

The International Landscape Today

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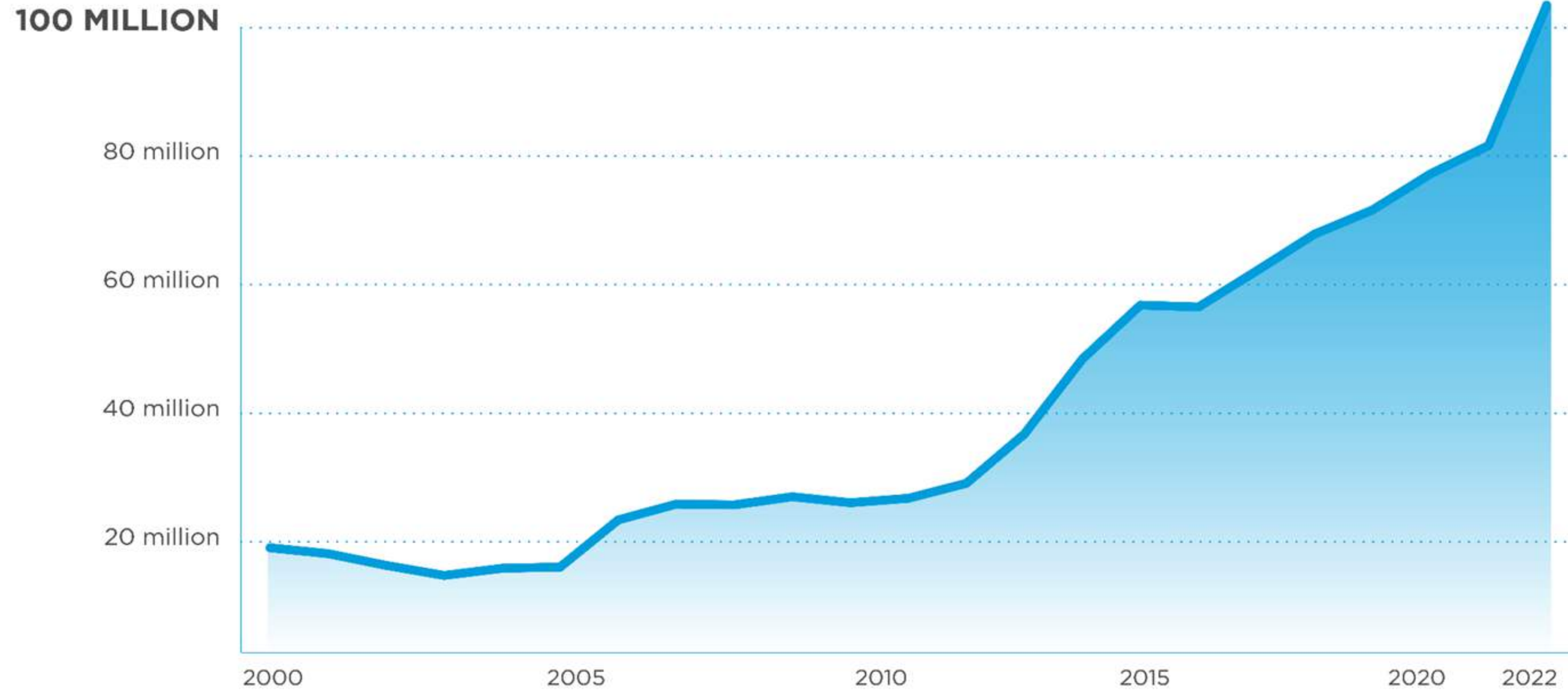
