The Nigerian refugee crisis caused by the terrorist organization Boko Hiram. The group has killed about 20,000 and displaced about 2.3 million, more than half of displaced people are children. The terrorist organization has abducted schoolchildren and other innocent civilians. The group has been placed on the Global Terrorism Index as the world’s deadliest terror group ahead of ISIS. The countries surrounding Nigeria include Benin, Niger and Cameroon; these countries are not fully prepared to take on the mass amount of refugees and displaced people.

“In a northeast Nigerian aid camp, more then 1,200 people have died of starvation and illness. One fifth of the 800 children suffered from malnourishment and almost 500 had died.” Officials working in the camp have been stealing food from the refugees to fight off the chance of starvation. A quarter of children have died in some established feeding centers. About five countries are fighting the terrorist organization Boko Hiram and millions of USD has gone towards assisting this effort in Africa, specifically in Nigeria.

https://borgenproject.org/nigerian-refugee-crisis/

Brazil Opens Its Borders to Venezuelan Refugees. Venezuela has been having an economic and political crisis in the country and Brazil has opened up its policy again to allow Venezuelan refugees to have temporary residence in the country. The policy will remain active for a year unless extended. The villages bordering Venezuela are in the poorest conditions for the refugees coming in. Many people are homeless, begging for food and living in inadequate, unhealthy conditions. The public hospitals and schools are not prepared to handle the great amount of influx of the new arrivals.

Brazil has handled the issue by making more laws and policy’s. The new policy passed allows for a two year temporary residency for the refugees coming in from neighboring countries. There is no governmental department that is required to address the humanitarian aid situation to refugees entering the country, this means that basic human necessities such as food and shelter are not being addressed.

http://www.americasquarterly.org/content/brazil-should-do-more-venezuelas-refugees-and-migrants

Secretary General Antonio Guterres visited the Za’atari Refugee Camp and made a speech. In his speech Guterres stated “how terrible it is that today we still have Za’atari camp full with Syrian refugees, and that the tragedy of Syria is going on and on and on.” Additionally Guterres said that this crisis has only assisted in increasing global unrest and terrorism and it is in each donor country’s best interest to assist further in the crisis itself. Guterres concludes: “Sustained and significant support for the Syria crisis is more crucial now than ever before... an increased need for support to the most vulnerable refugees in the region to prevent them falling even deeper into poverty.”

Recently the attacks on London has increased tensions within the UK. The UK has been moving towards a more isolationist policy as the Brexit vote shows. This attack could continue to exacerbate the issues of accepting more Syrian refugees into the UK. Although ISIL was not behind the attack itself, ISIL has chosen to piggyback off the aftermath of the attack by releasing multiple recruitment videos. Economic issues concerning refugees are tangible however these attacks expand the fear of refugees.

Ireland has finished complete background checks on 25 families seeking to relocate to the county of Westmeath. This is a step toward alleviating the refugee crisis. In addition to the background checks the local community has many plans set up for making the transition for these families much smoother. The goal of the community is to assist in giving homes to the families, the first set of families will be moved to Mullinger while the second will be moved into Athlone. After this the Resettlement Support Services will be working to assist these families in security along with creating voluntary groups within communities to assist these families further.