Refugees and migrants in Austria – Activities of the Austrian Red Cross

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Migrants in Austria – Facts and Figures

- Population of 8,700,471
- Persons with migratory background (both parents born abroad): 21.4%
- First immigrant generation (born abroad): 15.7%
- Austrian citizenship: 85.4%

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Refugees in Austria – Asylum Applications 2016

- 42,073 applications
  - asylum positive: 21,628
  - subsidiary protection: 3,451
  - humanitarian visa: 1,438

- ~67% of asylum seekers are men

- 4,551 unaccompanied minors (400 under 14 years)
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- Refugees - Top 5 countries of origin
  - Afghanistan
  - Syria
  - Iraq
  - Pakistan
  - Iran
Health-related Activities of the ARC (1)

- 2015: water, shelter and health care for 900,000 refugees in transit
- Initial medical check-up for asylum seekers after their arrival in Austria
- Basic Welfare Support for around 2,400 asylum seekers (accommodation, support access to health system etc.)
Health-related Activities of the ARC (2)

- estimated 100,000 uninsured people in A
- Many are undocumented migrants
- ARC offers free primary health care
- 4 projects:
  - AMBER MED health clinic (Vienna)
  - MedCare Bus and surgery (T)
  - Virgil Bus (S)
  - Help Mobil (Upper A.)

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Other Migration Activities of the ARC (1)

- **Advocacy**: „ACCORD“ (Austrian Centre for Country of Origin and Asylum Research and Documentation)

- **Language Skills, Education**:
  - Learning Houses (Vienna, Lower Austria, Tirol)
  - Compensatory teaching programs for educationally disadvantaged pupils;
  - German Courses...

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Other Migration Activities of the ARC (2)

- **Accomodation**: „Integration flats“ for people entitled to asylum and their families, includes Integration support (Buddy-system) (Vienna, T)
- **RFL**: Tracing, Family Reunification
- **projektXchange, crosstalk**

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INTERVIEW WITH DR. RABEE ALREFAI

- Where do you come from and how long have you been in Austria?
- How long did it take that your medical diploma was validated in Austria?
- How does your occupation as a doctor in Austria look like? (hospital or established doctor?)
- What are the main clinical pictures of refugees / asylum seekers you are confronted with?
- If you had three wishes regarding migrants’ health – what would they be?

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Thank you for your attention! 😊