

Seeking Refuge in Their Own Country

Internally Displaced People

When a group of people seek refuge within the borders of their own country, they are referred to as Internally Displaced People, or IDP's. Even though they might be fleeing for the same reasons as refugees, they are recognized as IDP's because they have not crossed an international border. Therefore, they retain their legal status as citizens and are recognized, as such, by international humanitarian law.



Displaced by War

Almost all of the IDP's that receive aid from PSA are fleeing government attacks. Ethnic prejudice and religious persecution fuel the violence against these, otherwise, peaceful people.

Many families flee while others are killed. Women and children face abuse and sometimes forced labor. Widows and the elderly are left to care for children who have lost their mothers and fathers to the violence.

IDPs long to return home as soon as it is safe. But currently, fear of continued fighting, land mines, loss of homes and fields holds them in the IDP camps.



Into the War Zone

Thank God for the willingness of our indigenous partners to risk bringing much needed relief supplies. Food, medicine, mosquito netting, blankets and hygiene kits are just a few of the most basic needs carried in by our Christian partners.

They meet with the IDPs, housed mainly in churches, to discuss the concerns of human trafficking, to perform on-site assessments, to encourage, preach and pray with victims who are working through this struggle as Christian communities.

This little bit of care and contact brings hope to these suffering people, giving them encouragement to remain in Christ, with the promise of a better future.



We invite you to partner with us in the mission to sustain the lives of these Christian brothers and sisters who face persecution for our shared faith in Jesus Christ. Please visit our website and consider helping them through your prayers and support.

www.partnershipforsustainableaid.org

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NIV

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.