



U.S. REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

Introduction to the USRAP



Intro to USRAP Terminal Objective



Given the situation in which you are conducting RAIO adjudications, you will be aware of the general framework of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)

USRAP Enabling Objective



Gain knowledge of the general framework of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)

Useful Acronyms



- US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)
- International and Refugee Affairs Division (IRAD)
- Refugee and International Operations (RIO)
- Department of State/Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Resettlement Support Centers (RSC)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/USCIS and CBP
- Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Refugee Overview





According to UNHCR, there are 25,900,000 refugees worldwide



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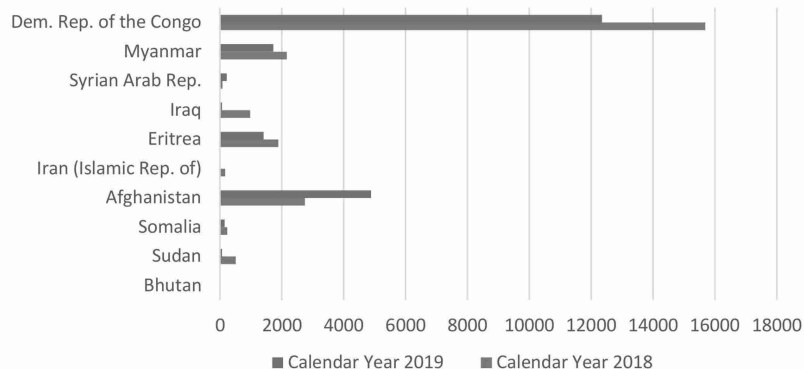
What are their options for durable solutions?

- Local Integration,
- Voluntary Repatriation, or
- Resettlement in a 3rd country

Where Refugees Come From (P1 UNHCR Referrals)



Major source countries of refugees for UNHCR P1 referrals to USA | Calendar years 2018 and 2019



Refugee Source Country	Calendar Year	
	2018	2019
Bhutan	2	5
Sudan	511	67
Somalia	242	155
Afghanistan	2748	4882
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	173	14
Eritrea	1886	1415
Iraq	975	70
Syrian Arab Rep.	85	224
Myanmar	2165	1728
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	15688	12349

Legal Authority for theUSRAP: INA § 207(c)(1)



“Subject to the numerical limitations . . . , the Attorney General may, in the Attorney General’s discretion and pursuant to such regulations as the Attorney General may prescribe, admit any refugee who is not firmly resettled in any foreign country, is determined to be of special humanitarian concern to the United States, and is admissible . . . as an immigrant under this chapter.”





Resettlement in the U.S.

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Annual Consultations with Congress



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Every year, immigration law requires that Executive Branch officials:

- review the refugee situation or emergency refugee situation.
- project the extent of possible participation of the United States in resettling refugees.
- discuss the reasons for believing that the proposed admission of refugees is justified by humanitarian concerns, grave humanitarian concerns or is otherwise in the national interest.

