Every two seconds, somewhere in the world a person is forced to flee.

"No one becomes a refugee by choice; but the rest of us can have a choice about how we help."

- Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNHCR Northern Europe

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What we do:
• support and advise governments and authorities in their implementation of European and international legal instruments related to asylum and statelessness
• work with governments, partners and stakeholders in ensuring the right to apply for protection and access to fair, efficient and high-quality asylum procedures
• share good practices on asylum, children and integration, including through training of professionals
• raise public and political awareness of the global refugee situation and the human faces behind the millions of forcibly displaced worldwide as well as advocate for a strong international commitment to provide protection to the people who need it
• mobilize financial and other support for the work of UNHCR worldwide

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