

## EDITORIAL

### Neglected Displacement Crises: Call for Submissions<sup>1</sup>

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Every June, the fate of displaced persons is brought to the attention of the global public – and 2025 is no exception: The month sees the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' (UNHCR) annual Global Trends Report on forced displacement published. In 2025, yet another estimated record high of 123.2 forcibly displaced worldwide is reported (UNHCR 2025a: 4). This year's annual World Refugee Day on June 20, 2025, will be held under the motto "Solidarity with Refugees" and calls for action. The message is "We see you. You are not forgotten. You are not alone." (UNHCR, 2025b).

However, just a few days earlier the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) presented its yearly Neglected Displacement Crisis Report. It is based on the three key characteristics of funding coverage, media attention and political will, and meant to raise awareness and advocate with key policy and decision makers (NRC 2025a: 1-2). In the order of the extend of neglect, the listed countries are the following:

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| 1. Cameroon     | 6. Uganda                       |
| 2. Ethiopia     | 7. Iran                         |
| 3. Mozambique   | 8. Democratic Republic of Congo |
| 4. Burkina Faso | 9. Honduras                     |
| 5. Mali         | 10. Somalia                     |

It is striking that eight out of ten of these countries are located in Africa. The NRC calls among others upon the editors "to invest in journalism from underreported displacement crises" and to "commit to informing audiences about topics and contexts that are often off the media radar" (NRC, 2025b).

Reflecting our own editorial work for the *Quarterly on Refugee Problems – AWR Bulletin (QRP)*, we admit having been unable to publish any but one article (Adem et al., 2023) on the above mentioned crises since we relaunched the journal in 2022. This has not been done out of malice. Definitely, we should further increase our efforts and proactively reach out to potential authors with expertise in these regions. But in the end, as editors, we depend on receiving relevant submissions passing peer review.

Thus, we expressly call upon and encourage scientists (including young scientists) and practitioners to send submissions covering the displacement crises in the related and other countries at the periphery of media, scientific and political attention. *QRP* offers you a platform for presenting your findings – quality assured, open access, and free of

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publication fees. *QRP* aims at visibility and dissemination without excluding those who do not have the financial background to cover high publication fees typically required elsewhere. Without compromising scientific standards, our policy is meant to break down western-centric discourses and to open them for contributions and perspectives from the global south.

Take this opportunity to make visible the fate of the neglected displaced. Let us jointly make a difference in line with this year's World Refugee Day's message:

"We see you. You are not forgotten. You are not alone."

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