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VENEZUELAN MIGRATION AND REFUGEE CRISIS



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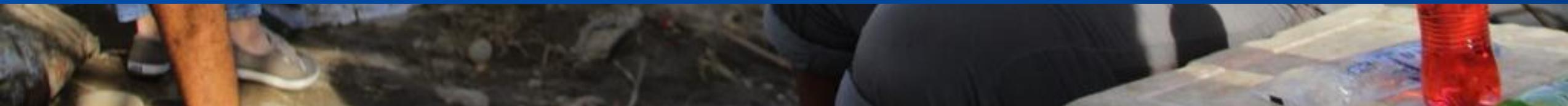


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The current crisis of Venezuelan migrants and refugees is unprecedented in the region





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5.6 MILLION
VENEZUELANAS HAVE
FLED THEIR COUNTRY
(OVER 18% OF THE POPULATION)





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22,000 Canada

465,000 United States

102,000 Mexico

40,000 Costa Rica

121,000 Panama

1,743,000 Colombia

431,000 Ecuador

1,050,000 Peru

10,000 Bolivia

457,000 Chile

Dominican Republic 116,000

Aruba 17,000

Curacao 26,000

Trinidad and Tobago 40,000

Guyana 36,000

Paraguay 5,000

Brazil 262,000

Uruguay 15,000

Argentina 180,000

Venezuela's Migrant and Refugee Flow per country



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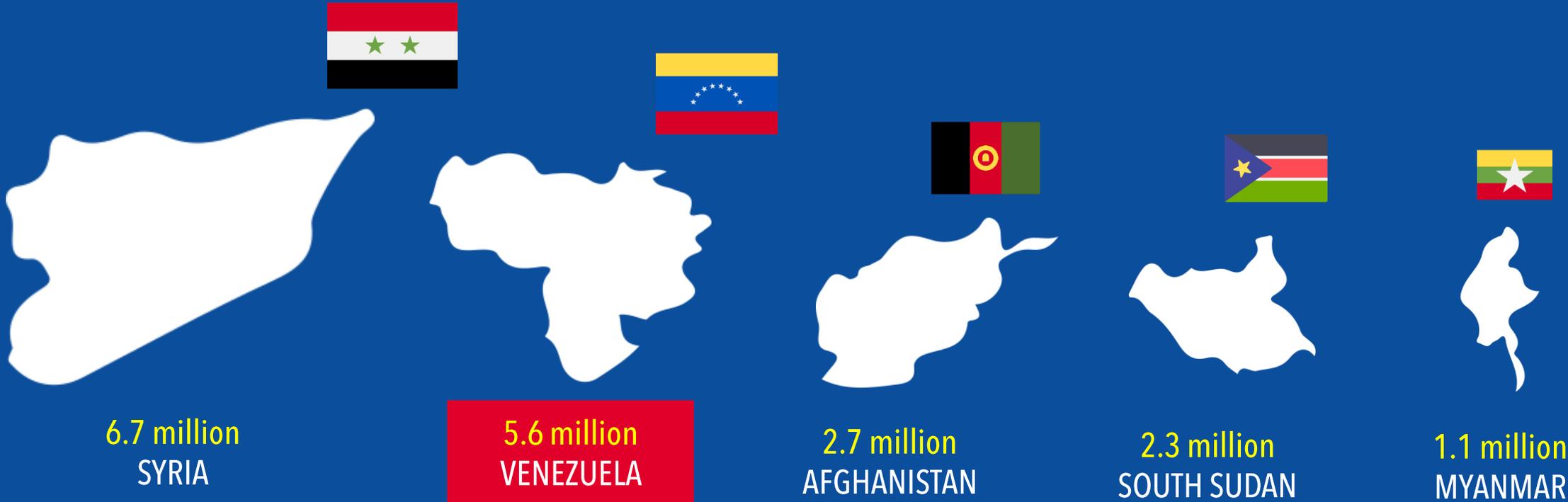


Globally, only SYRIA, which has been in a civil war for more than 10 years, has more migrants and refugees than VENEZUELA



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2021's largest refugee crises



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The number of Venezuelan migrants and refugees is greater than the population of 100 countries or territories including Costa Rica, Ireland, Norway, among others



