



# Humanitarian aid challenges

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Médecins Sans Frontières provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of race, religion, creed or political convictions

- Neutrality and impartiality
- Medical ethics
- Independence
- Bearing witness (Temoinage)
- Accountability

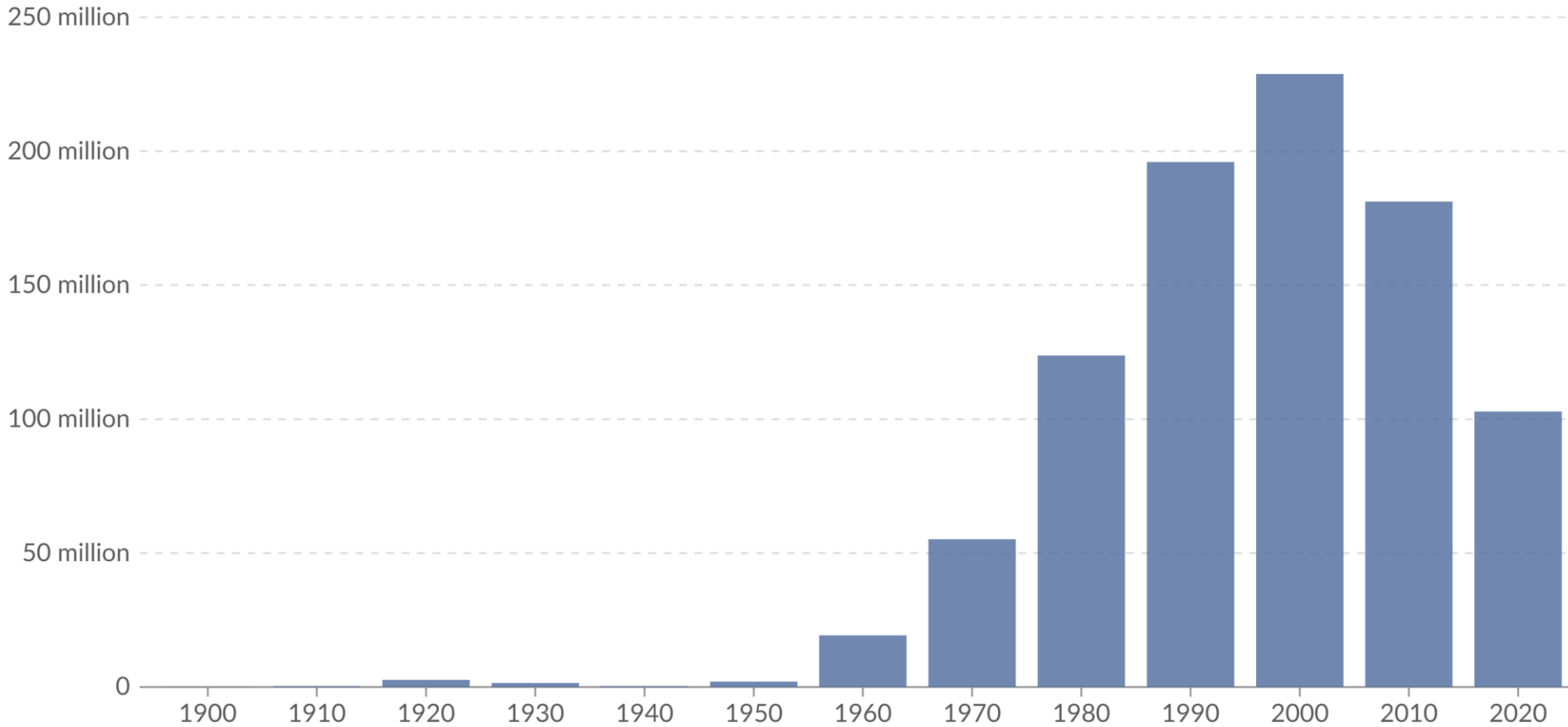




# Natural disasters

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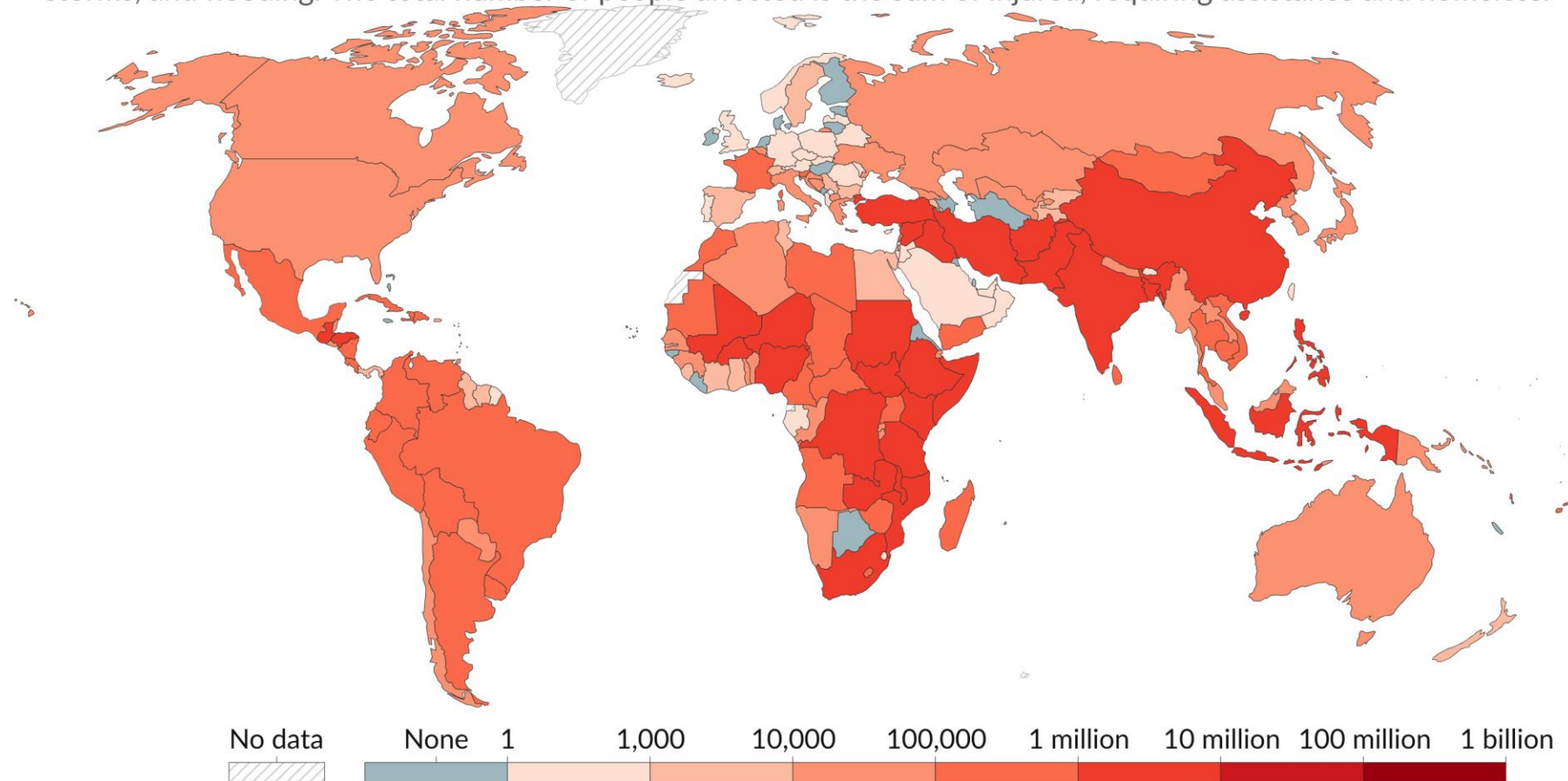
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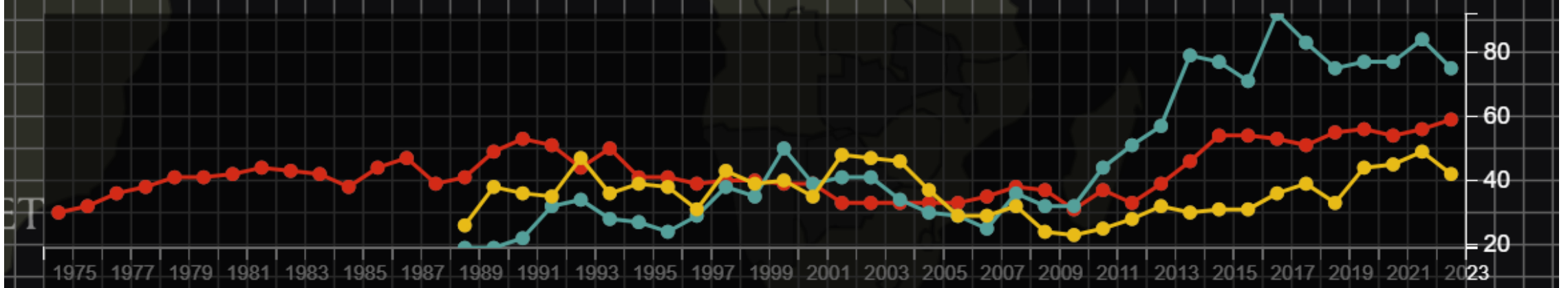
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# Armed conflict





