

WFP Stuttgart, Germany Commemorates the United Nations World Refugee Day

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WFP Stuttgart/Germany held a branch on 20th June 2019, in the UPF premises, (Corpus Christi), to mark the World Refugee Day.

On this warm and sunny day, eleven people gathered at the premises to attend the UN World Refugee Day.

With an opening prayer by Gabriele Schickert and forwarded to Ute Lemme who gave a short introduction of the topic.

The UN initiated the World Refugee Day in December 2000 and the first commemoration occurred on 20th June 2001.

An annual report publishes by UNHCR, and show the number in the last twenty years, of refugees that has doubled to 70 million worldwide- the greatest number since the end of WWII.

Due to the fact, thousands of them had to leave their homes from oppression, persecution, war and violation of human rights and also of natural catastrophes.

More than a million refugees fled to Germany in 2015/2016 mainly from Syria, followed then by those from Afghanistan, Iraq and various African countries. Many conflicts and tensions resulted in society, as well as at a political level. A special interest on a contemporary film entitled: "The Refugee Crisis in Germany- Documentary 2019" ("Die Flüchtlingskrise in Deutschland – Documentations 2019").

Up until 2018, 1.5 million people came to Germany seeking refuge:

62% were granted right of residence, 32% are waiting for a decision, 15% who must leave and 70% are tolerated.

Survey show that 58% of Germans are convinced that Germany can cope this refugee crisis.



About the problems which they are facing and efforts made by the general public, as well as the authorities to simplify the integration of refugee's crisis where reported at the film.

50% of the refugees will be in employment (by 2025, 70%) at 2020.

9.3 % of all crimes in Germany were committed by refugees in 2017, mostly minor offences carried out by young men.

This documentary film was very interesting and instructive. All sat together and discussed about their experiences with refugee. Those present of some had themselves experienced being a refugee.

By the story of a guest from Kashmir, were especially moved who had been persecuted for her political views and this guest had experienced torture and imprisonment. This was the most instructive and interesting event that was much appreciated by all who attended.

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