Durable Solutions: Expanding third country solutions

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New York Declaration Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)

In the New York Declaration:

- Member States Agree to expand opportunities to achieve durable solutions for refugees, including by exploring additional avenues for refugees to be admitted to third countries
- Require an engagement of a much broader group of stakeholders including business and civil society actors and the refugees themselves.

CRRF aims to:

Expand access to third-country solutions



Pathways for protection and solutions



Resettlement



Humanitarian Visa



Private Sponsorship



Labour Mobility



Academic Scholarship



Family Reunification

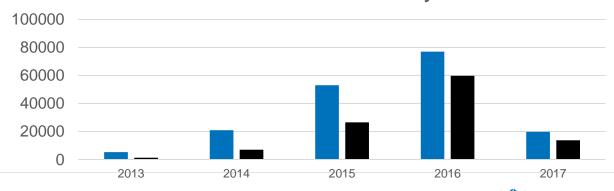


Syrian Resettlement

Since 2013,

- Over 211,000 pledges
- 175,840 Syrian refugees were submitted to 33 resettlement countries
- Approximately 108,147 Syrian refugees departed

Syrian resettlement submissions and departures from MENA and Turkey

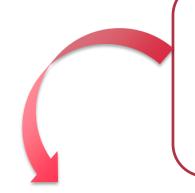


Departure

Submission

Reasons for Resettlement





Limited livelihood opportunities
Deepening poverty
Negative coping mechanisms
Aid shortfalls
Strained resources in host
communities

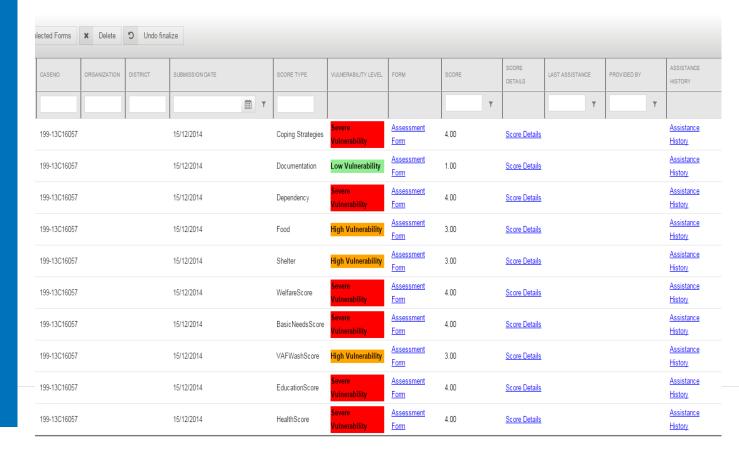
Resettlement Needs

- Legal and physical protection needs
- Survivor of violence and torture
- Women and girls at risk
- Children at risk
- Medical Needs



Identifying vulnerable refugees

Refugee Assistance and Information System



Biometrics



UNHCR biometrics system

- Reliable, efficient, effective and secure
- Enhances the integrity of UNHCR's registration system
- Alleviate concerns regarding identity substitution or fraudulent family composition
- Detect and deter individuals who may seek to register under multiple records
- Validate refugees' identity over time and uphold the integrity of the registration system



Private Sponsorship

Communities helping
Communities

Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (GRSI)

- increase and improve global refugee resettlement by engaging private citizens, communities, and businesses in resettlement efforts ✓
- strengthen local host communities that come together to welcome newcomers
- improve the political narrative about refugees and other newcomers



Third country scholarships



650,000 Syrian refugees in the MENA region and Turkey are of college-going age (18-24)

Minimum Considerations

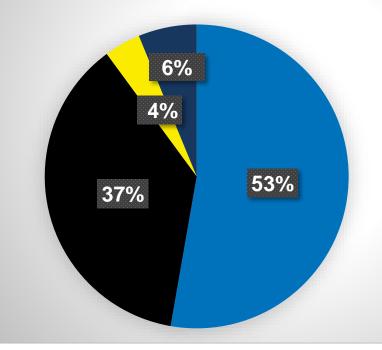
- Access to functioning asylum procedures and protection from refoulement
- Non-discriminatory/equitable access
- Academic program is offered by a nationally accredited institution
- Protection of identity information ✓



Skill Levels of Syrian Refugees

Skill types according to the International Standard Classification of Occupation (ISCO)

Labour mobility



Level 1: labours (construction, farming, manufacturing), helpers, cleaners, kitchen assistants

Level 2: skilled farmers, builders, electronic mechanics, drivers, merchants, tailors, blacksmiths

Level 3: shop managers, medical laboratory technicians, computer support technicians

Level 4: civil engineers, medical practitioners, computer systems analysis, accountants



Labour mobility



Ensuring appropriate skills and jobs matching for refugees will mitigate de-skilling and 'brain waste'

Enhance refugees' employability

- Recognition of prior learning / certification of skills
- Opportunity to prove their skills ✓
- Linking training programmes to employment opportunities
- Relevant language skills training ✓



Family Reunification

'There is a direct link between family reunification, mental health and successful integration'

Access Barriers

- to consular representation in host countries (intra regional mobility)
- to application information
- Difficulty obtaining documentation necessary to prove family links
- Short application windows and high application and travel costs

Eligibility and Protection Risks

- Narrow definition of eligible family members
- Risk of split-off vulnerable family members left behind



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