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When the pressures of poverty and violence become too heavy, people risk moving to someplace they perceive to be -- or hope will be -- better. Moving itself is risky. What awaits you when you leave the Philippines for a Middle Eastern overseas work position? What becomes of your identity when you are living in a refugee camp in Jordan, South Sudan, Kenya, for months and sometimes years on end?

There will be new land, new language, new food -- if there is enough food -- and the near-certain fact of human nature that whoever is already occupying that land will feel threatened on some level. You have come for their jobs. Your tent city is costing their government millions. Your sheer numbers are overwhelming.

Global Sisters Report has posted [numerous stories](#) [1] about these realities, and we know that your feelings are ones of compassion, not revulsion: Catholic social justice wanting to be put into action. Here's how to help.

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