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Perspectives on Africa

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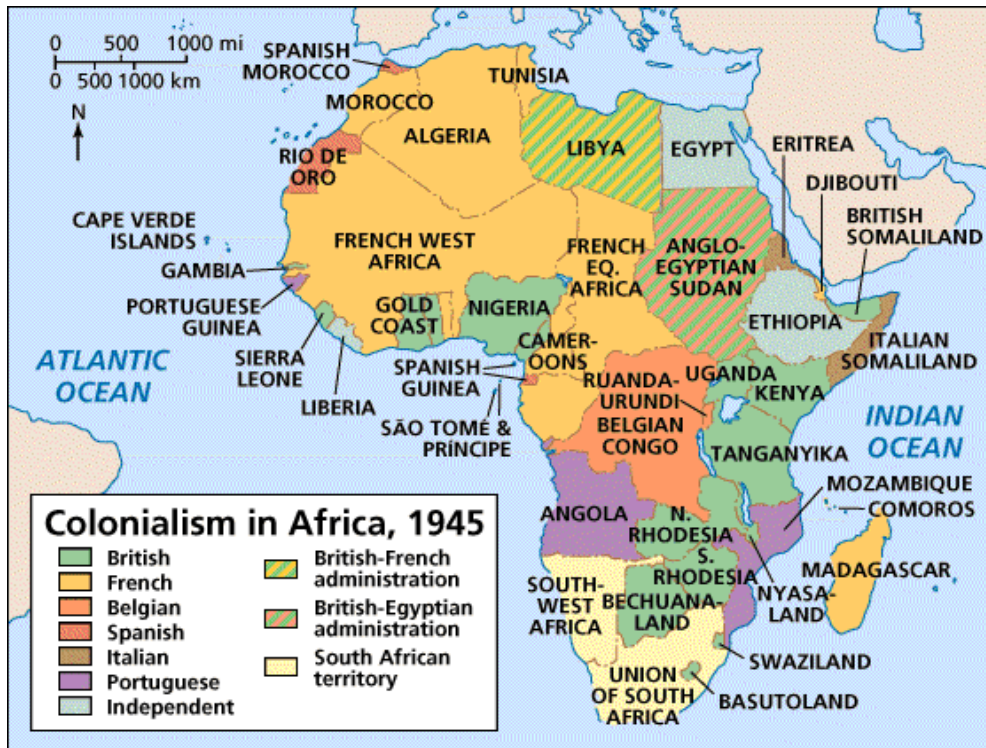
# Africa at a Glance



Source: Worldatlas.com

- 54 countries
- Sahara Desert: largest hot desert in the world (size of U.S.)
- South Sudan: world's newest country (2011)
- Nile : 4,132 mi. – longest river in the world
- Nigeria: most populous country on the continent (186 million)
- 1 billion people today; 2 billion by 2050
- Youthful population: 44% under 15; less than 3% over 65
- Average life expectancy is approximately 59 years (ADB)
- Great wealth & poverty: 75% of the population lives on less than \$2 a day; but there are 29 Africans on FORBES' list (more than half from Egypt and South Africa).
- Minerals:
  - 80% of platinum
  - 52% of cobalt
  - 37% of chromium
  - 35% of manganese
  - 55% of diamonds
  - 10% of proven oil reserves

# Africa's Colonial Legacies



Consequences of colonial relationships:

- Languages
- Legal traditions
- Trade relationships
- Military interventions

Source: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston



# Elections in Africa in 2019

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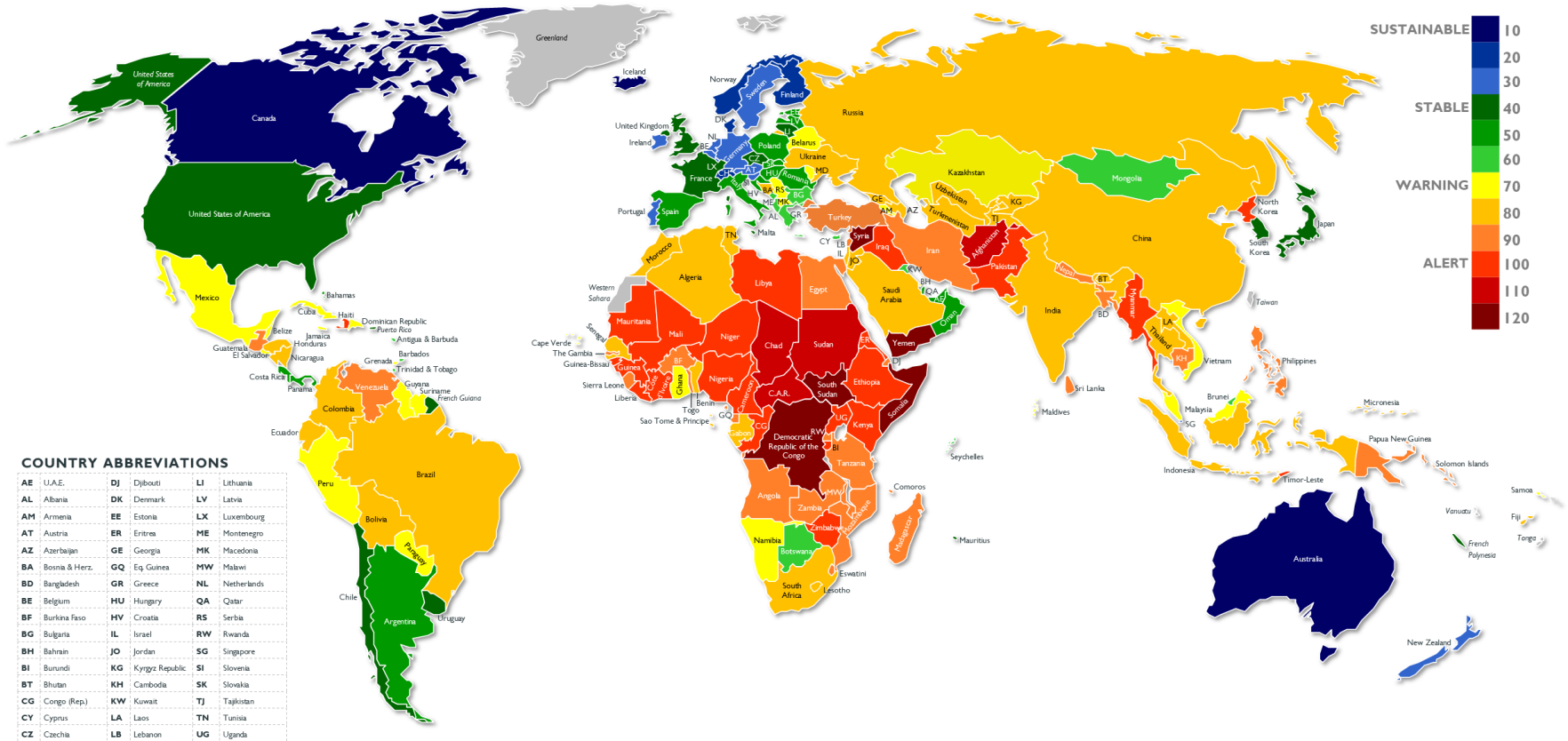
Country	Type of Election	Date
Nigeria	General	February 23
Senegal	Presidential	February 24
Guinea-Bissau	Legislative	March 10
Burkina Faso	Referendum	March 24 (postponed)
Comoros	Presidential	March 24
Algeria	Presidential	April 18 (postponed)
Benin	Legislative	April 28
South Africa	General	May 8
Malawi	General	May 21
Madagascar	Legislative	May 27
Chad	Legislative and local	May
Mali	Legislative	June
Mauritania	Presidential	June 22
Tunisia	Legislative	October 6
Mozambique	General	October 15
Botswana	General	October
Cameroon	Legislative	October
Namibia	General	November
Tunisia	Presidential	November 10



