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- **Refugees & Migrants** – Remember people so desperate to escape dangerous situations that they fall prey to human traffickers who put profit before the lives & safety of desperate people. There are 108.4 million forcibly displaced people in the world. 40% of them are children. 35.3 million of them are refugees.
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