# Number of Conflicts 1975-2023



# Deaths in armed conflicts since the end of the Cold War

Number of combatants and civilians who died due to fighting in armed conflicts between 1989 and 2023. This excludes deaths due to disease and starvation, which can make the death tolls much larger.

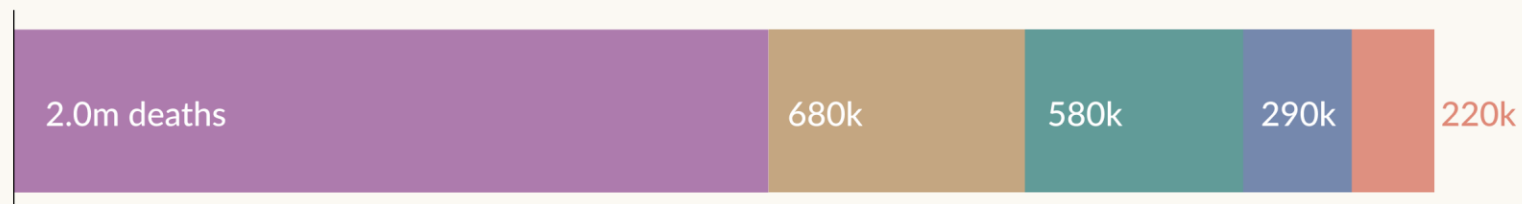
## Total deaths from all armed conflicts



## Deaths in armed conflicts by world region

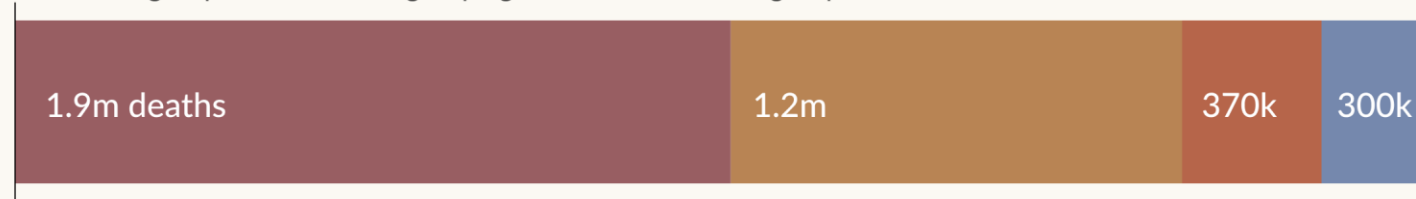
Deaths are based on where they occurred, not what the person's nationality was.

Africa Middle East Asia & Oceania Europe Americas



## Deaths in armed conflicts by conflict type

Intrastate conflicts: conflicts between a state and a non-state armed group. One-sided violence: use of force by a state or non-state armed group against civilians. Non-state conflicts: conflicts between non-state armed groups. Interstate conflicts: conflicts between states.

