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The vast majority of the 4 million refugees in Africa are in rural areas, and well over half of them settle themselves. Many biases, including remoteness and political impotence, operate against their plight being noticed and against their being helped. To describe their condition benignly as one of "spontaneous integration" is misleading. They face many adverse factors, including instant impoverishment, a mixed and sometimes exploitative reception from hosts, high food prices and low prices for labour which is often all they have to sell, poor access to land, and political and legal vulnerability. By depressing wages and raising food prices they may also impoverish the poorer among the host population. Future rural refugees will be better educated, less able to gain access to land, and more inclined to move to towns. Programmes to assist refugees will therefore be more difficult and expensive. Staff working in refugee agencies might offset the biases in their perceptions through themselves conducting research on self-settling refugees, to finding out more about their condition and problems, and to recruiting and training suitable staff for refugee agencies.

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