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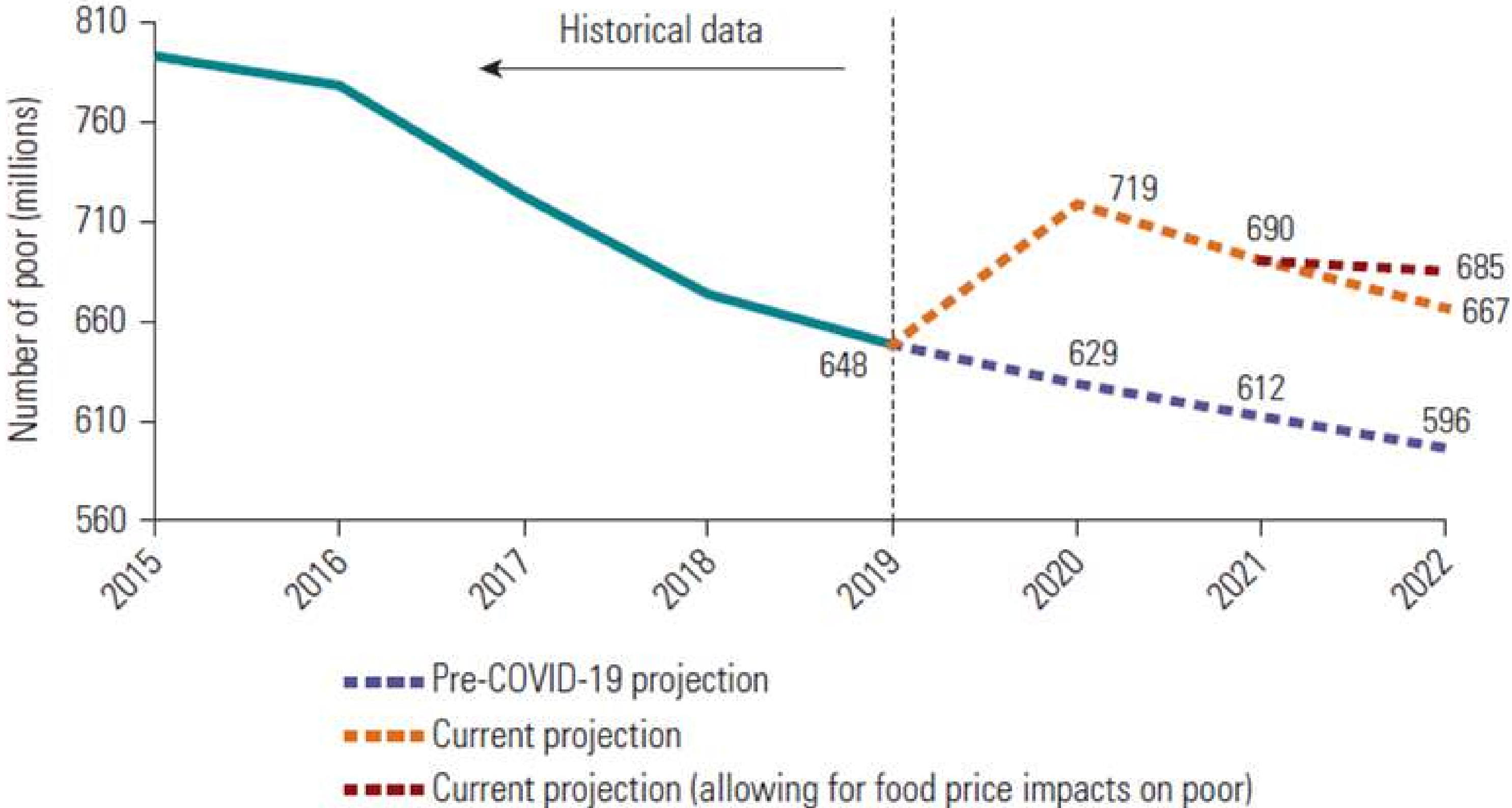