US Resettlement Ceilings





USRAP Processing

Government Partners



Resettlement Support Center Partners



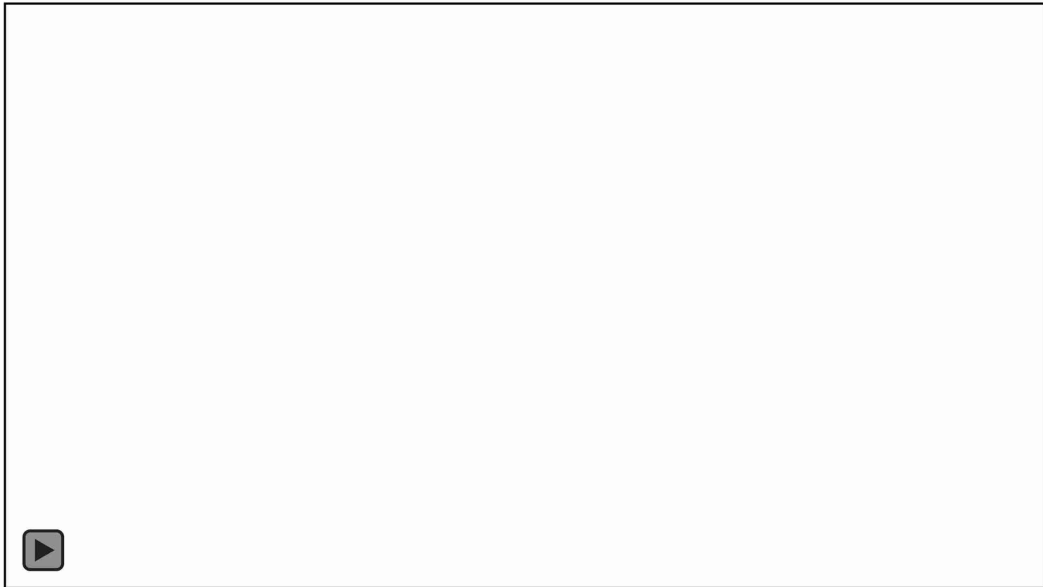
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IRAD Regional Ops on PRM and RSC Roles in USRAP



Access to the USRAP



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Annually, processing priorities are established to determine which of the world's refugees are of special humanitarian concern to the United States. A refugee applicant must fall within a processing priority to be able to apply (receive an interview with a USCIS officer), but this does not guarantee access to the USRAP or that the applicant will be approved for resettlement in the U.S.”

Priority 1 : Cases identified and referred by UNHCR, a United States Embassy, or a designated NGO

Priority 2: Groups of special humanitarian concern identified by the USRAP (including
Congressionally mandated groups)