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4.2 million



PANAMA

4.9 million



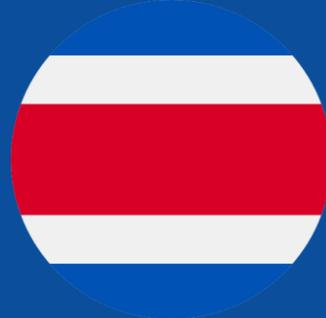
IRELAND

4.9 million



NEW ZEALAND

5.0 million



COSTA RICA

5.3 million



NORWAY

5.6 million



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Venezuelan migrants and refugees walk about 4,000 kilometers (2,485 miles) across the continent to obtain basic needs



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Colombia-Venezuela border



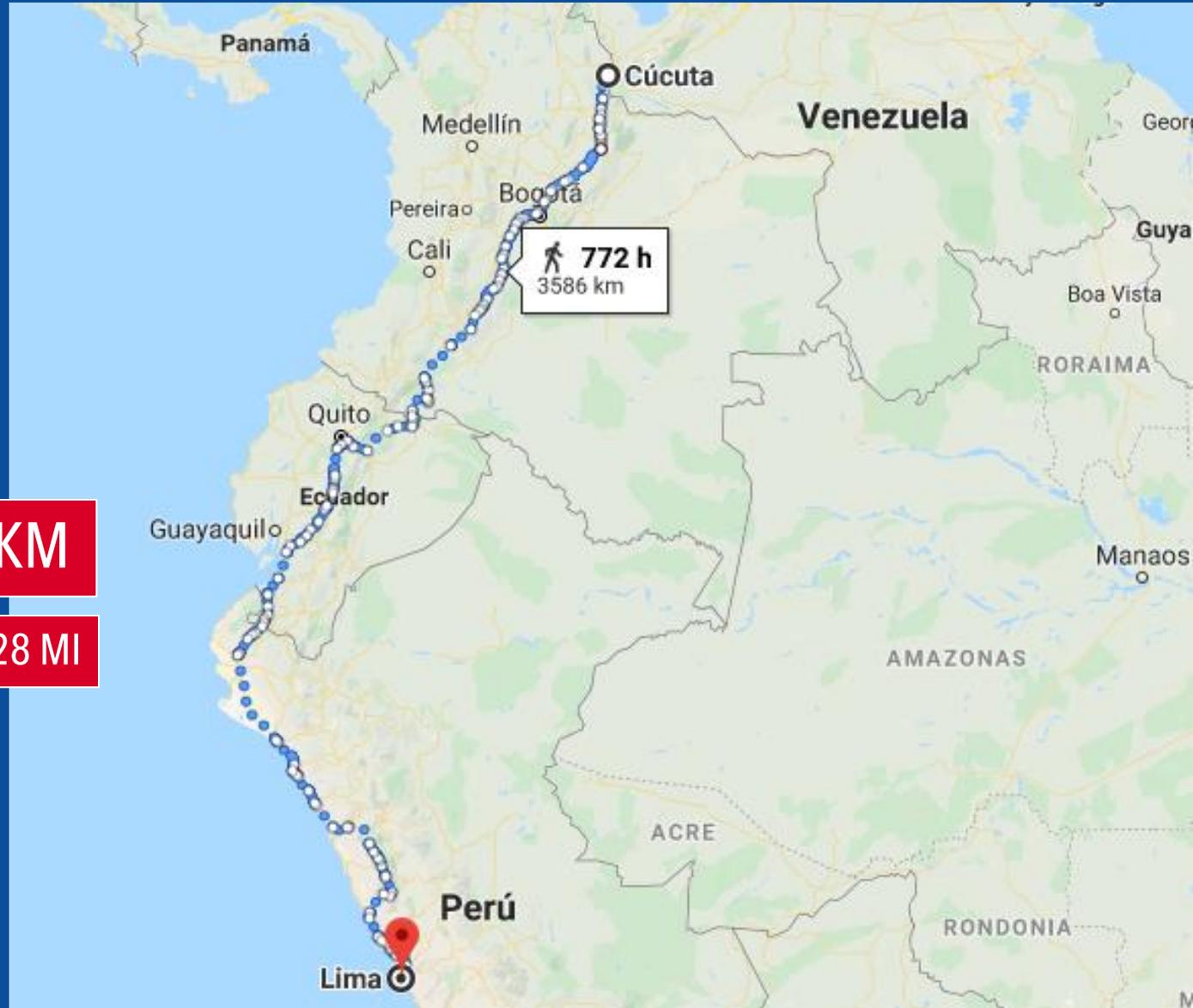
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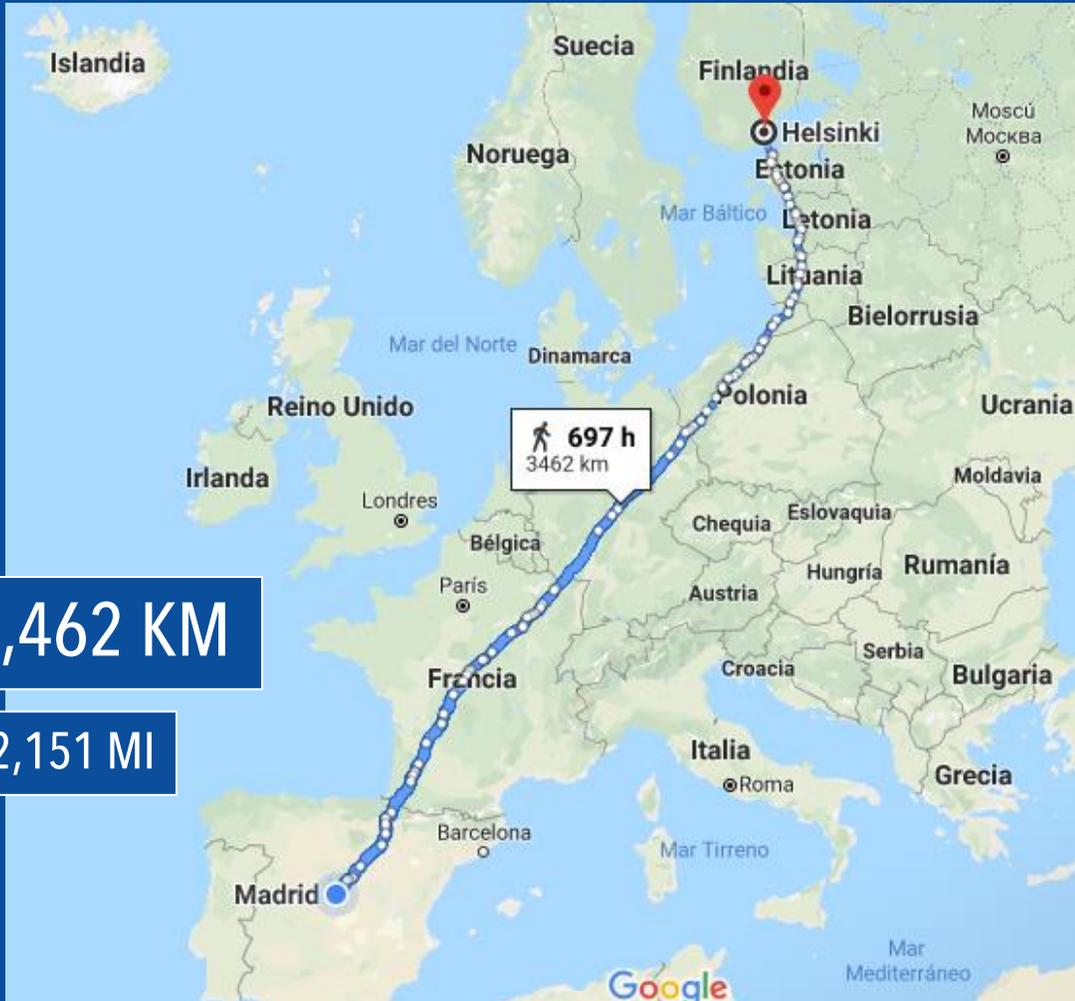


3,586 KM

=2,228 MI

Route of
Venezuelan “walkers”

