



## Global patterns in international protection needs, 2020

**5 countries**  
account for  
**2/3** of the  
world's refugee  
population

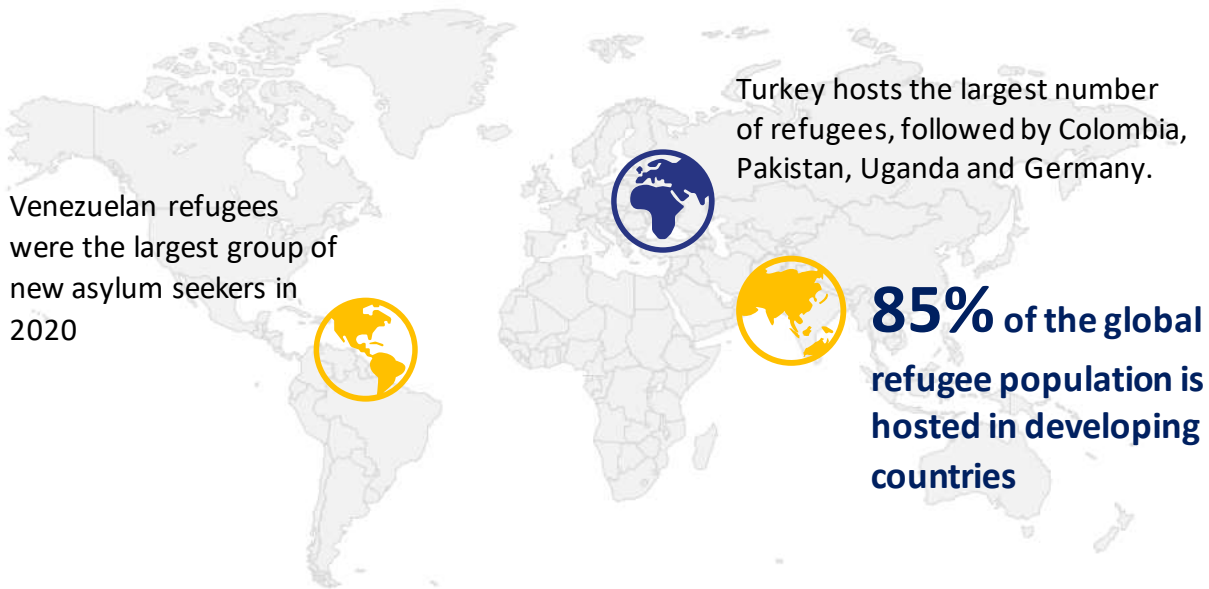
**6.6M**  
Syria

**3.6M**  
Venezuela

**2.7M**  
Afghanistan

**2.3M**  
South Sudan

**1.0M**  
Myanmar



The **COVID-19 pandemic** had a complex impact in creating or amplifying protection needs worldwide and impeding access to safety



**Resettlement programmes** came to near standstill due to travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic



The pandemic provided the opportunity for countries to make further advances in **digitalisation** to increase efficiency in the asylum procedure

Sources: EASO and data from UNCHR

