

## Failure to show leadership and responsibility

The number of people fleeing their homes because of conflict or persecution reached record levels in 2015. By the end of the year more than 65 million men, women and children had been forcibly displaced – with over 21 million of them forced to leave their home country, so becoming refugees.

The UK government's response to the crisis has been grossly inadequate. It has not demonstrated adequate leadership on the international stage nor shared responsibility by hosting its fair share of refugees. Ministers have also failed to show the refugees and asylum seekers who have reached the UK that they are welcome here.

### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

**Urge Home Secretary Amber Rudd to show international leadership and share responsibility for the global refugee crisis.**

**Write to:** Home Secretary Amber Rudd  
Home Office  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

**Salutation:** Dear Home Secretary

**In your letter:** Urge her to share responsibility for the global refugee crisis, by expanding opportunities for more refugees to come to the UK through safe and legal routes. Call on her to maintain and improve the standards of protection provided to people seeking asylum in the UK. Urge her to create a welcoming culture in the UK for those fleeing conflict and persecution.

### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Amnesty International UK  
17-25 New Inn Yard  
London  
EC2A 3EA

■ **Language:** English

■ **Suggested message:** Write a solidarity message to a refugee or asylum seeker in the UK, and we will distribute it for you. You could send a postcard, drawing or photo of somewhere you love in the UK, with a message about why it is a special place and why you welcome refugees. Your messages will help us all create a more welcoming UK. Please do not include your full name or address.

### CAN I

- ✗ Send a religious card or message?
- ✓ Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- ✗ Include my name and address?