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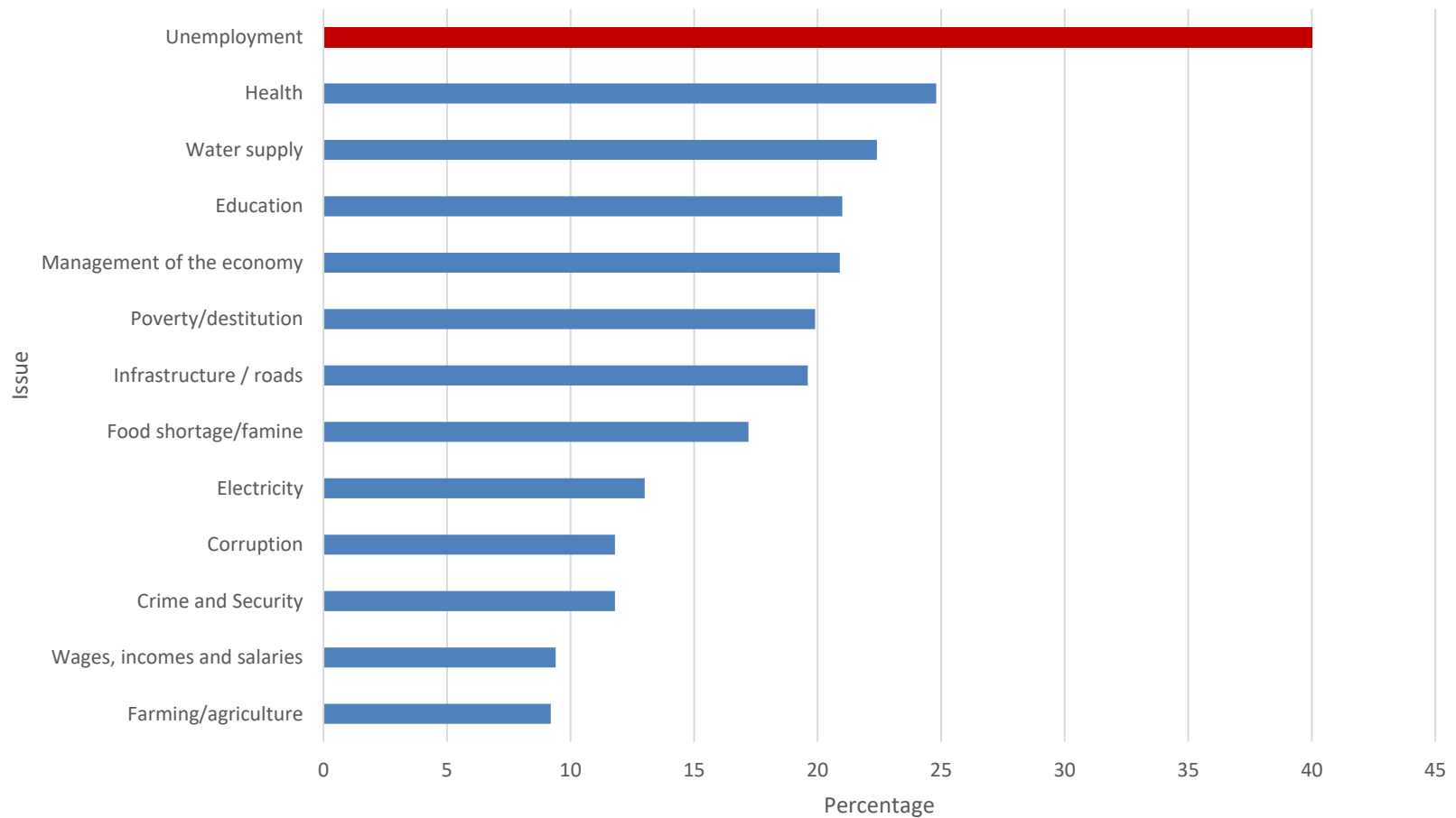
## THE WORLD IN 2019



