

CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

LESSONS FROM THE RESPONSE IN EUROPE AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

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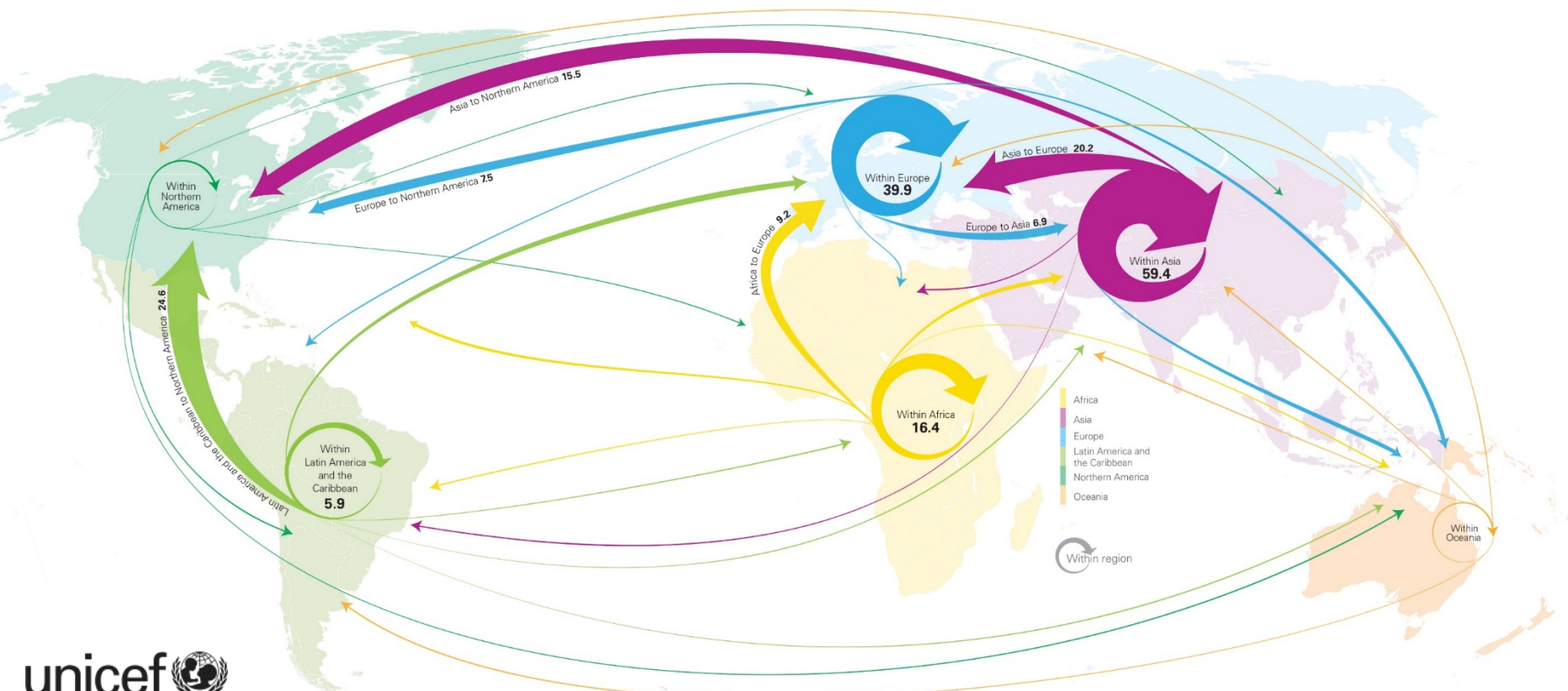
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MIGRATION: A GLOBAL PHENOMENON

Number of international migrants by region of origin and destination, 2015 (in millions)

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division



GLOBAL MIGRATION AND CHILDREN

 NEARLY **50 MILLION CHILDREN** HAVE MIGRATED ACROSS BORDERS OR BEEN FORCIBLY DISPLACED.

