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Just Getting Away
Child refugees
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Hoping for a life after survival

Worldwide, the number of refugees under 18 is unprecedented. In 2014, Germany alone took in over ten thousand. They arrive on their own, their families left behind or lost. These are brave young people with strong personalities – but they are deeply traumatised; they have lived through great upheavals and survived horrific experiences. For now they're just happy to have found a place of safety.

Ali has been orphaned by Ebola; Sami would never have left home if his family hadn't been slaughtered in a brutal massacre. Others were child soldiers or forced to marry against their will, many simply wanted to escape from war and violence in a society that held no future for them. Young children of both genders fled from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Burma and Myanmar; from Bangladesh, Sudan, Nigeria, Congo, Sierra Leone and Eritrea.

Their stories comprise the causes of their flight and describe their escape routes, as well as the political backgrounds of the countries they were so desperate to flee. Many of these displaced children will become part of our society. We need to know who they are.

- **the individual destinies behind the headlines and statistics**
- **a key contribution to the current debate**

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