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Young People in Conflict

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Overview: Conflicts in 2022

Hot conflicts¹:

- Russia's invasion in Ukraine
- Taliban regime in Afghanistan
- Civil war in Syria
- Civil war in Yemen
- Terrorist insurgency in Nigeria
- Terrorist insurgency in Mali

More than 25 hot conflicts in 2022

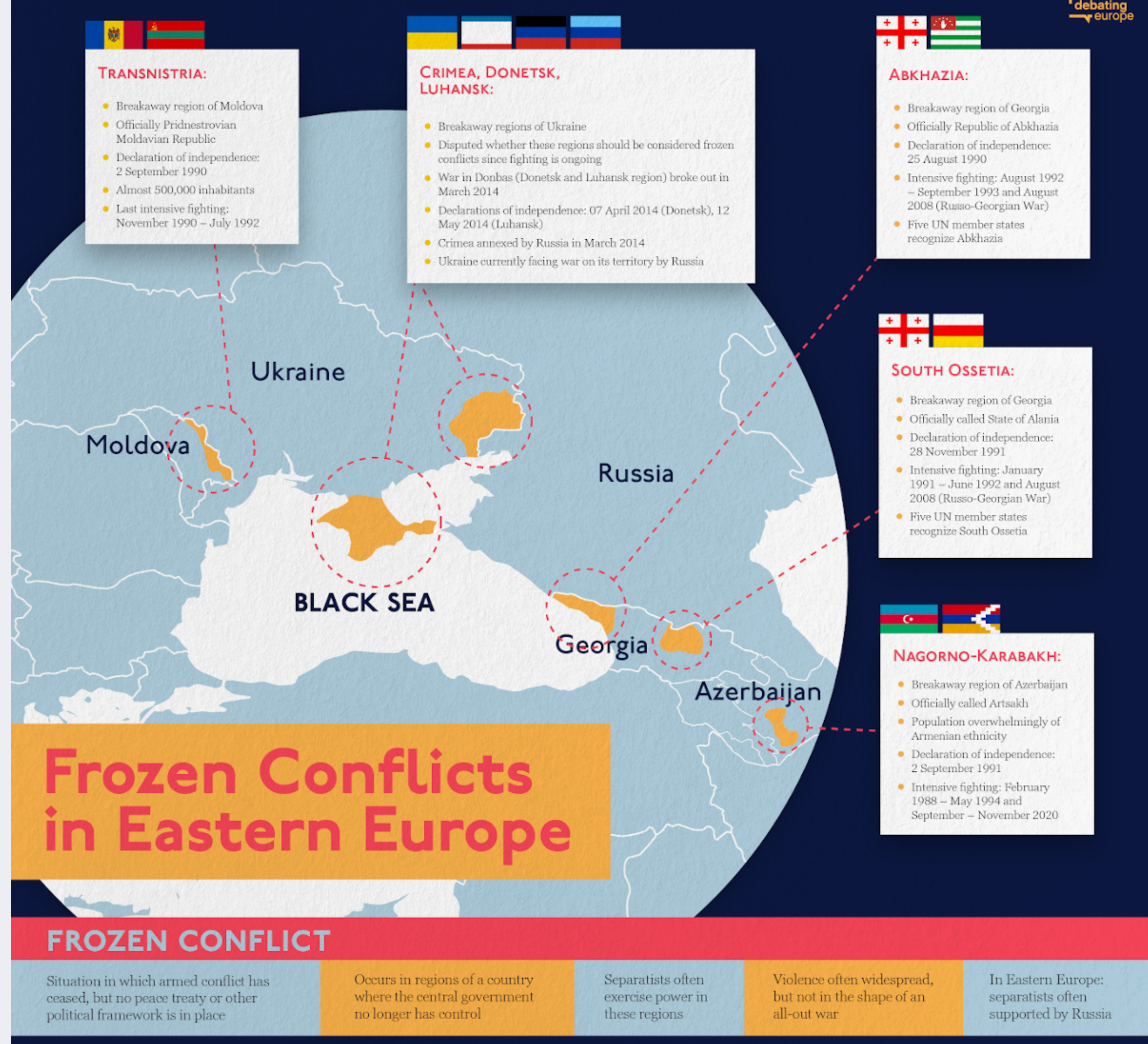
Frozen conflicts in Europe²:

