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Netherlands official name is The Kingdom of the Netherlands. Netherlands is located in the

West Europe and partially in the Caribbeans. It has a landmass of 41.850 km². Kingdom of

Netherlands has a population of 18 million. Netherlands are neighbors with Germany to the

east and Belgium to the south. To the west, the country faces the North Sea and the United

Kingdom. Netherlands official language is Dutch.

The large number of refugees entering Europe is a challenge for all EU member states and

for all tasks Ministry for Foreign Affairs.The Minister seeks to address the root causes of

refugees but there is no single explanation for the refugees in Europe. Some reasons for

refugee problem

● War

● Environmental Issues

● Human Right Violation

Refugee problems mainly started in 2015. This started when the flow of migrants increased

dramatically from 153.000 in 2008 to more than 1 million in 2015. These large numbers of

refugees were mainly from: Iraq,Libya,Afghanistan and Eritrea. Moreover the ones who

accepted the refugees mainly was: France,Germany,Netherlands,Italy and Sweden.One of

the most largest refugee crises in modern history was because of Syrian Civil War.Millions of them left their homelands. And while they were fleeing to Europe, EU seeked to address their root causes.

Europe as one union was required to solve the refugee problem caused because of Syrian

Civil War and other refugee problems because it was too large to be solved by an individual

country. There were economic migrants, war refugees and a handful of more.Europe was

not ready for this big scale refugee problems. It's borders were uncontrolled for entry of

immigrants. While immigrants came to Europe they carried various infectious diseases such

as tuberculosis. In urban areas it leaded to electricity and water shortages causing higher

costs for both refugees and host countries. Overcrowding in health and education systems,

increased traffic and competition for jobs refugees really forced Europe in bad ways. EU and

its Member States have provided 17 billion euros in aid since the beginning of 2015 when

large scale refugee problems began and when they saw how bad it effects their countries.

In Netherlands there are a lot of refugees from from Syria,Iraq,Yemen.Aslyum-seekers are

entitled to legal assistance by a lawyer during aslyum procedure. Netherlands offers a high

quality of life but as any foreign country has it has its own rules. UAF (Foundation for

Refugees) provides advice and financial support for refugee students too. Netherlands

government says that they work hard to protect and assist refugees but their ultimate goal is

to find solutions to allow them to rebuild their lives. Netherlands work with other EU

members to help the large number of refugees.

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