



## India: Lok Manch The People's Forum to Strengthen Community Advocacy

Lok Manch (People's Forum) is a national platform that advocates for the rights and well-being of marginalized communities, including refugees and migrants. Comprising some 100 Jesuit and secular organizations in 15 Indian states, Lok Manch addresses issues faced by migrants, by supporting access to social security benefits, through targeted information campaigns, training, and capacity building.



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120  
million  
people  
#forcedtoflye  
globally  
as of  
mid-2024



Source: UNHCR



Canadian Jesuits International (CJI)  
provides humanitarian aid to people  
who are forcibly displaced in the  
Global South.

### FREE WEBINAR

## Forced to Flee: People and Rights Under Threat

Tuesday Nov 5, 2024,  
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## Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) In Brief

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is the international solidarity agency of the Jesuits of Canada that supports poor and marginalized people in Africa, Asia and Latin America in their struggle for a more just society through the work of Jesuits and other partners. It also provides education and advocacy in Canada on international social justice and global solidarity.

## Forced to flee

As of May 2024, over 120 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide.

This represents the highest levels of displacement on record. Protecting the human rights of refugees and migrants is critical. As the root causes of forced displacement, such as conflict, climate change, and poverty, intensify, these already vulnerable people are being politicized in our current global political climate, often used as scapegoats for problems faced by individual countries.

## CJI supports its partners who...

accompany, serve and advocate for forcibly displaced people through emergency relief and long-term development projects. With refugees spending an average of 17 years in camps, investment in education is essential.



### South Sudan: Sowing Seeds of Transformation

Sowing Seeds of Transformation is a project of the Jesuits Eastern Africa Province. This project helps local communities in South Sudan get education and support. It also helps strengthen their learning centers and community institutions.

After decades of civil war in Sudan, the country separated into Sudan and the new nation South Sudan. Today, both countries still face political, social, and economic problems. In South Sudan, nine million people, or about 75% of the population, will likely need humanitarian assistance in 2024. There are 2.2 million internally displaced people in South Sudan and 2.3 million South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries.



### Colombia: JRS Integration of Migrants

Canadian Jesuits International supports Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)-Colombia in the Magdalena Medio region. Since 1995, JRS Colombia has been helping forcibly displaced people integrate into local host communities. Additionally, Colombia hosts 2.8 million displaced Venezuelans. The project focuses on building capacity, and enhancing local integration of women through income generation and community initiatives.



### JRS Middle East: Education for Internally Displaced People

The humanitarian crisis in Syria, which has been ongoing since the civil war began in 2011, remains severe. By 2024, 16.7 million people are expected to be in need of assistance, with 7.2 million displaced. Education is urgently needed, with 2.4 million children out of school and at risk of child labour and recruitment into armed groups. Canadian Jesuits International supports a JRS Middle East initiative to provide education and psychosocial support to 2,500 out-of-school children in Syria.