- Transnistria
- Abkhazia
- South Ossetia
- Nagorno-Karabakh
- Cyprus

Frozen conflicts in Europe

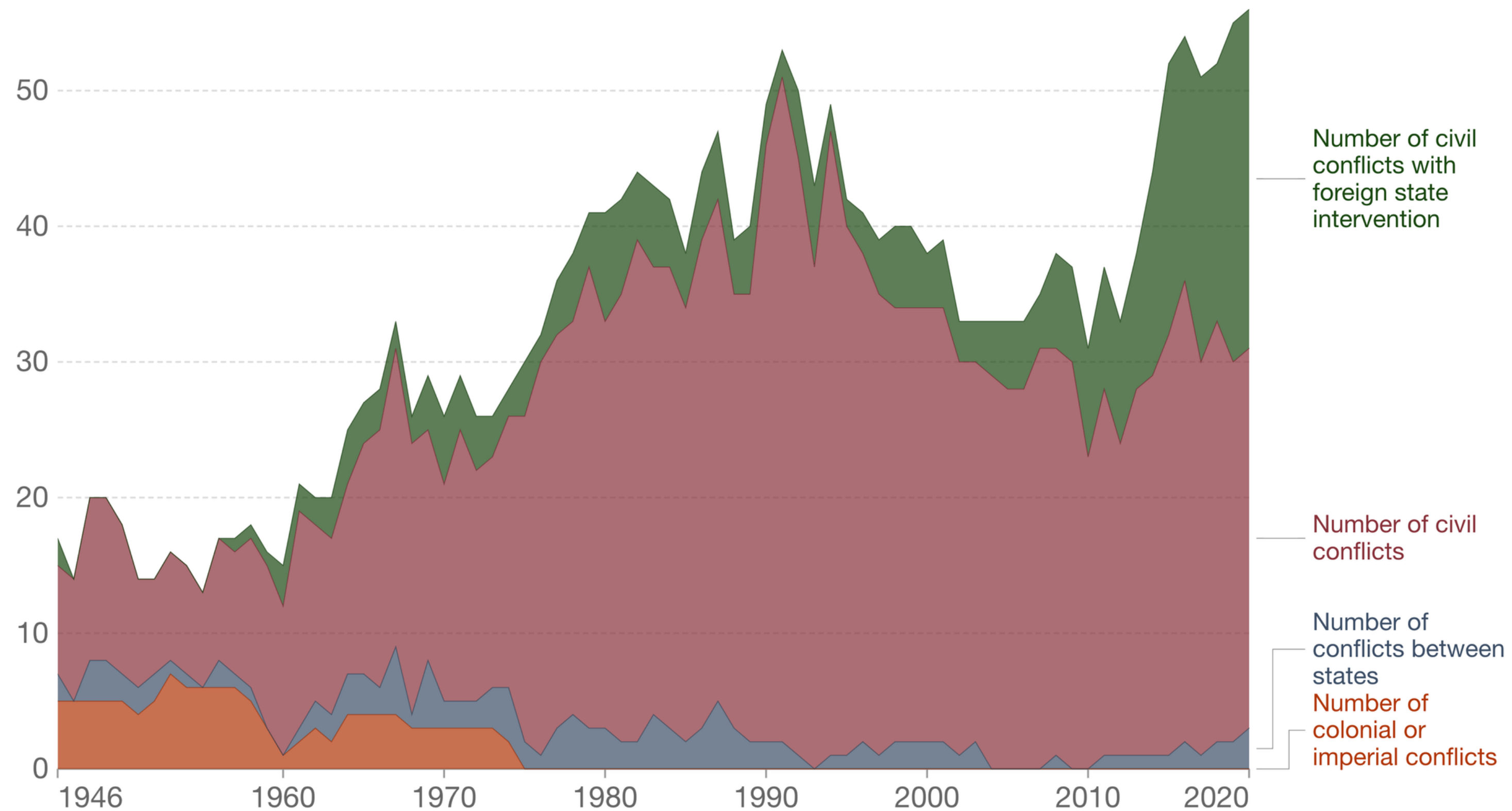
Map of 2019

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Number of active State-based conflicts, World, 1946 to 2020

State-based conflicts are conflicts between two parties, where at least one is the government of a state. One-sided violence – such as massacres or genocide – are not included.