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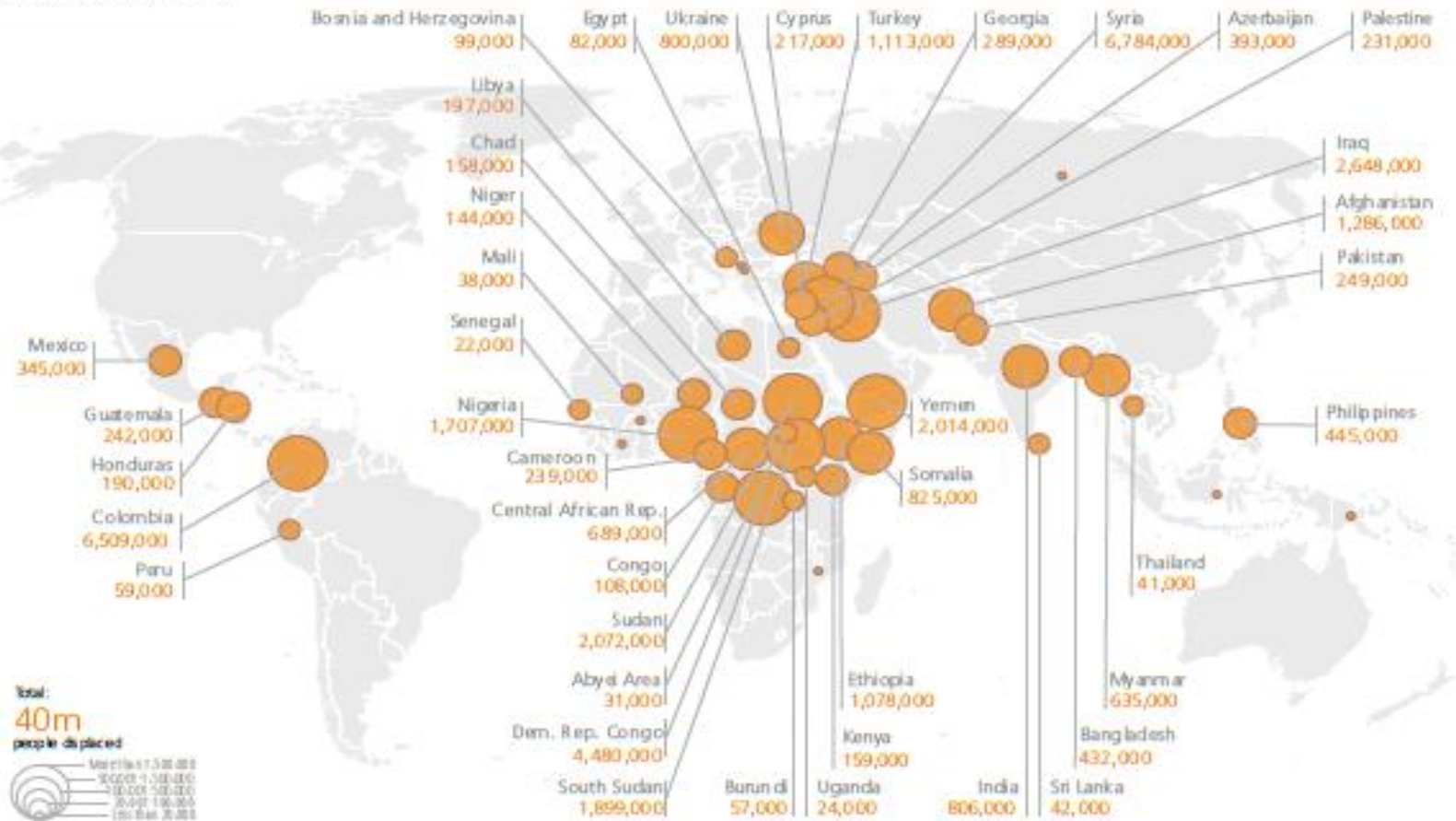


# Most Important Problems in Africa (Afrobarometer Survey 2016-2018)



# PEOPLE INTERNALLY DISPLACED BY CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE

as of 31 December 2017

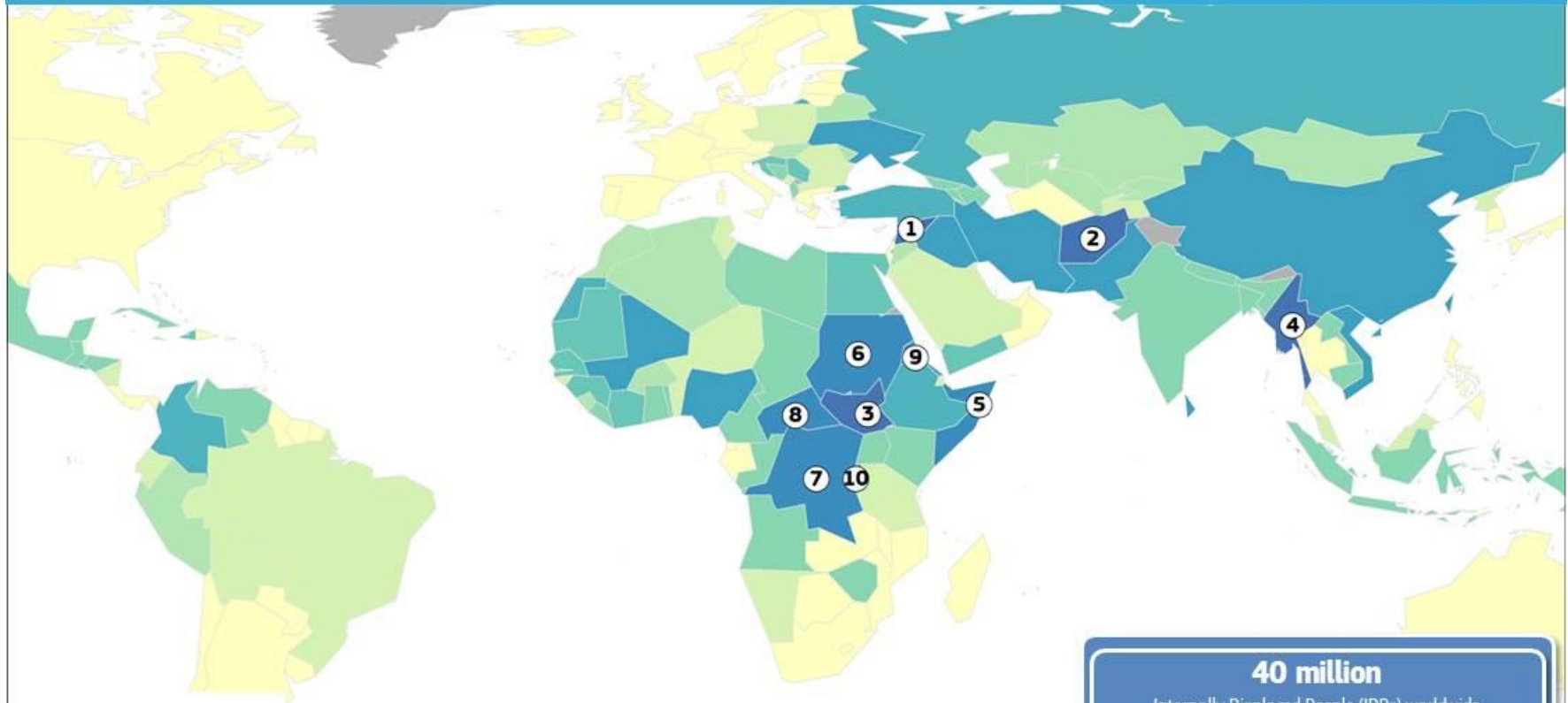


The country name and the figure are shown only when the value exceeds 20,000 people displaced. The countries, names, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the IOM.

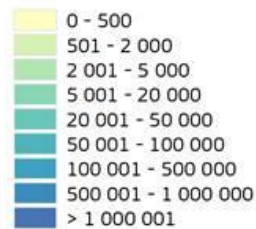
Source: Internal Displacement Monitoring Center



# Refugees by country of origin in 2017 | 21/06/2018



## Total refugees by country of origin (2017)

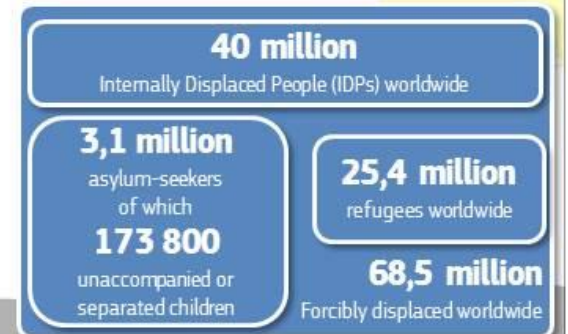


## Top 10 countries of refugees by country of origin

1.	Syria	6 290 908	6.	Sudan	691 430
2.	Afghanistan	2 621 091	7.	D.R. Congo	611 875
3.	South Sudan	2 439 848	8.	Central African Republic	545 525
4.	Myanmar	1 106 555	9.	Eritrea	464 136
5.	Somalia	986 382	10.	Burundi	439 329

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Sources: GISCO, UNHCR Global Trends report 2017.

