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The reasons for migration can be many, but every migrant has his own truth. The reason for increasing the migration flow is not only political, economic, but also purely personal. Every single migrant is looking for change for himself and his family. The factors that cause the increased flow are entirely caused by personal dissatisfaction with what is happening in the migrant's home country and the security threat. At the personal level, danger triggers an instinct for self-preservation, and migration is such an instinct.

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- Socio-political factors causes. Persecution on ethnic, religious, racial, political or cultural grounds is a common motive for leaving the country of origin.
- Hostilities in the home country. Those fleeing armed conflict, human rights abuses or persecution are often humanitarian refugees. Many countries have a more liberal approach to such migrants. They are usually directed to the nearest safe country that accepts asylum seekers.

➤ Demographic and economic factors.

Demographic changes may cause people to look for prospects in other countries. Population growth or decline, aging or rejuvenation affects economic growth and employment opportunities both in the countries of origin of migrants and in the countries to which they aspire.

Demographic and economic migration is related to labor standards, unemployment and the overall state of a country's economy. The prospect of higher pay, quality education, better job prospects or a higher standard of living attracts many people, especially if conditions in their country are visibly deteriorating

- Environmental factors.

The environment has always been a migration factor - natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and earthquakes can destroy people's real estate and force them to move somewhere else. Climate change is causing even more destruction.

- In search of a better standard of living.

When a person moves to a foreign country, they look for a higher standard. Not just financially, but in terms of a healthier and more fulfilling lifestyle.



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What we see in times of war and conflict? The project is dedicated to providing information about the problems of people living in areas of war and armed conflicts such as the Central African Republic, Iraq, Nigeria, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen, Ukraine and many others. War and conflict have an immediate and direct impact on people's lives.

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Armed conflict is a major driver of forced displacement and respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) can contribute to preventing and minimizing it. However, the role of the IHL goes beyond its preventive role. Migrants, including those who have voluntarily left a place of safety, may find themselves living in or passing through conflict-affected countries at various stages of their journey. In these situations, migrants, like the rest of the civilian population, suffer great hardship. As foreigners, however, they may face additional vulnerabilities, for example in accessing basic services or being subject to restrictions on personal freedom. For migrants caught up in armed conflict, IHL provides important legal protection and helps close gaps in protection and assistance.

The following 4 key points highlight the importance of IHL for migrants in these situations.

- Migrants are entitled to protection under IHL in international and non-international armed conflicts
- In international armed conflicts migrants may enjoy differing layers of protection
- In non-international armed conflicts all migrants not or no longer directly participating in hostilities are protected
- A number of IHL rules may be particularly important in the context of migration