Source: OWID based on UCDP/PRIO

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Note: Ongoing conflicts are represented for every year in which they resulted in at least 25 direct deaths (civilian or military).

Young people in conflict

25%

408 million or 25% of
young people in
conflict zones⁴

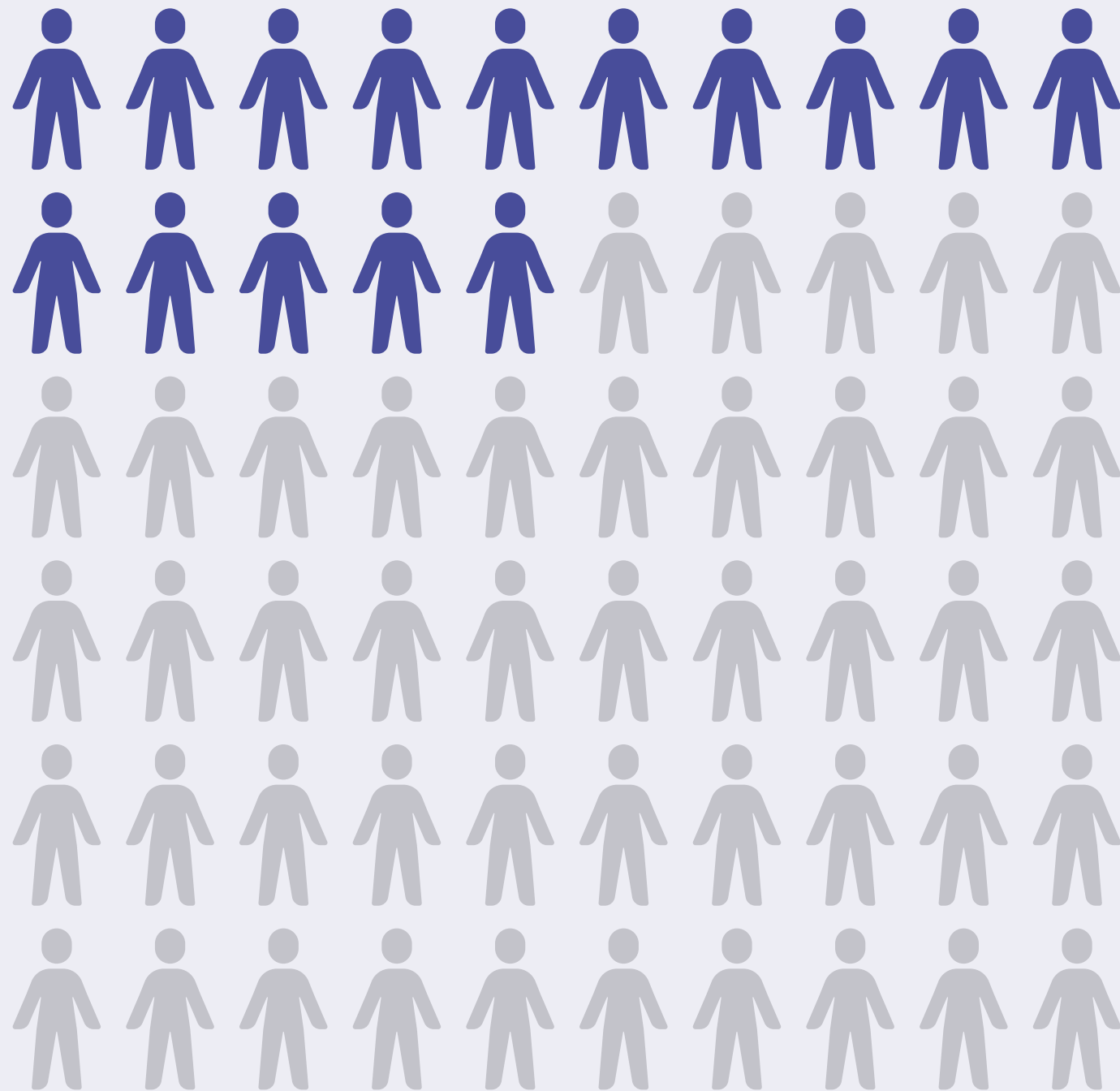
90%

most casualties are