GLOBAL FORCED DISPLACEMENT

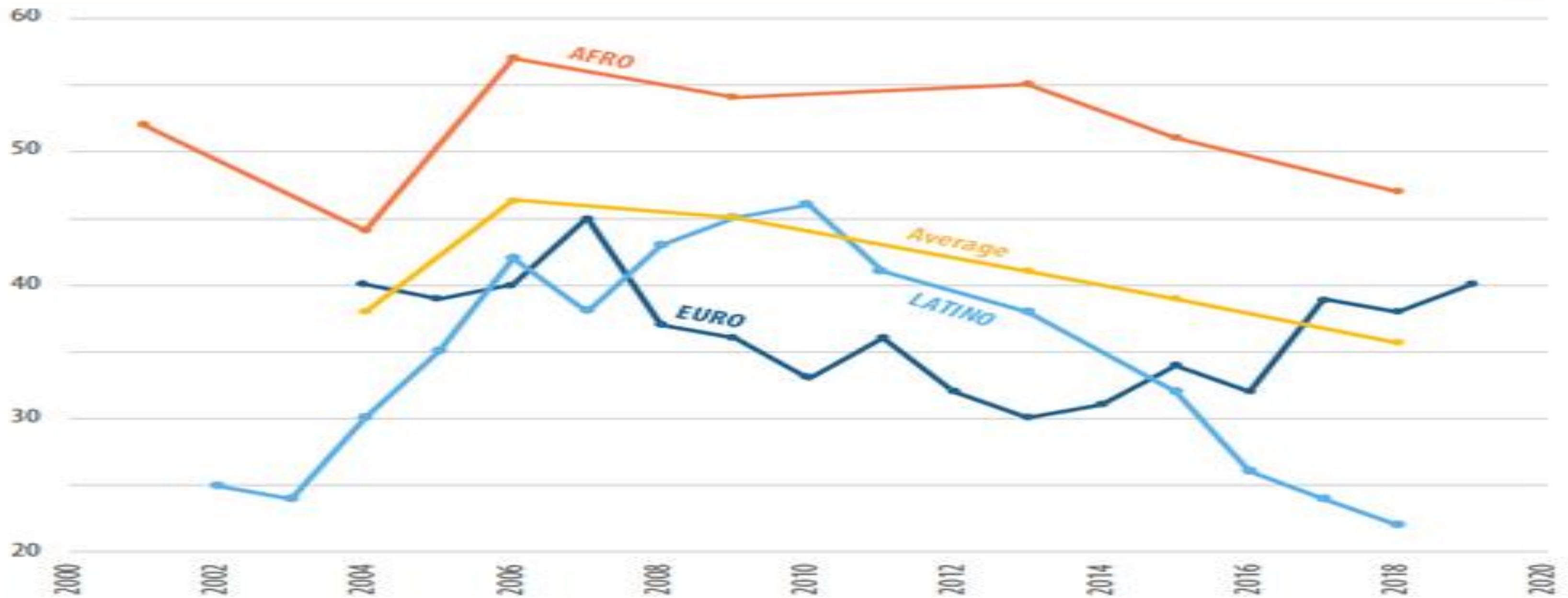


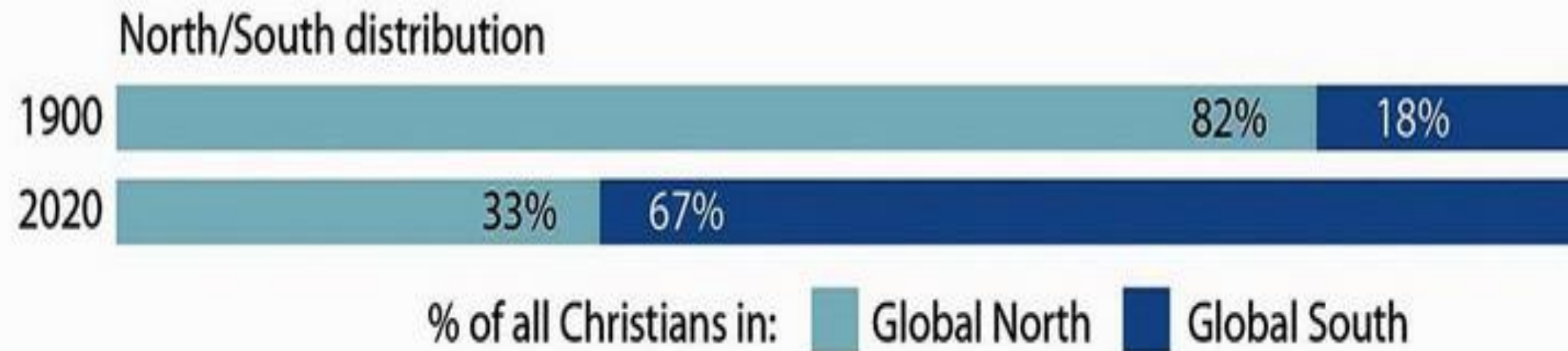
Hundreds of millions of people have been driven from their homes by three interconnected realities — violent conflict, climate change and extreme poverty.

COVID slowed poverty reduction. War in Ukraine & inflation also challenge progress



Confidence or trust in national governments and parliaments declining in the Global South





Open Doors Report, 2024:

Political instability, war and extremism has created a perilous situation for Christians. Amid lawlessness, jihadist groups have thrived. Weak governments fail to stop them.

Most Christians murdered for their faith in 2023 were killed in Sub-Saharan Africa.