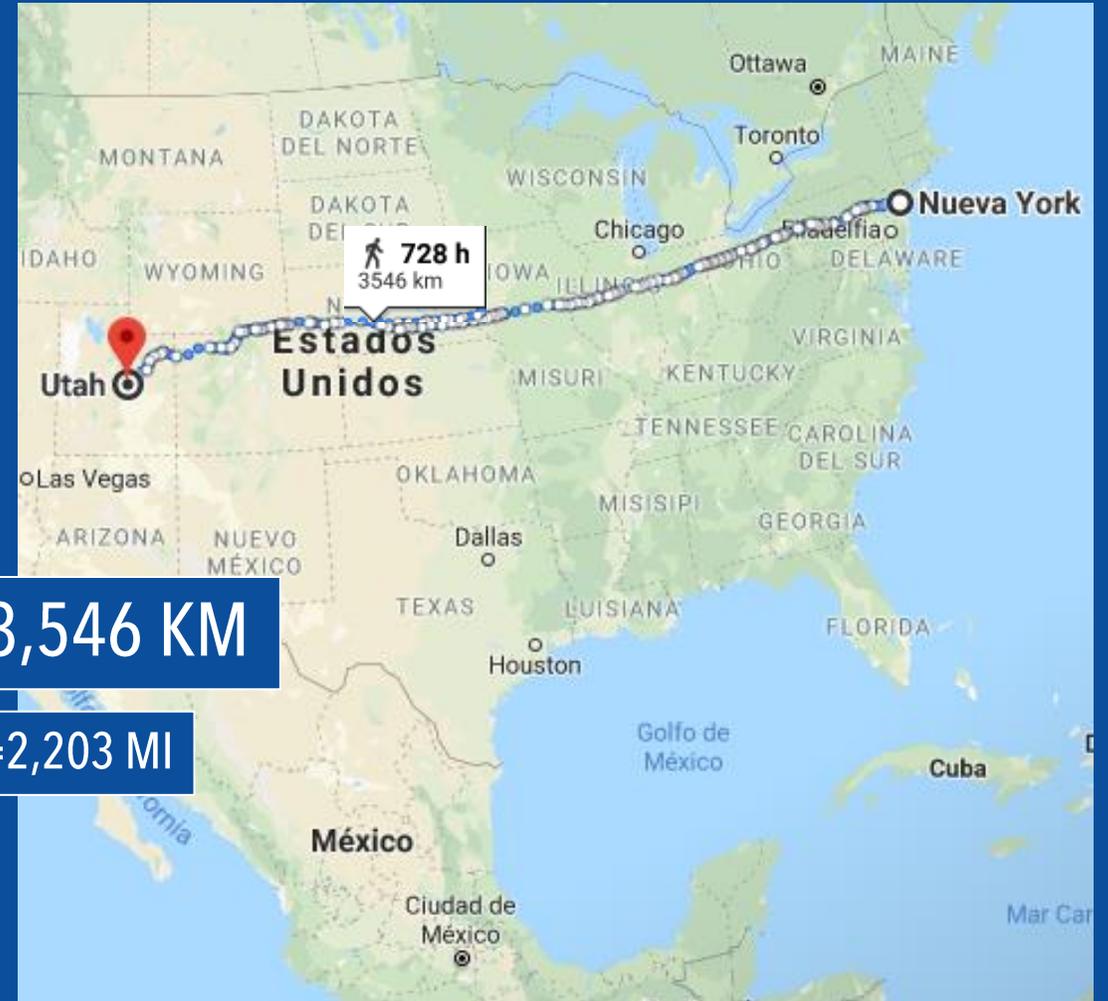




3,462 KM

=2,151 MI

EUROPE (MADRID-HELSINKI)



3,546 KM

=2,203 MI

UNITED STATES (NEW YORK-UTAH)



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Without facing a conventional war or a natural disaster,
Venezuelans are forced to flee due to 5 main reasons

Complex Humanitarian Emergency

Katherine Castilla, 19, holds her baby girl Sarangeli, who suffers from malnutrition



