

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

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• What is a Refugee?

*"a person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of **race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion**, is **outside the country of his nationality** and is unable or, owing to such fear, **is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country**; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence as a result of such events, is unable or, owing to such fear, **is unwilling to return to it.**"*

What is an SIV?

"SIV stands for Special Immigrant Visa. Iraqi and Afghan translators and interpreters who have worked directly with the U.S. Armed Forces or under Chief of Mission (COM) authority at U.S. Embassy Baghdad or U.S. Embassy Kabul are granted all the rights that any other refugee enjoys in the United States of America"

What would it take for you?



Where are Refugees From?



WHAT DOES 54 MILLION REFUGEES LOOK LIKE?




THE REFUGEE PROCESSING SYSTEM

The initial steps

- Step 1: Find your way to a neighboring country.
- Step 2: Find a UNHCR Office.
- Step 3: Apply for Refugee Status and wait for a decision. WAIT
- Step 4: Apply for Resettlement to a third country and wait for approval. WAIT
- Step 5: Security Clearance, Medical Clearance 6 months to 2 years. WAIT
- Step 6: Wait for Visa and Travel arrangements to go to final host country

STEP 1: FIND A WAY OUT OF THE HOME COUNTRY AND TO A SAFE BORDERING COUNTRY



STEP 2: FIND A UNHCR OFFICE IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY

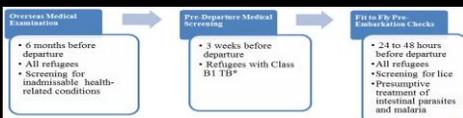


STEP 3: APPLY FOR REFUGEE STATUS AND WAIT FOR A DECISION



STEP 5: SECURITY CLEARANCE, MEDICAL CLEARANCE PRIOR TO TRAVEL.

UP TO 2 YEARS!



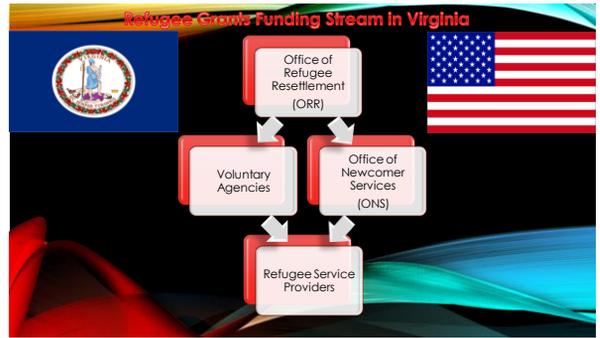
STEP 6: VISA AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.



THE REFUGEE PROCESSING SYSTEM

Enter international bureaucracy!

-  The UN High Commissioner for Refugees Determines who is a refugee and who can be resettled to a third country.
-  The Presidential Determination dictates the ceiling on the number of refugees admitted annually.
-  Congress Approves the final number of refugees admitted each year.
-  The Department of State Conditionally approves refugee cases referred by the UNHCR pending security clearance.
-  The Department of Homeland Security conducts the security clearance on each refugee and approved cases are processed.
-  The Department of Health and Human Services provides funding for services to approved refugees arriving in the USA.
-  The US Conference of Catholic Bishops organizes the allocation of its cases throughout the USA and administers grants funded by the Department of Health and Human Services.
-  The State of Virginia administers grants funded Department of Health and Human Services
-  Catholic Charities of Arlington competes for the DHS grants offered by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Virginia State to provide services to refugees arriving in the USA.



TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Reception and Placement Program (R&P)

- Provides Initial Housing
- Case Management
- Provides Access to Public Benefits
- Referrals for Needed Services (Employment, English, School... Etc.)
- Transportation
- Orientation

TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Match Grant Program

- Provides Employment Training
- Case Management
- Effort-based financial assistance
- Job search and placement services
- Follow up for employment retention
- Incentives for early employment

TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Refugee Social Services Employment Program and Targeted Assistance Program (RSSEP & TAP)

- Long term employment assistance
- Case Management
- Job search and placement service
- Follow up for employment retention
- Funds available for vocational training
- Self-sufficiency based case management

TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Virginia Refugee Student Impact Grants

- Orient and assist families with adjustment to new school system
- Case Management
- Assist with school enrollment
- Mediate and moderate issues with the schools
- Follow up with students, teachers, administrators to enhance the school experience
- Encourage and recognize accomplishments of refugee students

TOOLS FOR ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Virginia Refugee Health Program Grants

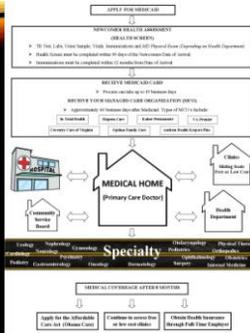
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ROLE OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL LIAISONS

- 9 Medical Liaisons integrated into VOLAG's or Resettlement Agencies throughout Virginia
- Review Bio-Data before arrival. Apprise the Refugee Health Coordinator of any individuals who arrive with or who, after arrival are diagnosed with diseases of public health importance or abnormal concern. (TB, Malaria, Neuro-psychiatric, Etc...)
- Assist Newcomers with applying and ensuring that they receive Refugee Medical Coverage (RMA) or otherwise known as Refugee Medicaid. In addition, assist Newcomers to select Managed Care Plan (MCO).
- Provide a comprehensive Health Orientation explaining how to access all types of Medical care.
- Coordinate with local Health Department and schedule the Newcomer Health Assessment (Health Screen).
- For each Newcomer, Resettlement Agency sends:
 - Overseas Medical Assessment
 - Copy of Passport (Refugees) or Visa (SIVs)
 - Copy of I-94 (Refugees Only)
 - Health Department registration intake form
- Arrange transportation for Newcomers to and from Health Screen appointment at local Health Department
- Health Liaisons collaborate with Nurses, Doctors and or Medical staff from Health Departments to. Refer all Newcomers to a Medical Home's Primary Care Physician. Refer Newcomers to specialist doctors based on recommendations from Health Department and or Primary Care Physician.
- Connect Newcomers to charity medical programs, free and or low cost clinics in their area.
- Participate in monthly teleconference with Health Liaisons and Refugee Health Coordinator, Jill Grumbine

HEALTH LIAISON TEAM

HEALTH LIAISONS	Resettlement Agency	Location
Claire Kozik	Lutheran Social Services	Northern Virginia
Peter Busher	Catholic Charities, Migration and Refugee Services	Northern Virginia
Connie Ashton	Catholic Charities, Migration and Refugee Services	Fredericksburg
Kelly Hancock	Church World Service	Harrisonburg
Laxman Chamlagai	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Richmond
Angelica Colagrecco	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Roanoke
Mohammad Ibrahim Maroof	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Newport News
Erica Uhimann	International Rescue Committee	Charlottesville
TBA	Church World Service	Richmond



PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