Priority 3: Family reunification cases

REFUGEE DEFINITION

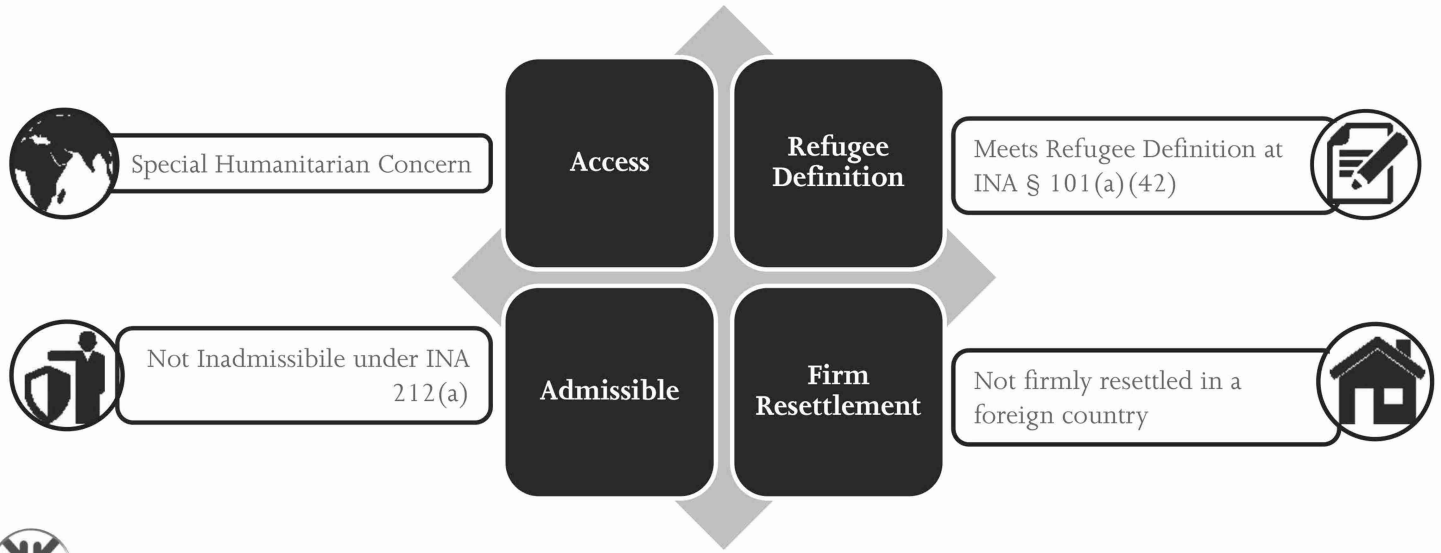


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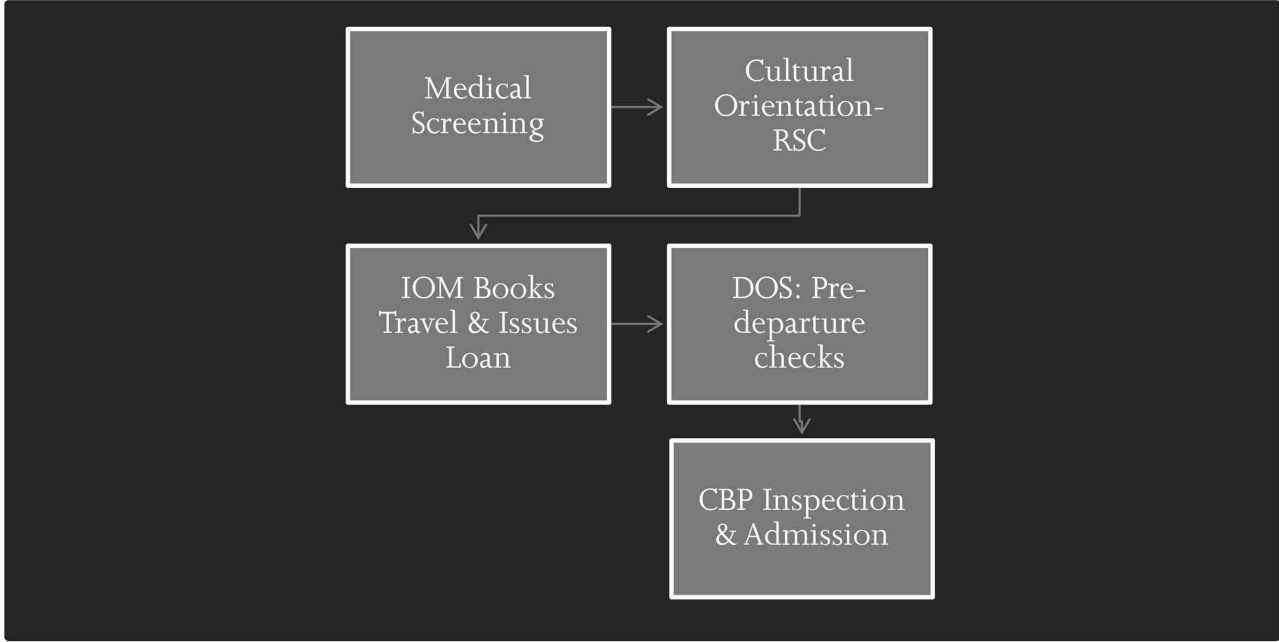
any person who is outside any country of such person's nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside any country in which such person last habitually resided, and who is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of, that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

*INA § 101(a)(42)(A) also applies to asylum adjudications.

