UNITED STATES REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM (USRAP)

REFUGEE IS OVERSEAS AND MUST BE IN ONE OF 3 CATEGORIES:

P-1 REFERRAL
Referral for resettlement consideration from U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), U.S. Embassy, or specially trained non-government organization (NGO)

P-2 GROUPS OF SPECIAL CONCERN
Groups of special humanitarian concern identified by the USRAP

P-3 FAMILY REUNIFICATION
Individual in the U.S. submits an Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) on behalf of qualified family member

DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) REFUGEE COORDINATOR
Reviews referrals accepted to the USRAP

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS)
Refugee Access Verification Unit (RAVU) verifies relationship

REFUGEE PROCESSING CENTER (RPC/DOS)
Receives AOR from domestic resettlement agency and forwards to USCIS RAVU

Receives results from RAVU verification

Relationship(s) Verified

Relationship(s) not verified

RPC returns AOR to domestic resettlement agency

RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT CENTER (RSC)

- International or nongovernmental organizations under cooperative agreement with DOS
- Pre-screens applicants before the USCIS interview
- Educates the applicant about the process
- Prepares the case file
- Initiates biographic security checks
  - Consular Lookout and Support System
  - Security Advisory Opinion as appropriate
  - Interagency check, as appropriate

USCIS

- Captures photographs and fingerprints and initiates biometric security checks against DOD, FBI and DHS holdings
- Confirms that applicant is qualified to access the USRAP
- Determines whether applicant is a refugee
- Determines whether applicant is admissible to the U.S.
- Determines whether applicant is firmly resettled in a third country
- Determines whether national security concern exists that requires further review
- Determines whether discretion should be exercised favorably to approve the application

DENIAL →

USCIS

- Adjudicates Request for Review
- Retains and stores case file for period of time before shipping stateside

HOLD
Requires further review

APPROVAL

PANEL PHYSICAN OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION HEALTH DIVISION (IOM MHD)
Provides medical screening

RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT CENTER
Offers cultural orientation

IOM

- Arranges travel to the U.S.
- Issues Promissory Notes for Travel Loan

DOMESTIC RESETTLEMENT AGENCY
Identifies initial reception site in the U.S.

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
Conducts additional background checks at port of entry

REFUGEE ARRIVES IN THE U.S.

DOMESTIC RESETTLEMENT AGENCY

- Provides transitional social and economic assistance
- For 30-90 days provides: housing and essential furnishings, food, necessary seasonal clothing, orientation, assistance with access to social, medical and employment services