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Refworld 2013 reinforces UNHCR's public commitment to its international protection mandate and the organization's leadership in making protection information available to all.

Refworld is UNHCR's protection information database, accessible online to the public at www.refworld.org, which contains a vast collection of reports relating to situations in countries of origin, policy documents—including UNHCR country and thematic position papers, research papers, case law from both international and national courts, as well as national legislation and other documents relating to international and national legal frameworks.

The documents have been carefully selected from—and with—UNHCR's global network of field offices, governments, international, regional and non-governmental organizations, academic institutions and judicial bodies.

Refworld provides the crucial country-of-origin and legal information needed for decisions-makers to make informed decisions in refugee status determination/asylum procedures. It is also a vital tool for evidence-based advocacy relating to resettlement, statelessness, internal displacement, as well as specific protection concerns.



Features of Refworld 2013

- More than 167,000 documents relevant to countries of origin, asylum and key protection issues
- Advanced “browse by” pages which enable users to peruse the collection of documents by: Region and/or Country, Publisher, Document Type, and **improved Topic (keyword) List**
- Powerful full-text search engine, and advanced searching facilities, such as a thesaurus which enables searches including search term variations (*for example: when you search for “Embera”, a minority ethnic group in Colombia, the system will match “Chocó” and “Wounan”*)
- Search terms in non-roman scripts recognized
- Thematic Pages, i.e. Special Features, have been expanded and updated (*the Statelessness Special Feature provides the only page of its kind on statelessness*)
- Personalization feature which enables notification by email whenever content that matches criteria specified by an individual user is added to Refworld
- Interface adapted to a more user-friendly layout for mobile/tablet devices
- Coming Soon: Russian Version of Refworld!

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