young men⁵

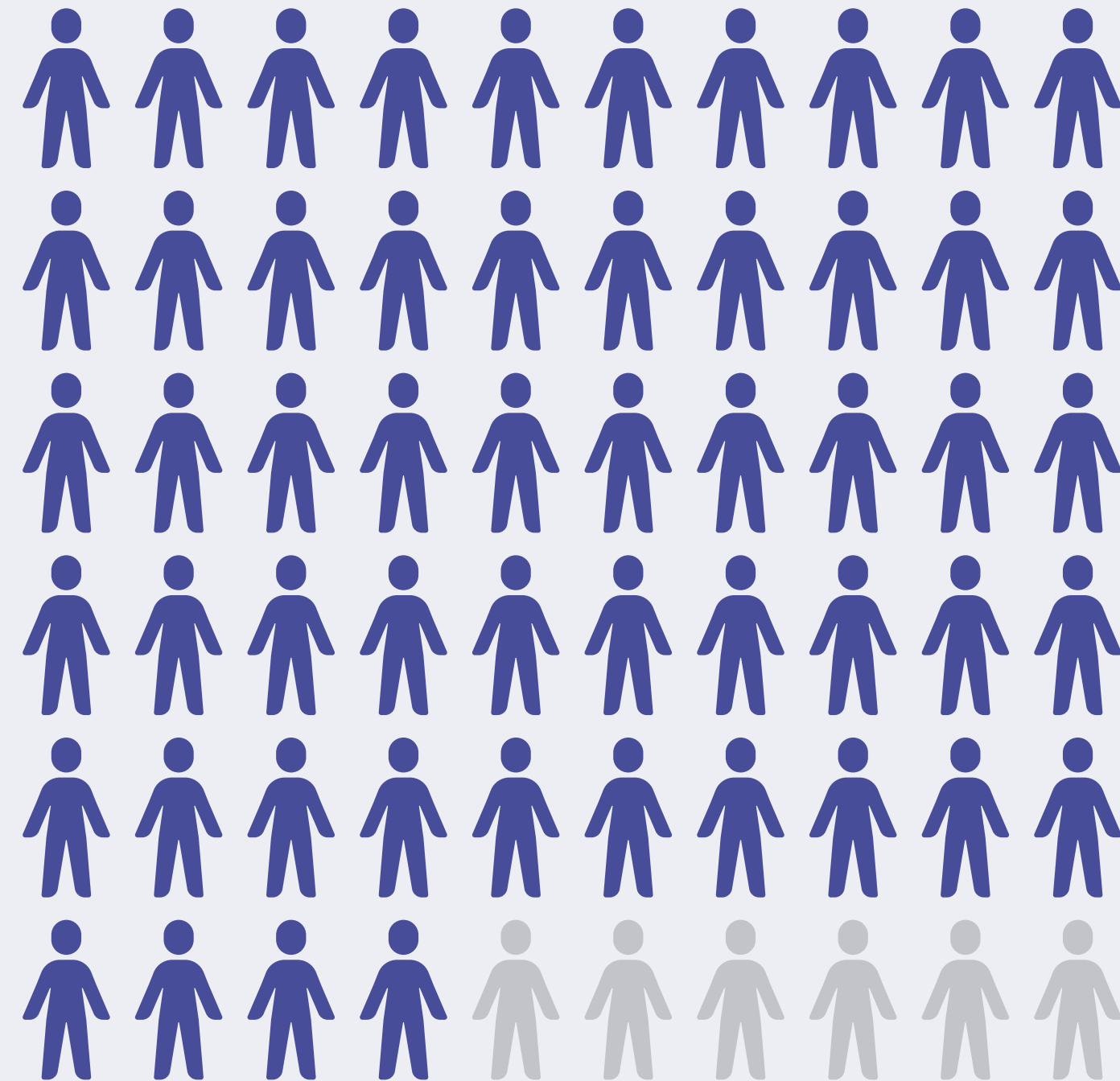
69%

1.6B or 69% of children⁶
live in conflict-
affected areas

Young people in conflict zones



Young males of all casualties



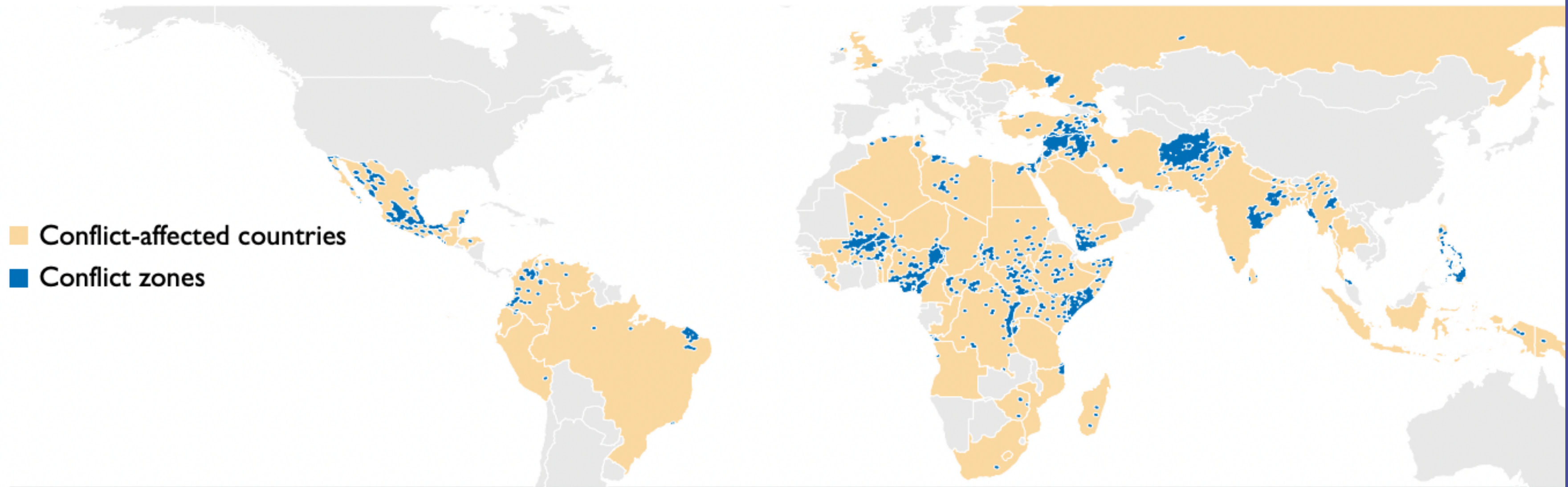


Figure 1. Conflict-affected countries and conflict zones, 2019. Source: Authors, based on the latest version of the UCDP GED

Young people in conflict post-WW II

More conflicts³

Less conflict-related deaths³

More young people recruited
in conflicts⁵

More young people living in
post-conflict zones⁶

Impact of Conflict on Young People

- Socio-psychological needs in multiple simultaneous crises
- Complex PTSD
- Immediate lack of access to education
- Access to fundamental rights
- Recruitment and radicalisation