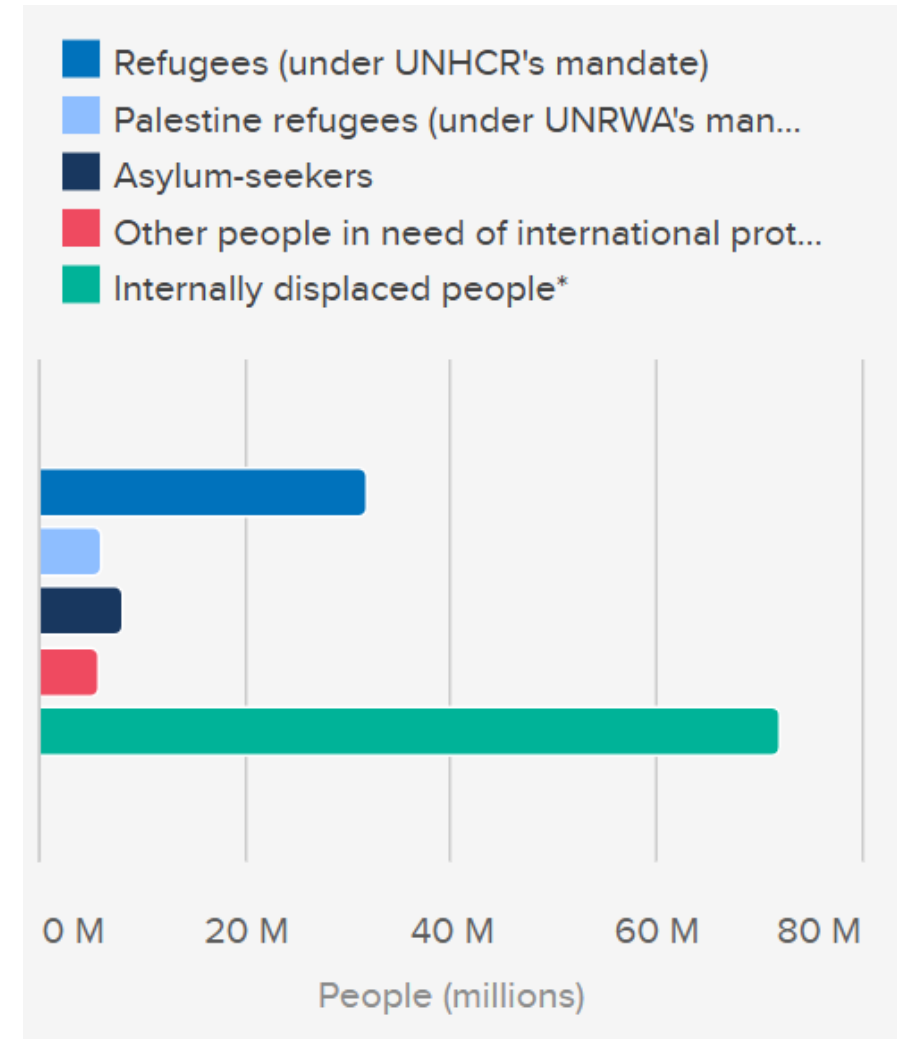
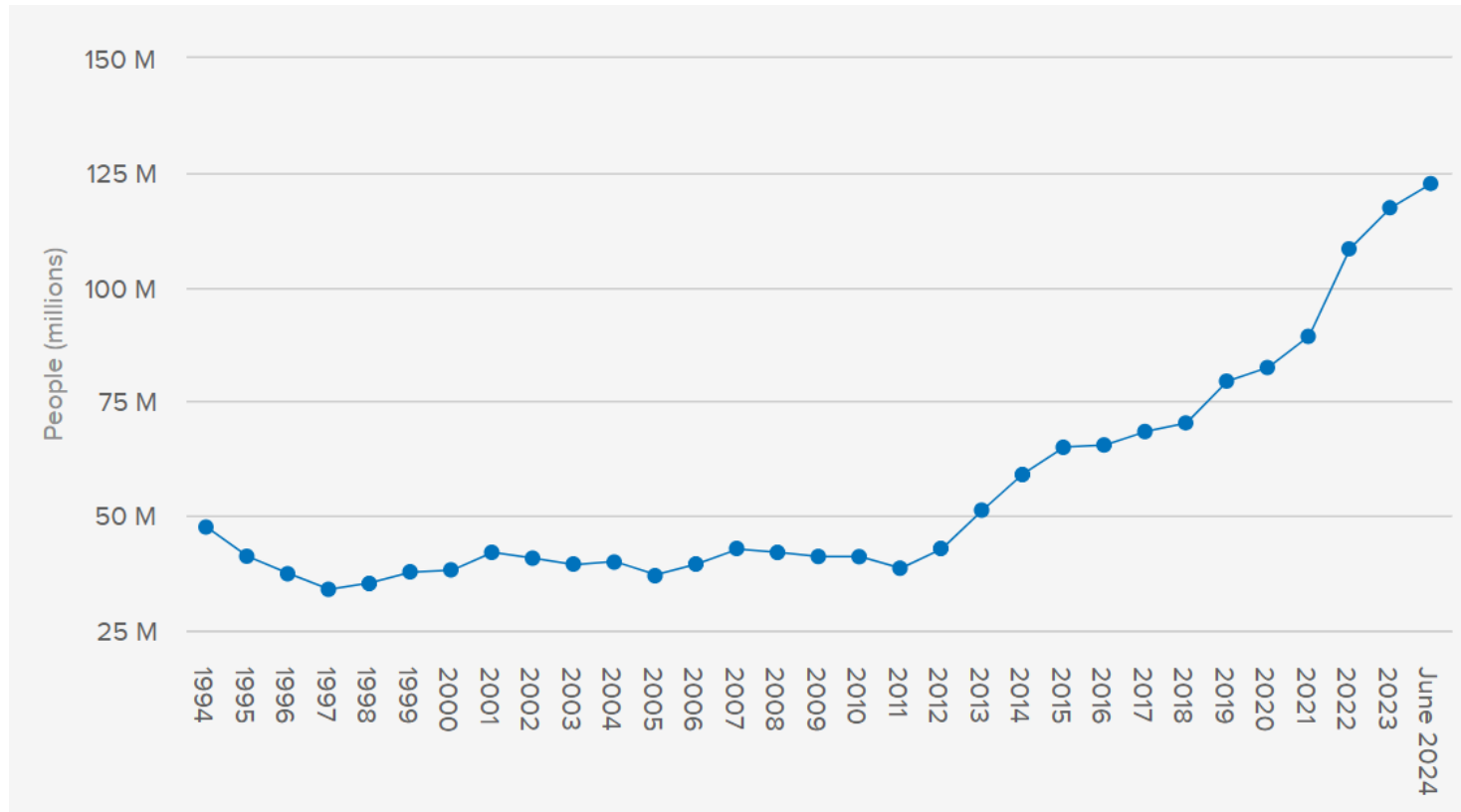