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# Refugees by hosting countries in 2017 | 20/06/2018

**40 million**

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) worldwide

**3,1 million**

asylum-seekers of which

**173 800**

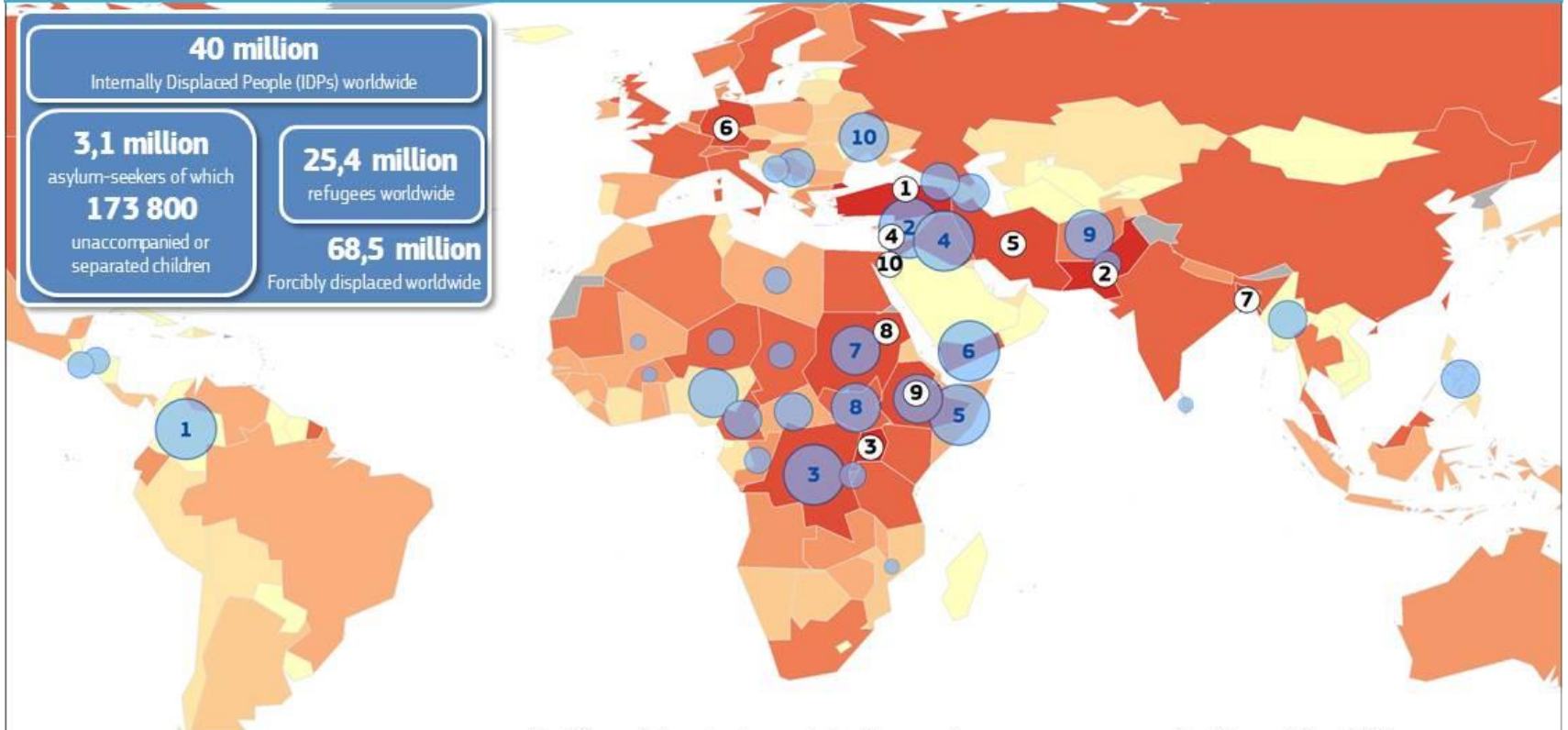
unaccompanied or separated children

**25,4 million**

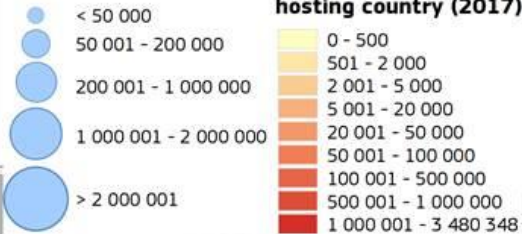
refugees worldwide

**68,5 million**

Forcibly displaced worldwide



**IDPs per country (2017) Total refugees per hosting country (2017)**



**Top 10 countries of refugees by hosting country**

1.	Turkey	3 480 348	6.	Germany	970 365
2.	Pakistan	1 393 143	7.	Bangladesh	932 216
3.	Uganda	1 350 504	8.	Sudan	906 599
4.	Lebanon	998 890	9.	Ethiopia	889 412
5.	Iran	979 435	10.	Jordan	691 023

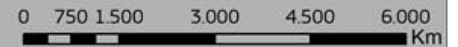
**Top 10 countries of IDPs**

1.	Colombia	7 677 609	6.	Yemen	2 014 062
2.	Syria	6 150 005	7.	Sudan	1 997 022
3.	D.R. Congo	4 351 376	8.	South Sudan	1 903 953
4.	Iraq	2 615 988	9.	Afghanistan	1 837 079
5.	Somalia	2 116 705	10.	Ukraine	1 800 000

