# U.S. REFUGE SCREENING SCREENING PROCESS



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# WHO IS A REFUGEE?

A refugee is someone who has fled one's home country and cannot return because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

## REFUGEE STATUS



The UN High Commissioner for Refugees determines if the individual qualifies as a refugee.

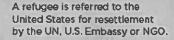
18 months average duration of processing time before a to 3 years refugee enters the U.S.

# SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS



A number of security checks are run by law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

# REFERRAL TO THE U.S.



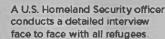


# DHS APPROVAL



If the U.S. Homeland Security officer finds the individual meets U.S. admissions criteria, the application is conditionally approved for resettlement.

#### 4 IN-PERSON INTERVIEW





## MATCHING WITH A SPONSOR AGENCY



Every refugee is assigned a U.S. partner agency like World Relief that will assist them upon arrival to the U.S.

#### 6 MEDICAL SCREENING



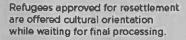
The refugee that has been conditionally approved goes through a medical screening.

# 2ND SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCESS



Prior to departure to the U.S. a second inter-agency security check is conducted to check for any new information.

## **CULTURAL ORIENTATION**





### ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES



Upon arrival in the United States, refugees are met by a World Relief representative.

# AIRPORT CHECK

Refugees are checked again at airport to ensure the arriving refugee is the same person who was screened and approved for admission.



Sources: Migration Policy Institute, Refugee Council USA, U.S. Department of State



World Relief provides initial resettlement and placement as well as employment, education and legal services for refugees arriving in the United States. Collaborating with local churches and volunteers, World Relief comes alongside vulnerable families as they begin their lives in the U.S. Since 1979, World Relief has helped resettle more than 260,000 refugees from over 80 nations.