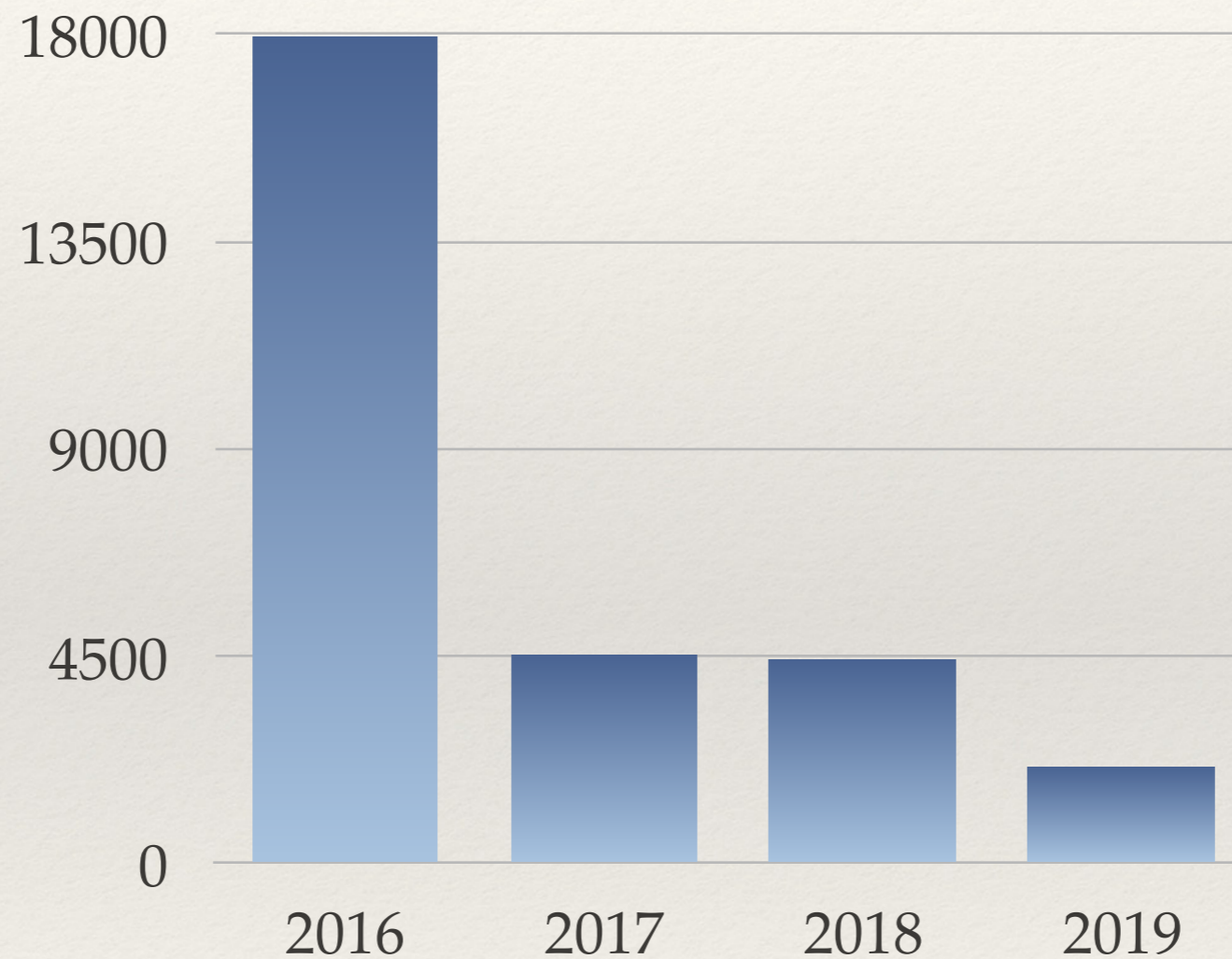
(Source: AGHULAS 2019)

Benefits 2016-2018

Syrians

- ✓ 85% below the poverty threshold (\$96) (UNHCR 2018)
- ✓ No positive changes in the past three years
- ✓ Decreased household income (Tiltnes et al. 2018, 48)
- ✓ Severe food insecurity (ibid, 48)
- ✓ Precarious economic, political *and* legal status
- ✓ **No durable solution**

Number of Syrians resettled from Jordan 2016-2019.



Figures for 2019 represent the period January to May. Source: UNHCR 2019b.

EU-Jordan Compact as a Global Paradigm?

UNHCR Refugee Compact (2018)

- ❖ “ease the pressures on host countries”
- ❖ “enhance refugee self-reliance”
- ❖ “expand access to third-country solutions”
- ❖ Development (73), protection (44) and humanitarian/ism (32)

Thank You

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