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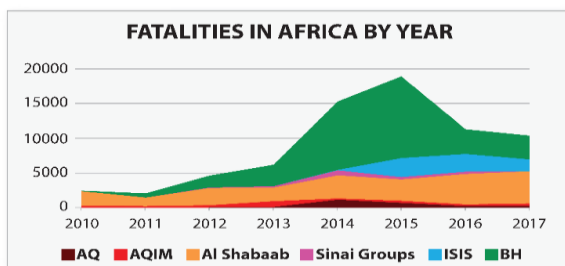
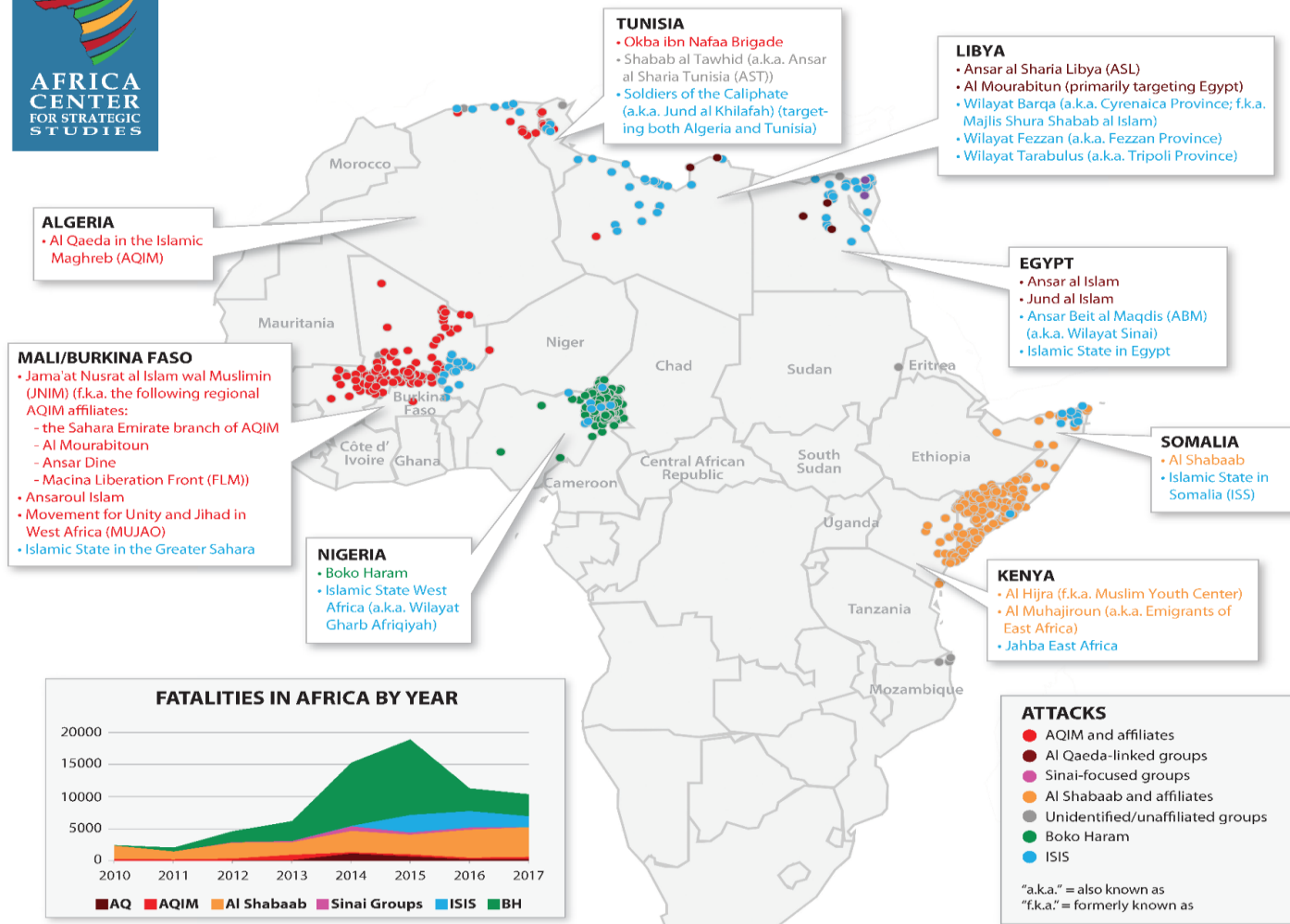
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# AFRICA'S ACTIVE MILITANT ISLAMIST GROUPS

2017



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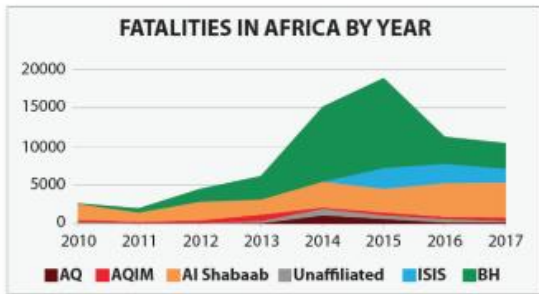
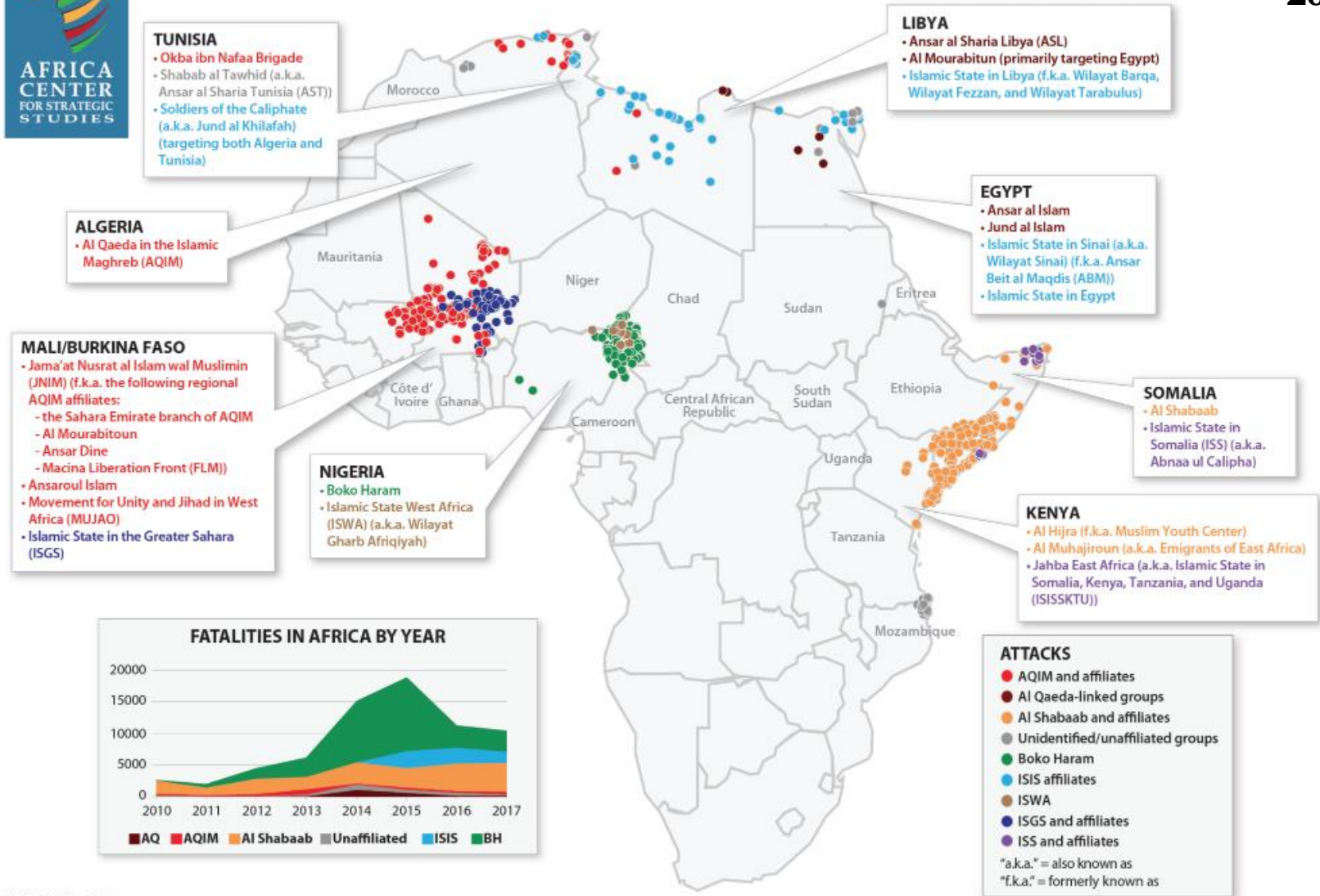
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2018



