

# WORK THE REFUGEES

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What happens is that refugees are not environmental refugees, that is, when there is a catastrophe or a drought or a flood and they have to leave the place where they live, not because they want but because they are obliged, they are not considered as refugees?

The cause of being refugees has nothing to do with climatic causes.

International protection, refugees and the consideration of the asylum director are based on the 1951 Geneva Convention, so a document as it was called in 1951 after the Second World War, when many people were still victims of persecution when the world began to heal the wounds of World War II.

Only a person who is outside his / her country of origin is a refugee. In addition, it is someone who has a proven fear, a well-founded fear of persecution due to one of five reasons: race, religion, nationality, political opinion or participation in social groups.

The nursery is a bit different from the center; there are several refugees of various nationalities. There are refugees from Somalia, Ukraine, Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone; these being the most predominant nationalities.

Refugees usually come from countries where they live in large groups, that is, while we live here a lot with our nuclear family (father, mother, children) they live there father, mother, children, grandparents, uncles, cousins and what happens is that when they arrive here they seek this base of support, their family. As in Portugal rarely fix Syrians they end up moving to countries where this community already exists formed much contrary to what people think because they think that the Syrians do not stay in Portugal because of job offers.

In the center there are about 85 people and in the crèche although they are a nursery dedicated to refugees, only 20 are refugees and the rest are from the local community (Portuguese, Mozambicans, Brazilians, etc.).

When they arrive in Portugal and when they do not have the economic conditions, which is the great majority of cases, they come to the reception center, which is a house where many people live, who have a communal kitchen and all the necessary services for housing. These services can be used by refugees for 3-4 months until they are established. If this does not happen, they are backed by the Santa Casa and by the social security that grants them a subsidy to which they can then rent a room or a house. They can also come to the center to find food baskets and also help in the area of legal support and social support and employment.