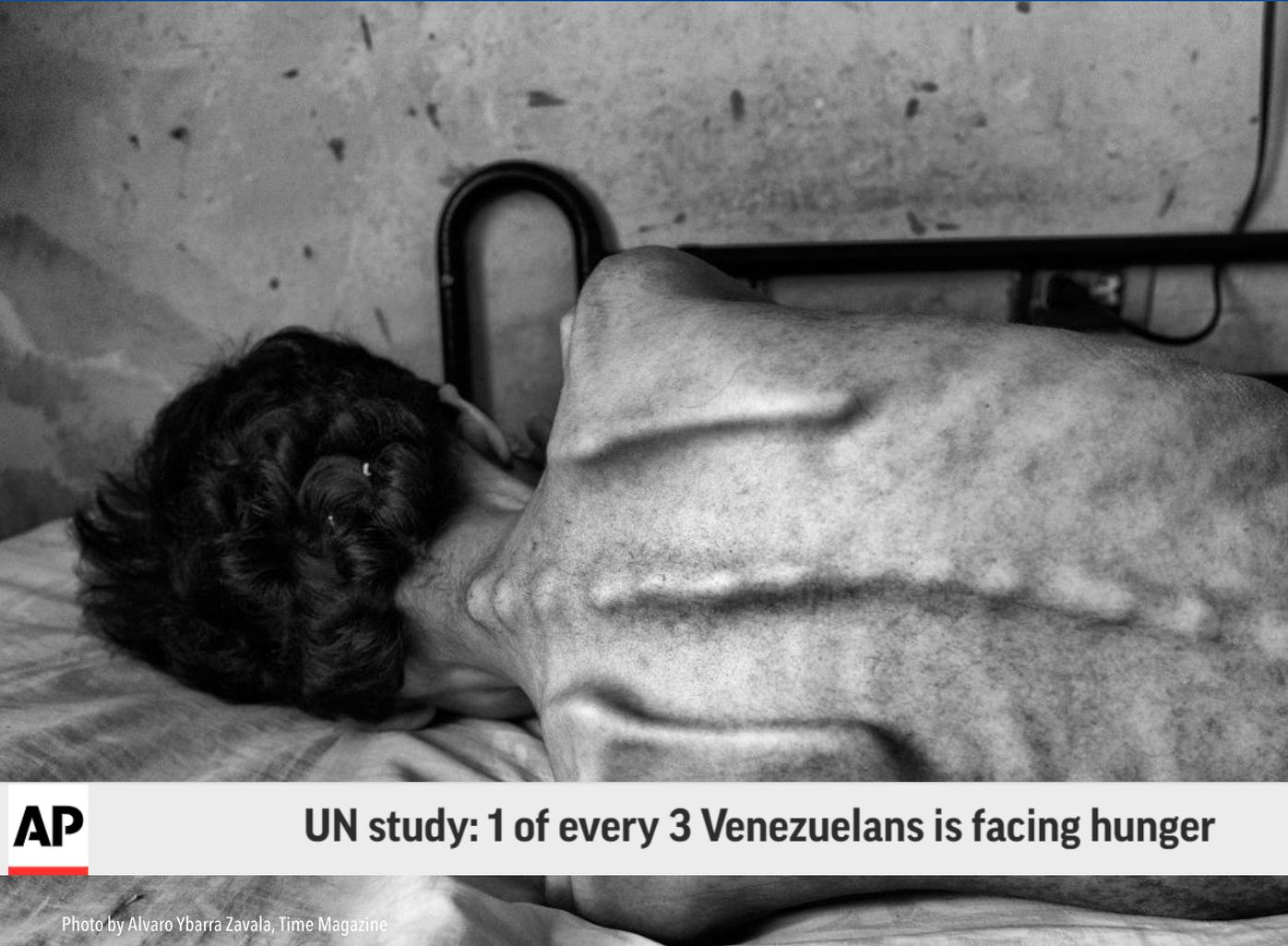
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"9.3 million people - one-third of the population - are moderately or severely **food insecure**, and need assistance"



– U.N. World Food Program

AP

UN study: 1 of every 3 Venezuelans is facing hunger

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Human Rights Violations

Members of the FAES, the "death squads" created by Maduro, patrol the Antímáno slum in Caracas

Photo by Rodrigo Abd, AP



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NEWS

Venezuela: UN investigators accuse authorities of crimes against humanity

Photo by Juan Barreto, AFP

18,093 extrajudicial executions carried out by state security forces or *colectivos* since 2014.