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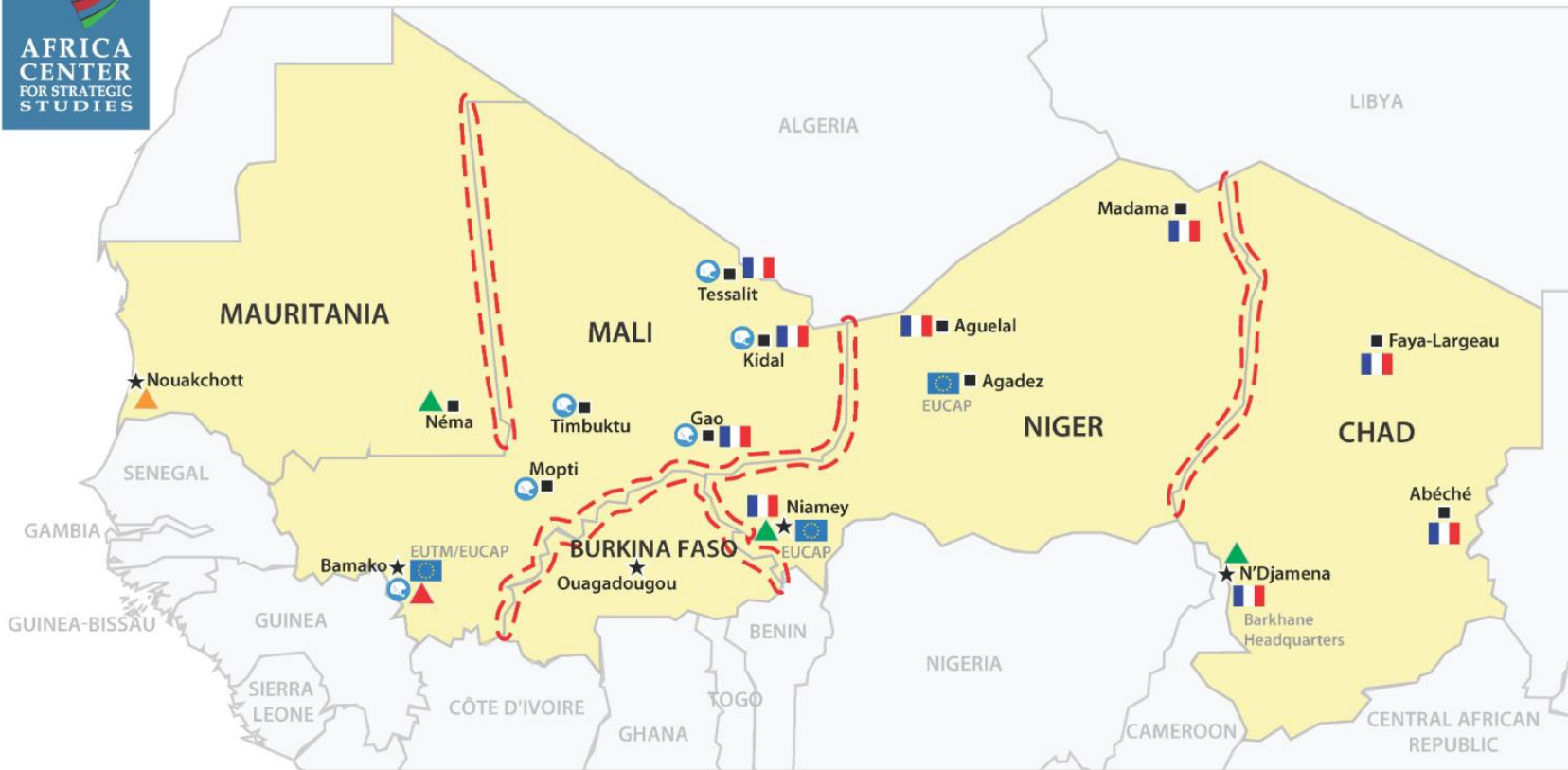
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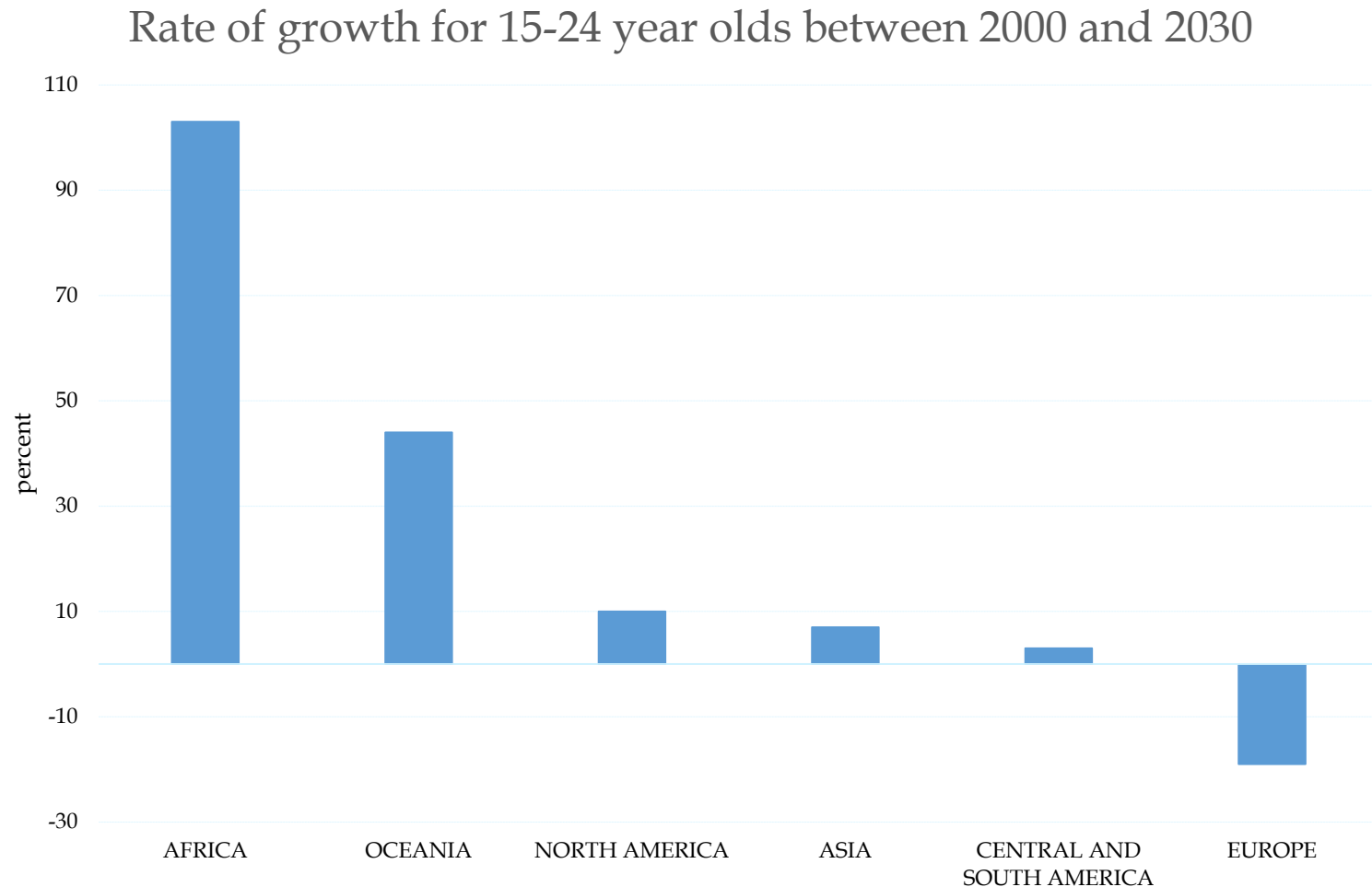
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# REGIONAL SECURITY RESPONSES IN THE SAHEL