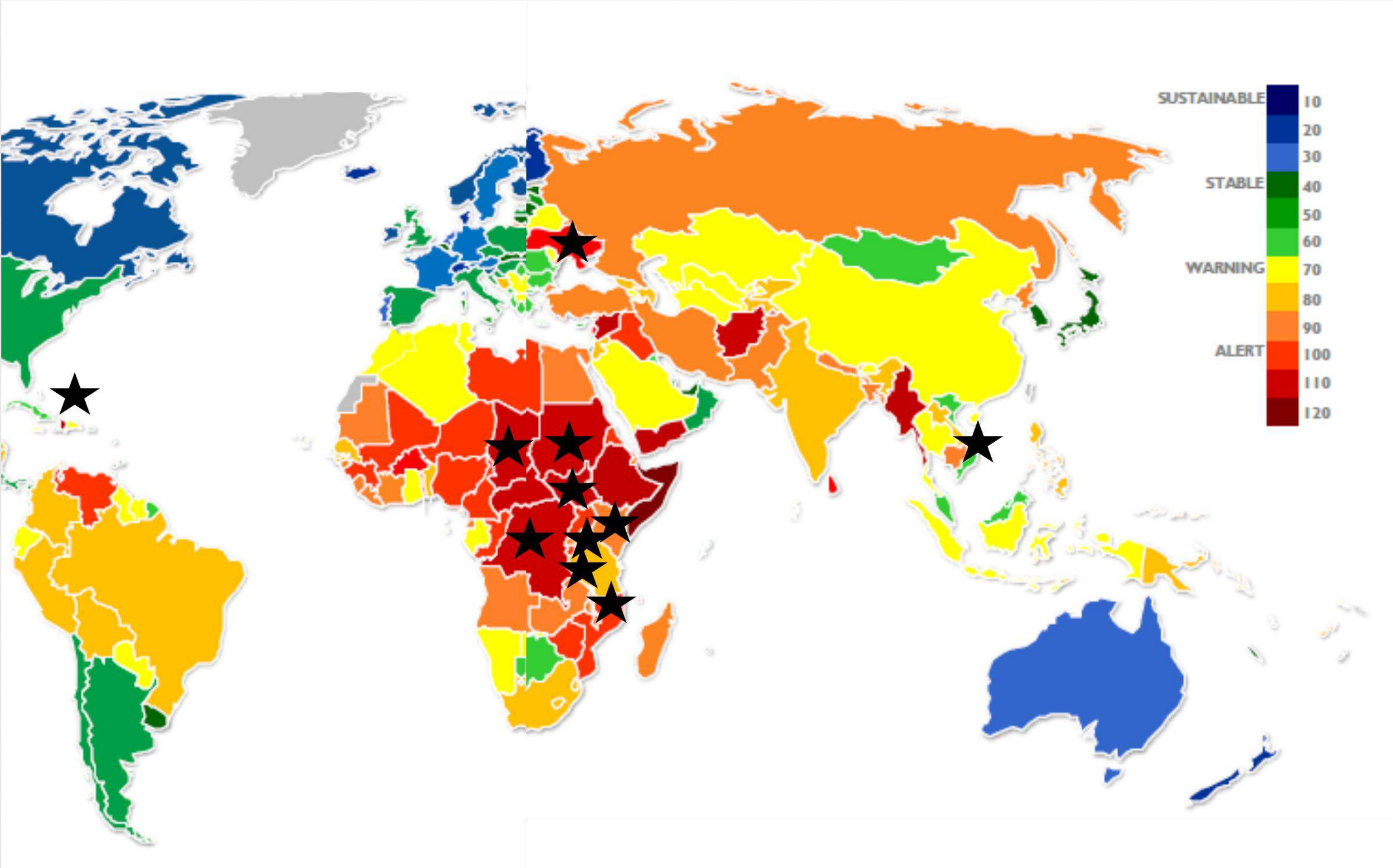
Of 34.5 million displaced people across Sub-Saharan Africa, around 16.2 million are Christians.





**exposure to risk +
insufficient coping capacities
=
fragility**

We are working together in the midst of fragility



**Last year, we served 4,807,496 people,
including:**

- **558,000** people in **Sudan**
- **53,766** people in **Turkey / Syria**
earthquake
- **6,250** people **Israel and Gaza**
- **17,038** people in **Chad**
- **340,000** people in **Ukraine**
- **6,364** people in **DRC** flood response



Church Empowerment Zones

- **34 CEZs** in 8 countries
- **3,790 churches** engaged
- **502,554 people served** through CEZs, including **234,264 reached by CEZ outreach group volunteers**



Flourishing!





Increased gender equity illustrated by increase in joint dialogue, decision making and intolerance for partner violence

proportion responding "Yes"
baseline n=780 endline n=780