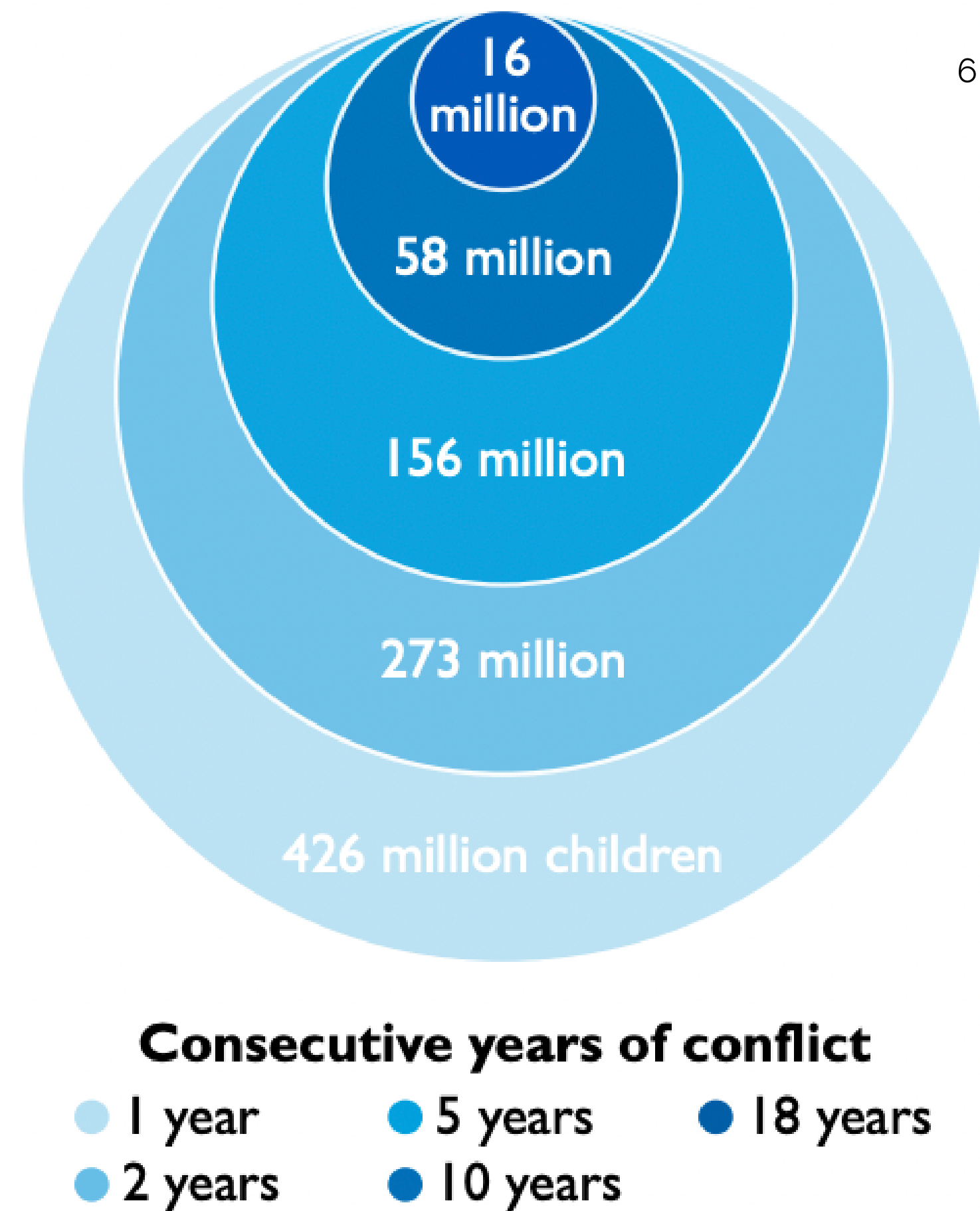


Figure 2: Number of children exposed to consecutive years of conflict

Approaches to interventions

- Policy level: local, regional, national, pan-European
- Research level
- Grassroot initiatives
- From young people to young people
- Media work and public awareness
- Call to actions

Sources and reading

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Thank you!

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