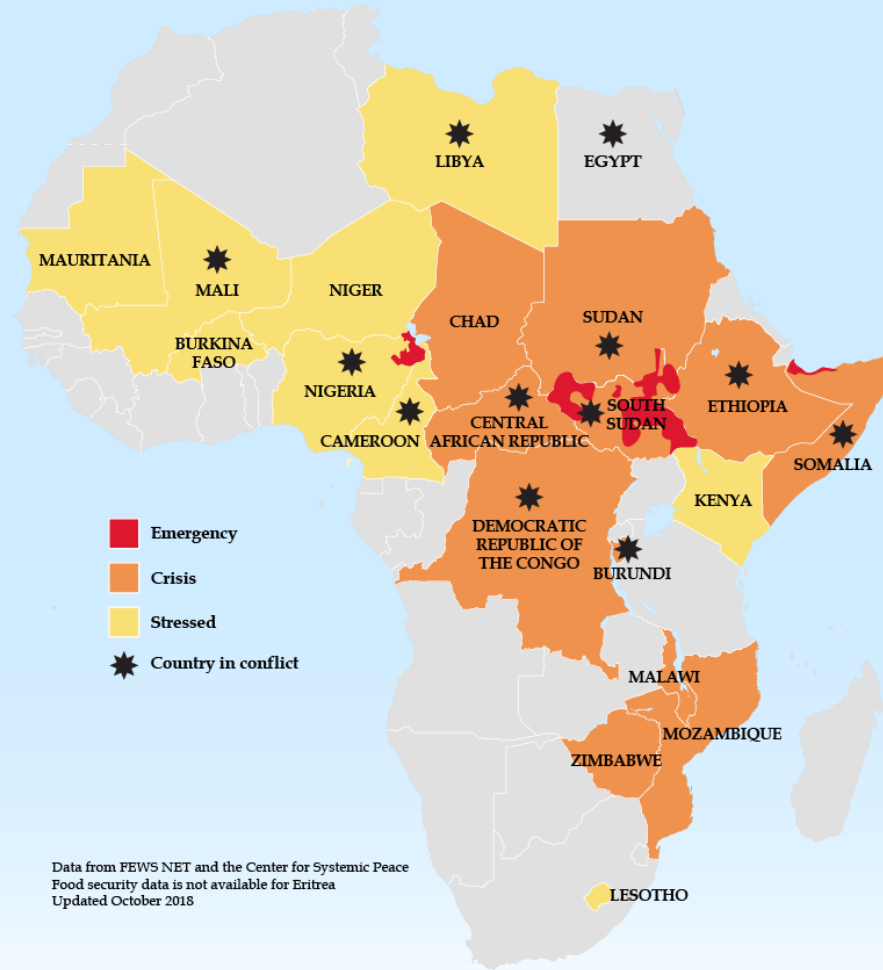
- ★ Capital
- Urban Area
- G5 Sahel Countries
- ▲ G5 Sahel Permanent Secretariat
- ▲ G5 Sahel Joint Force Headquarters
- ▲ G5 Sahel Command Post
- ⦿ G5 Sahel Joint Force Focus Areas
- ⦿ MINUSMA Deployment
- 🇫🇷 Operation Barkhane (France)
- 🇪🇺 European Union Training Mission (EUTM) and European Union Capacity Building Mission (EUCAP)

# Fastest Growing Youth Population



Source: United Nations Populations Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision*