 MORE THAN HALF – **28 MILLION CHILDREN** – HAVE FLED VIOLENCE AND INSECURITY.

 MIGRATION OFFERS BOTH **RISK AND OPPORTUNITIES** FOR CHILDREN.

 **FORCED DISPLACEMENT, LABOR MIGRATION & RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION** ARE THE MAIN TRENDS AFFECTING CHILDREN



Legal protection going beyond Refugee Convention

ICCPR

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)

ICESCR

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)

CRC

Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)

CEDAW

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979)

CAT

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1984)

CERD

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (1990)

ICRMW

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965)

CRPD

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006)

ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN

SIX GLOBAL POLICY ASKS FOR CHILDREN

- 01. PROTECT CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN, FROM EXPLOITATION AND VIOLENCE**
- 02. END THE DETENTION OF CHILDREN SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS OR MIGRATING**
- 03. KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER AS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND GIVE CHILDREN LEGAL STATUS**
- 04. KEEP ALL REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CHILDREN LEARNING AND GIVE THEM ACCESS TO HEALTH AND OTHER QUALITY SERVICES**
- 05. PRESS FOR ACTION ON THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF LARGE-SCALE MOVEMENTS OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANTS**
- 06. PROMOTE MEASURES TO COMBAT XENOPHOBIA, DISCRIMINATION AND MARGINALIZATION IN COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND DESTINATION**



