



## From the editors

**Forced Migration Review (FMR)** provides a forum for the regular exchange of practical experience, information and ideas between researchers, refugees and internally displaced people, and those who work with them. It is published in English, Arabic, Spanish and French by the Refugee Studies Centre of the Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford.

### Staff

Marion Coudrey &  
Maurice Herson (Editors)  
Nina E Weaver (Finance and  
Promotion Assistant)  
Sharon Ellis (Assistant)

### Forced Migration Review

Refugee Studies Centre  
Oxford Department of International  
Development, University of Oxford,  
3 Mansfield Road,  
Oxford OX1 3TB, UK

[fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk)

Skype: fmreview  
Tel: +44 (0)1865 281700

[www.fmreview.org](http://www.fmreview.org)

### Disclaimer

Opinions in FMR do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editors, the Refugee Studies Centre or the University of Oxford.

### Copyright

Any FMR print or online material may be freely reproduced, provided that acknowledgement is given to 'Forced Migration Review [www.fmreview.org](http://www.fmreview.org)'. See website for more details.



ISSN 1460-9819

### Designed by

Art24  
[www.art-24.co.uk](http://www.art-24.co.uk)

### Printed by

Oxuniprint  
[www.oxuniprint.co.uk](http://www.oxuniprint.co.uk)



2014 is widely seen as marking a watershed for Afghanistan with its legacy of thirty-five years of conflict and one of the world's largest populations in protracted displacement. International military forces are being withdrawn and the country is 'in transition' – politically, economically and in terms of security and its international standing. The high voter turnout in the recent presidential elections has been greeted as an encouraging sign for Afghanistan's future but there is still considerable uncertainty about the capacity of the country to address the challenges of return, integration and reintegration, protection, access to rights, and continuing displacement.

This issue of FMR is being published in Dari and Pashto as well as in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

The issue also includes a mini-feature on Statelessness, marking the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and in preparation for a Global Forum on Statelessness to be held in the Netherlands in September.

We are extremely grateful to Susanne Schmeidl of The Liaison Office (Afghanistan) and to Dan Tyler of the Norwegian Refugee Council for their exceptional assistance and input as special advisors on the feature theme of this issue. We would also like to thank the following organisations for their generous financial support: Norwegian Refugee Council, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)/Swiss Cooperation Office - Afghanistan, UN-Habitat, UNHCR Office in Afghanistan and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

We also wish to thank Laura van Waas of the Statelessness Programme, Tilburg University Law School, for her collaboration on the Statelessness mini-feature, and to thank the Open Society Justice Initiative and UNHCR's Department of International Protection for funding it.

The full issue and all the individual articles are online in html, pdf and audio formats at [www.fmreview.org/afghanistan](http://www.fmreview.org/afghanistan). It will be available in print and online in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Dari and Pashto. An expanded contents listing for the issue is available at [www.fmreview.org/afghanistan/FMR46listing.pdf](http://www.fmreview.org/afghanistan/FMR46listing.pdf)

The Statelessness mini-feature is also available online as a 16-page stand-alone pdf at [www.fmreview.org/afghanistan/statelessness.pdf](http://www.fmreview.org/afghanistan/statelessness.pdf). We encourage you to print it off yourself.

Please help disseminate this issue as widely as possible by circulating to networks, posting links, mentioning it on Twitter and Facebook and adding it to resources lists. Please email us at [fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk) if you would like print copies.

Details of our forthcoming issues – on Syria, Faith-based responses to displacement, Climate change, and the Balkans – can be found opposite and at [www.fmreview.org/forthcoming](http://www.fmreview.org/forthcoming)

To be notified about new and forthcoming FMR issues, join us on Facebook or Twitter or sign up for our email alerts at [www.fmreview.org/request/alerts](http://www.fmreview.org/request/alerts)

With our best wishes

Marion Coudrey and Maurice Herson  
Editors, Forced Migration Review