Four Prongs of Eligibility



After the Interview- Approval



After the Interview- Denial



No Appeals



- Request for Review: IRAD

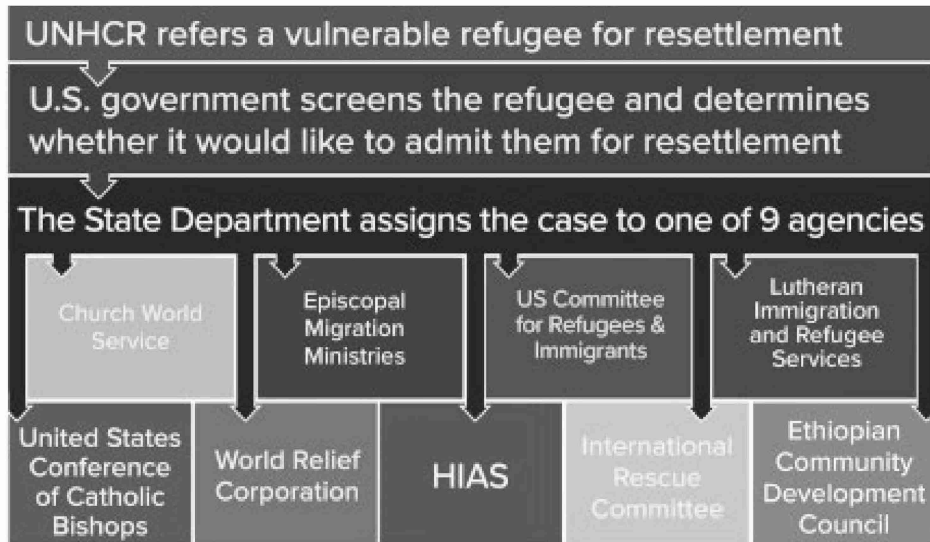
Practice Caution: Your Decision
Stays with a Refugee for Life

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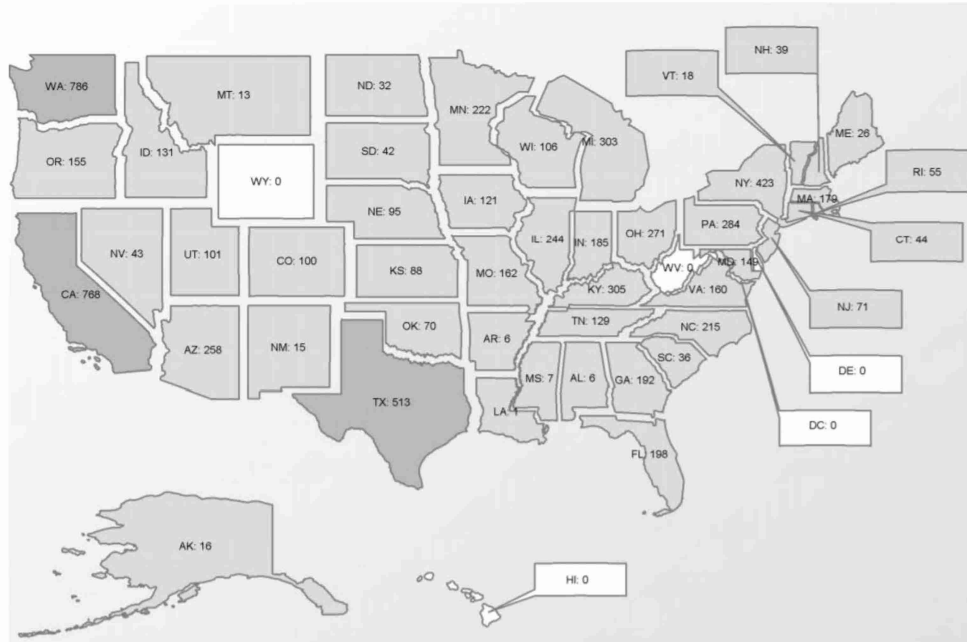


Domestic NGO Partners



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Refugee Resettlement to the U.S.



October 1, 2019 –
March 31, 2020

Immigration Benefits for Refugees

- After 1 year, the refugee must apply to adjust status to lawful permanent resident (LPR)
- Within two years, the refugee can file an I-730 petition for a spouse or unmarried child under 21
- After five years, an LPR that entered the U.S. as a refugee can become a U.S. citizen



Helpful USRAP Information



- [USCIS Refugee public website](https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-asylum/refugees)

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- [USRAP flowchart](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Refugee,%20Asylum,%20and%20Int'l%20Ops/USRAP_FlowChart.pdf)

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- [Refugee Security Screening Fact Sheet](https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Refugee%2C%20Asylum%2C%20and%20Int%27l%20Ops/Refugee_Screening_and_Vetting_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

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