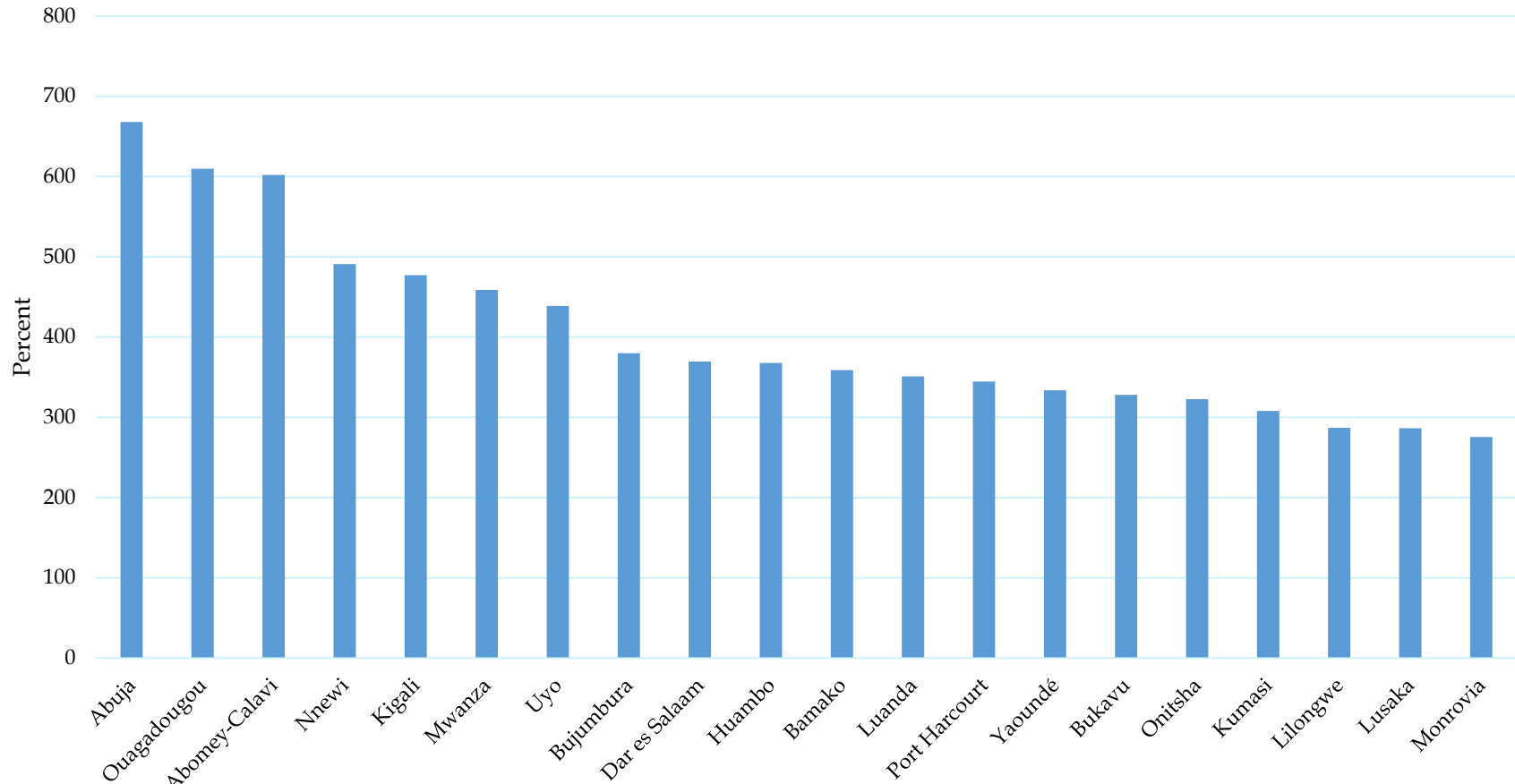


Data from FEWS NET and the Center for Systemic Peace  
Food security data is not available for Eritrea  
Updated October 2018



# Rapid Urbanization

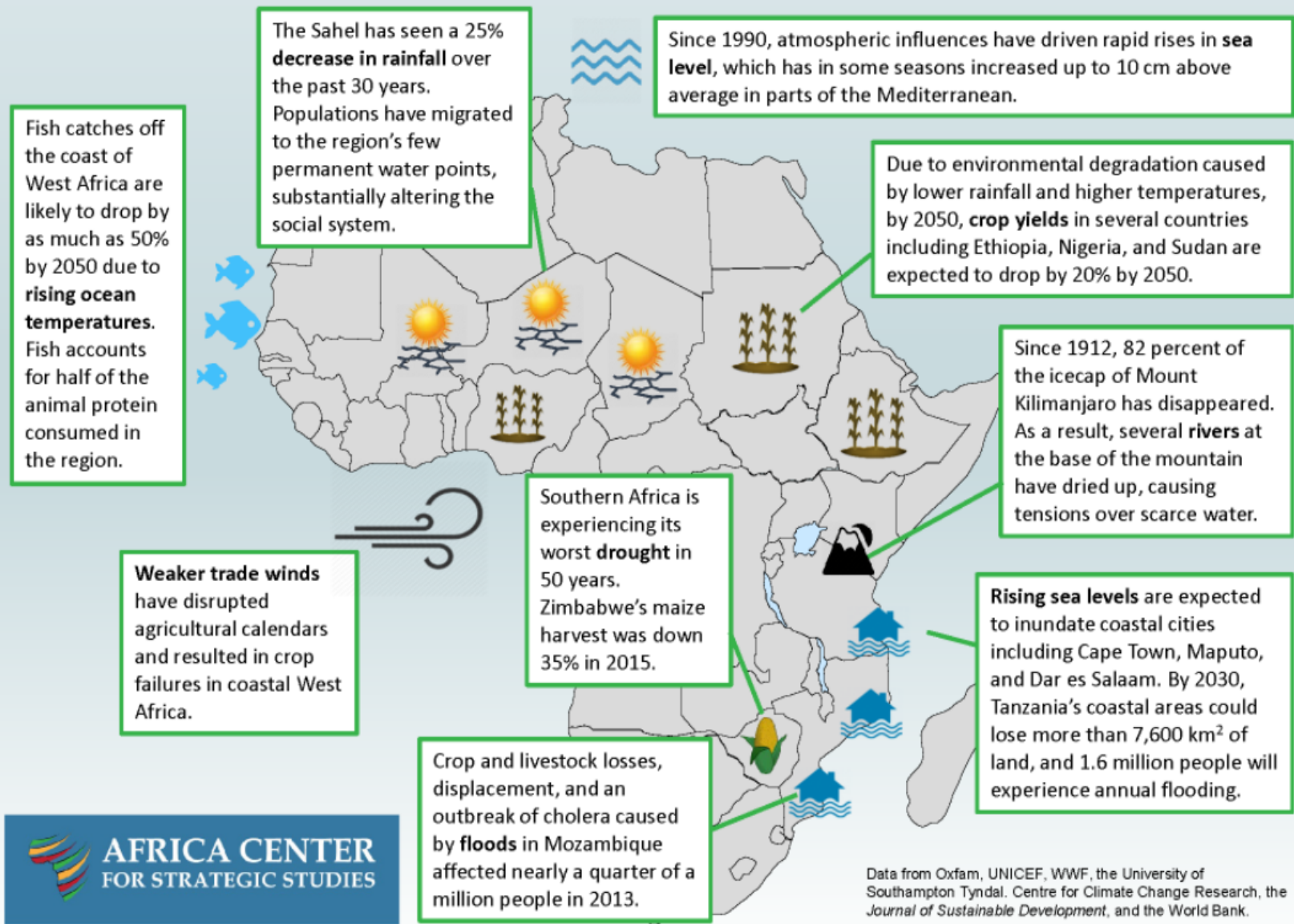
AFRICAN CITIES WITH THE LARGEST RATE OF GROWTH BETWEEN 1995 AND 2025



Data Source: UN-Habitat

Source: "From Urban Fragility to Urban Fragility, Africa Security Brief n. 35, June 2018.

# Selected Effects of Climate Change on Africa



Data from Oxfam, UNICEF, WWF, the University of Southampton Tyndal. Centre for Climate Change Research, the *Journal of Sustainable Development*, and the World Bank.



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