– OAS General Secretariat

“The Venezuelan authorities and security forces have since 2014 planned and executed serious human rights violations, some of which amount to **crimes against humanity**”

– UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela



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Widespread Violence

A 16-year-old gang member: "I started out as a thief but now I carry this weapon for bigger hits"

Photo by Ignacio Marin, Time Magazine



Venezuela named world's most dangerous country again, poll finds



Photo by Ignacio Marin, Time Magazine

Caracas is **the most violent city** in South America. A total of 366,000 people were killed between 1999 and 2020

– Venezuelan Observatory of Violence

Venezuela is the **least peaceful country** in the region and is among the 15 least peaceful countries in the world

– Global Peace Index 2020



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Collapse of Public Services

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People collect water released through a sewage drain that feeds into the Guaire River in Caracas





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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Power Outage Leaves Venezuela in the Dark, Again

Photo by Carlos Eduardo Ramirez, Reuters

Venezuelans face daily power outages and water shortages:

157,719 blackouts were registered throughout the country in 2020

– Committee for Blackout Victims

92% of households in Venezuela do not receive water continuously

– Cedice, Services Monitoring



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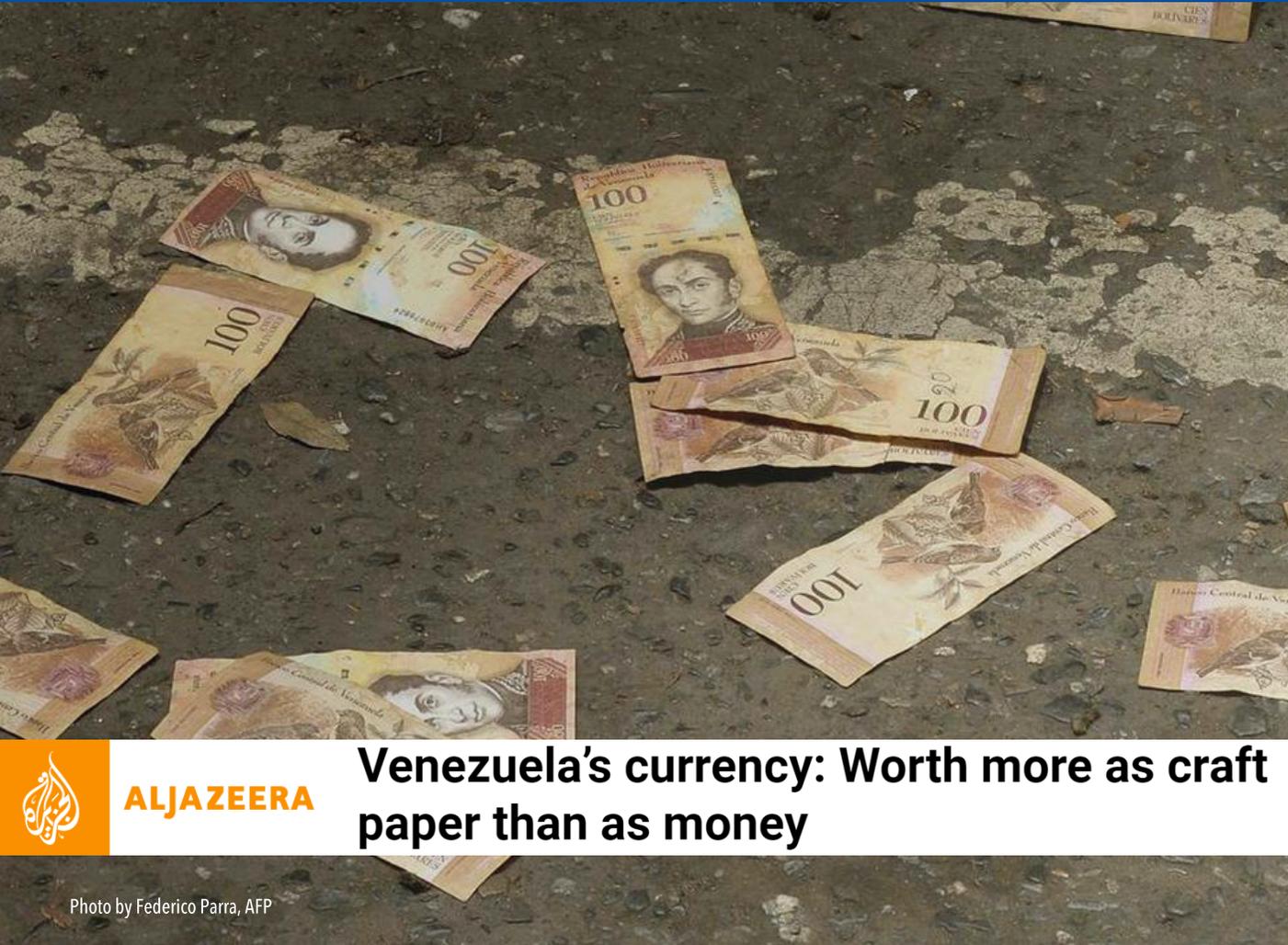
A roll of toilet paper pictured next to 1.5 million bolivars, its price and the equivalent of \$0.50 as of June 2021