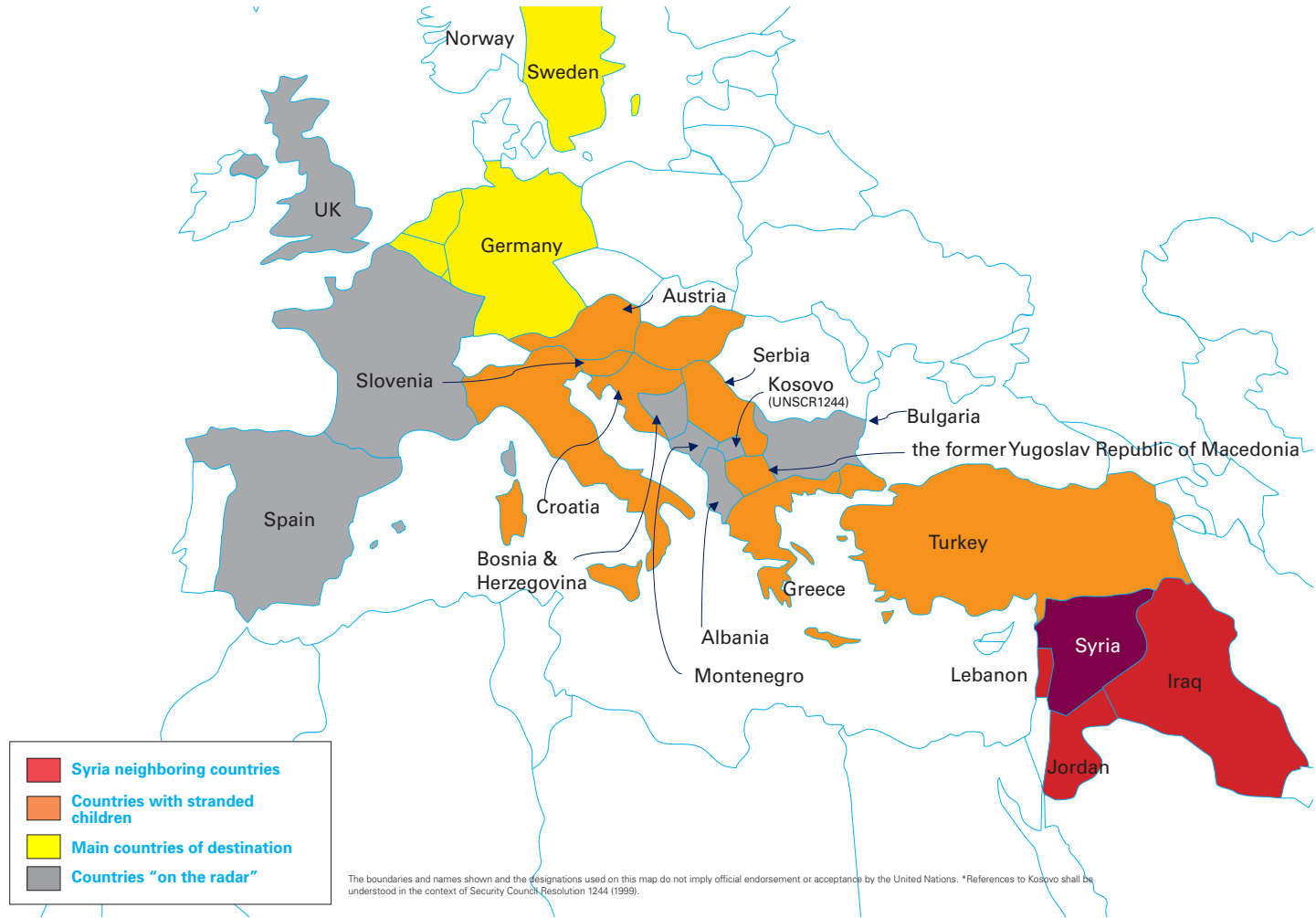
Facts and Figures 2015-2016

1.3 million people
reached Europe by sea

Over 550 children died
at sea

596.000 children
applied for asylum

96.000 of them were
unaccompanied



A photograph of a makeshift camp with several tents. In the center, a fire burns brightly, providing warmth. A young girl in a pink sweater and a boy in a dark jacket stand near the fire. Another child is visible inside a tent in the background. The scene is set in a misty or foggy environment, suggesting a cold and possibly unsafe living situation.

A CHILDREN'S CRISIS

**MORE THAN 340,000 CHILDREN
ARRIVED IN EUROPE SINCE 2015**

OVER 550 CHILDREN DIED AT SEA

**NINE IN TEN CHILDREN ARRIVE
ALONE IN ITALY**

RESULTS FOR CHILDREN

156,000

Children reached with psychosocial, health & nutrition and WASH services

7,800

Children at risk-identified and referred to protective services

1,165

Frontline workers trained



33 %

Share of voice on children in English, French, Spanish and Arabic news outlets

Sustainable IMPACT

Linking humanitarian response to longer-term system strengthening

ADVOCACY

Protecting children and women on the ground and in law should be priority

Key challenges

27.000 children stranded in Greece

Children placed in immigration detention

Children kept apart from their families within Europe

Unaccompanied children slipping through the cracks in child protection

Increased smuggling and child exploitation

Poor standards of accommodation and allegations of child abuse

Lack of access to education and other services

Return to countries of origin that might expose children to serious harms



European Advocacy

- Speed up and extend relocation schemes
- Alternatives to immigration detention
- Effective family reunification
- Reform of Dublin regulation
- Enhance child protection systems
- Effective guardianship
- Improved standards of accommodation
- Equal access to services in community
- Return decisions as per child's best interests



WHAT WE LEARNED



INNOVATIVE APPROACHES & USE OF IT



PRINCIPLED AND PRAGMATIC



CROSS-REGIONAL AND INTER-AGENCY COOPERATION



ACT OF HUMANITY



A photograph of two young boys sitting on the edge of a concrete pier. The pier is painted yellow and is situated over blue water. One boy is wearing a red shirt and blue pants, and the other is wearing a grey shirt and dark pants. They appear to be engaged in an activity, possibly eating or drinking. The background shows the water and a dark structure, possibly a boat or part of a building.

RESPECTING THE CHILD'S BEST
INTERESTS

GIVING VOICE TO THE CHILDREN
CONCERNED



thank you
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