

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR REFUGEES?



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In recent years, record numbers of people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes because of war, persecution, or justifiable fear. However, the world's wealthiest nations, instead of showing true leadership and protecting these refugees, are slamming their doors shut. They are leaving a handful of poorer countries to cope alone with 25.4 million people who desperately need help. Japan, for example, in 2018 received 10,493 applications for refugee status. It accepted just 42 individuals. This lecture will discuss today's biggest human rights challenge: refugees and how we can build support to help them!

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