

POPULATION, WEALTH, REFUGEES AND CHAIRS

In this activity we will take a look at the distribution of population wealth and refugees in the world. The data is from 2015.

MATERIALS

- As many chairs as participants

OBJECTIVES

- Give an overview of the population and wealth distribution in the world as well as migration streams
- Reflect on the misconception of this data

Age	8+
Duration	45 min
Group Size	10 - 35
Space	Space to move around with chairs

STEP-BY-STEP

1. Put five small cards on the ground saying “Europe”, “North America”, “Latin America + Caribbean”, “Africa” and “Asia + Oceania” so that they kind of create a very rough world map on the ground.
2. Then, tell the participants that they symbolize all the **world's population** and they have to distribute themselves on the different continents as they think the real distribution is.
3. After they negotiated this to an end as a group you can give them the real numbers and redistribute them according to the table (annex).
4. The second round they have to distribute the chairs (as many as participants) in the map symbolizing the **wealth distribution** all over the world. If they ask explain that as an indicator for wealth you are using the GDP.
5. Analogue to the first round when they are done you give the real numbers and redistribute the chairs according to the real numbers.
6. In the third round they have to go back to the people distribution and put themselves comfortable on the chairs according to the final round. Ask them:
 - Is everyone sitting on a chair?
 - Is everyone equally comfortable?
 - What do you think about this?
 - Is it in accord with the idea you had in your mind?
7. In the fourth round it is about **refugees and refugee streams**. Again they as persons have to position themselves according to the numbers of how many refugees are coming into which continent/into one country of which continent. Again when the group is done you can give the real numbers.

DEBRIEFING

- Did you have different numbers in your mind? If yes, why? In which stage?
- What do you think is the source of this misconception?
- What do you think about this disproportion?

ANNEX 1 TABLES

Table I - World's population 2014

Population	number in millions	Percentage in %	Number of participants per continent																																		
World total	7.058	100	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35									
Europe	744	10,54	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4								
North America	341	4,83	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2								
Latin America and Caribbean	607	8,6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3								
Africa	1.051	14,89	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5								
Asia and Oceania	4.315	61,14	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	10	11	12	12	13	14	14	15	15	16	17	17	18	18	19	19	20	21	21	21								

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/informationGateway.php> (07.10.2015)

Table I - Wealth (GPD)

Wealth (GDP)	Billions USD	Percentage in %	Number of participants per continent																																		
World total	76.720,71	100	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35									
Europe	21.952,06	28,61	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	10	10								
North America	19.210,05	25,04	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9									
Latin America and Caribbean	5.728,23	7,47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3									
Africa	2.355,56	3,07	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Asia and Oceania	27.474,82	35.81	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	12								

Source: International Monetary Fund, <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2014/02/weodata/weoselgr.aspx> (07.10.2015)

Table I - Refugees

Refugees (2014)	Number in millions	Percentage in %	Number of participants per continent																																		
World total	16,18	100	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35									
Europe	2,07	12,83	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5								
North America	0,62	3,84	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Latin America and Caribbean	0,39	2,38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Africa	4,83	29,83	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	10	10									
Asia and Oceania	8,27	51,12	5	6	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	10	10	11	11	11	12	13	13	14	14	15	15	16	16	17	18	18									

Source: UNHCR Global Trends 2014, <http://www.unhcr.de/service/zahlen-und-statistiken.html> (07.10.2015)