



U.S. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Refugee: A person forced to flee their home country to escape persecution, war, or violence.

Resettlement: The careful selection by governments - for purposes of lawful admission - of vulnerable refugees who can neither return home nor live in safety in neighboring countries.

UNITED STATES VETTING PROCESS

UNHCR screens and interviews each resettlement candidate. The U.S. then conducts its own vetting process and the U.S. alone decides whether to accept a refugee for resettlement. The entire process is conducted abroad, can take up to 2 years, and involves:

8 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

5 SEPERATE BACKGROUND CHECKS

3 SEPERATE IN-PERSON INTERVIEWS

6 DIFFERENT SECURITY DATABASES

4 BIOMETRIC BACKGROUND CHECKS

2 INTER-AGENCY SECURITY CHECKS

PASS

If refugees pass each of the security checks and interviews then they are cleared for travel and preparations are made for resettlement into the U.S.

FAIL

If there is a red flag, disputed claim, or security issue raised within the vetting process, refugees fail and are withdrawn from the U.S. resettlement process.

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