

Refugee Journey

Why do they leave their home country?

War or the fear of persecution on the basis of race, religion, nationality, social group or political opinion.



Quick Facts

• Refugees are legal immigrants once they arrive on U.S. soil and are authorized to work.



• They are eligible for their Green Card after 1 year in the U.S.



 They are eligible for citizenship after 5 years.



Refugees flee to nearby refugee camps and are granted refugee status in country of asylum.



Vetted by the U.N., U.S. State Department, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, the FBI and other national intelligence agencies; an intensive process that can take up to 24 months.



The U.S. department of State sets up eligibility interviews with refugees. When all efforts fail to return refugees to their home or resettle them in their country of asylum, third country resettlement becomes an option.



REFUGEE **RESETTLEMENT** PROGRAM

Upon arrival, refugees are met by family or agency staff. They undergo intensive orientation to culture, language, social skills and other assistance to help them achieve self-sufficiency, in order to support their families and become contributing members of the community.



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

- Cash assistance
- Housing
- Airport reception
- Cultural orientation and ESL School and child care
- Education services
- Case management
- Employment services