Economic Collapse

Photo by Carlos Garcia Rawlins, Reuters



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Venezuela is the country with the **highest inflation rate** in the world (6,500%)

– International Monetary Fund

Venezuela is the world's **most miserable economy** for the sixth consecutive year

– Bloomberg's Misery Index, 2020



ALJAZEERA

Venezuela's currency: Worth more as craft paper than as money

Photo by Federico Parra, AFP



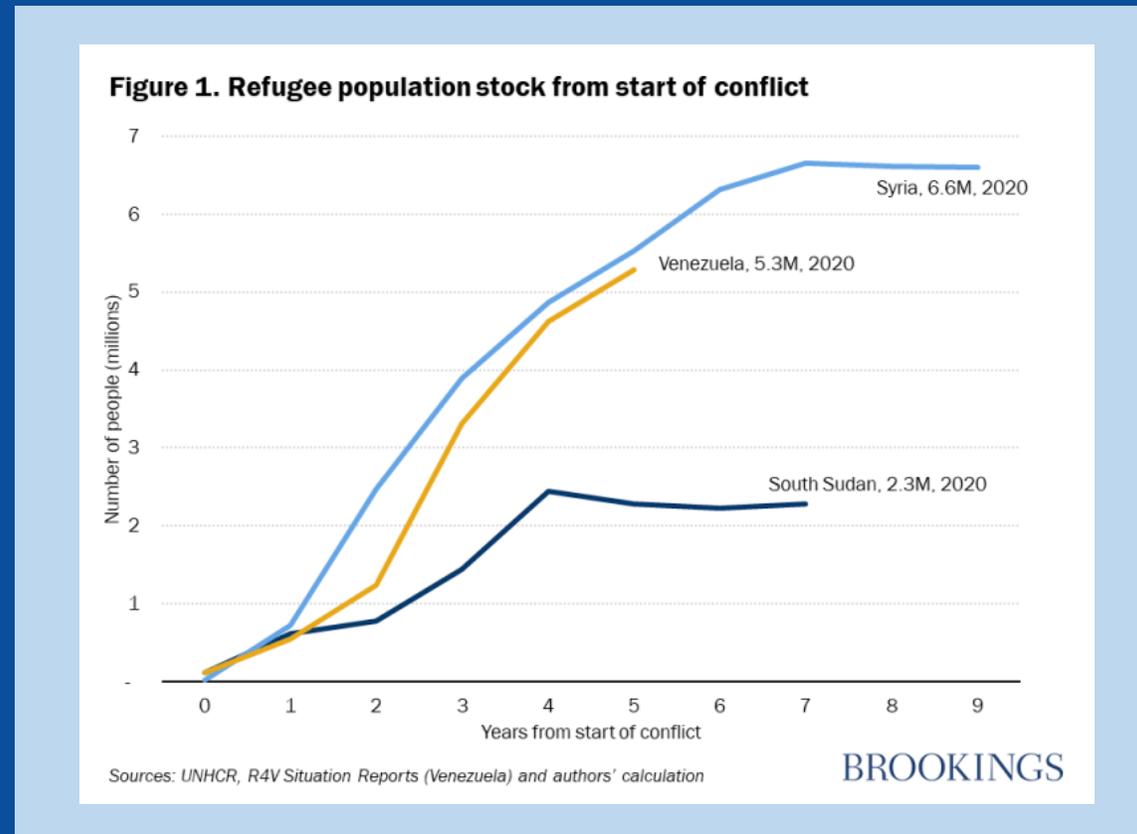
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If there is no solution in the short term,
Venezuela could have more migrants and refugees than Syria