Note: An armed conflict is defined here as a disagreement between organized groups, or between one organized group and civilians, that causes at least 25 deaths during a year.

Source: Sundberg, Ralph, and Erik Melander, 2013, Introducing the UCDP Georeferenced Event Dataset. *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4): 523-532; Davies, Shawn, Garoun Engström, Therese Pettersson, and Magnus Öberg. 2024. *Organized violence 1989-2023, and the prevalence of organized crime groups*. *Journal of Peace Research* 61(4): 673-693;



# 122.6 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced at the end of June 2024



Growing needs

Decreasing budget

# The gap

2024

PEOPLE IN NEED: 299.4 M

PEOPLE TARGETED: 180.5 M

REQUIREMENTS (US\$) \$ 46.4 B

APPEALS: 35

<https://www.unocha.org/>













A close-up photograph of an elderly person's hands, showing wrinkled skin and veins, holding a large number of small, worn coins. The hands are cupped together, and the coins are piled in the center. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the coins. The text "Inflation and shortages" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

# Inflation and shortages



## Restricted funding and timelines



# Cash liquidity and mobile access

**Lack of access**



Different actors



# Visas



Infrastructure

# Attacks against humanitarian workers



**TELL EVERYONE**  
**HEALTH WORKERS ARE**  
**#NOTATARGET**



Belgian **Red Cross**



**ICRC**



Funded by  
European Union  
Humanitarian Aid  
and Civil Protection



Looting and theft

# Burnout and turnover



Need for a new way to work



A person wearing a black suit is holding a large, circular mirror in front of their face. The mirror reflects a bright, cloudy sky. The background is a real-life scene of a cloudy sky. The text "The future" is overlaid on the mirror's reflection.

The future

Thank you