The magnitude and evolution of the Venezuelan refugee crisis is similar to the Syrian crisis





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Despite the restrictions on human mobility imposed by the COVID-19 global pandemic, the number of Venezuelan migrants and refugees continue to grow





Number of Venezuelan refugees could rise to 7 million by the end of 2021 or the first quarter of 2022

5,000

Venezuelans were fleeing daily before the pandemic hit



Until March 2020

130,000

Venezuelans returned home amid Covid-19 crisis



March - September 2020

700-900

Venezuelans are crossing each day through irregular paths: trochas or dangerous sea routes



September 2020 - Present



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A photograph of a refugee camp. A long, narrow path is lined with rows of white tents. In the foreground, a line of laundry, including a yellow cloth, a blue cloth, and a pink cloth, hangs across the path. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The ground is covered in gravel.

Host countries have received \$480 per capita in financial assistance.
Today a Venezuelan refugee is worth 10 times less than a Syrian refugee



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Per-capita funding



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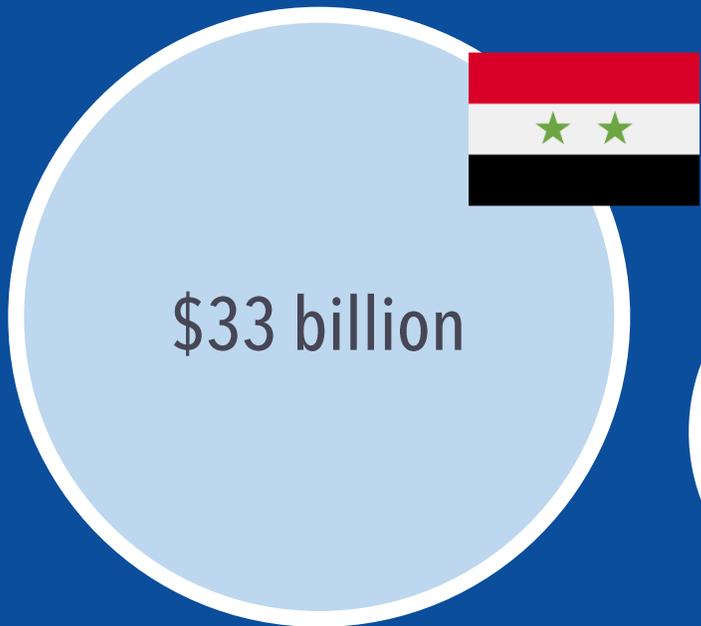
SYRIAN REFUGEE



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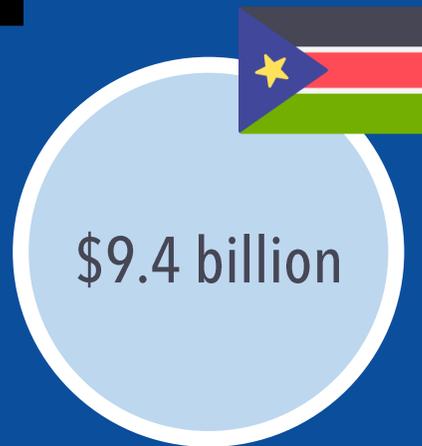
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Total donations per crisis since 2014



\$33 billion

SYRIA



\$9.4 billion

SOUTH SUDAN



\$2.7 billion
VENEZUELA



Without a global response and massive influx of funding, the Venezuelan refugee crisis could become the largest and most underfunded in the world



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75-year-old Venezuelan refugee crosses the border between Mexico and the United States in the arms of a young migrant

Photo by Go Nakamura, Reuters

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