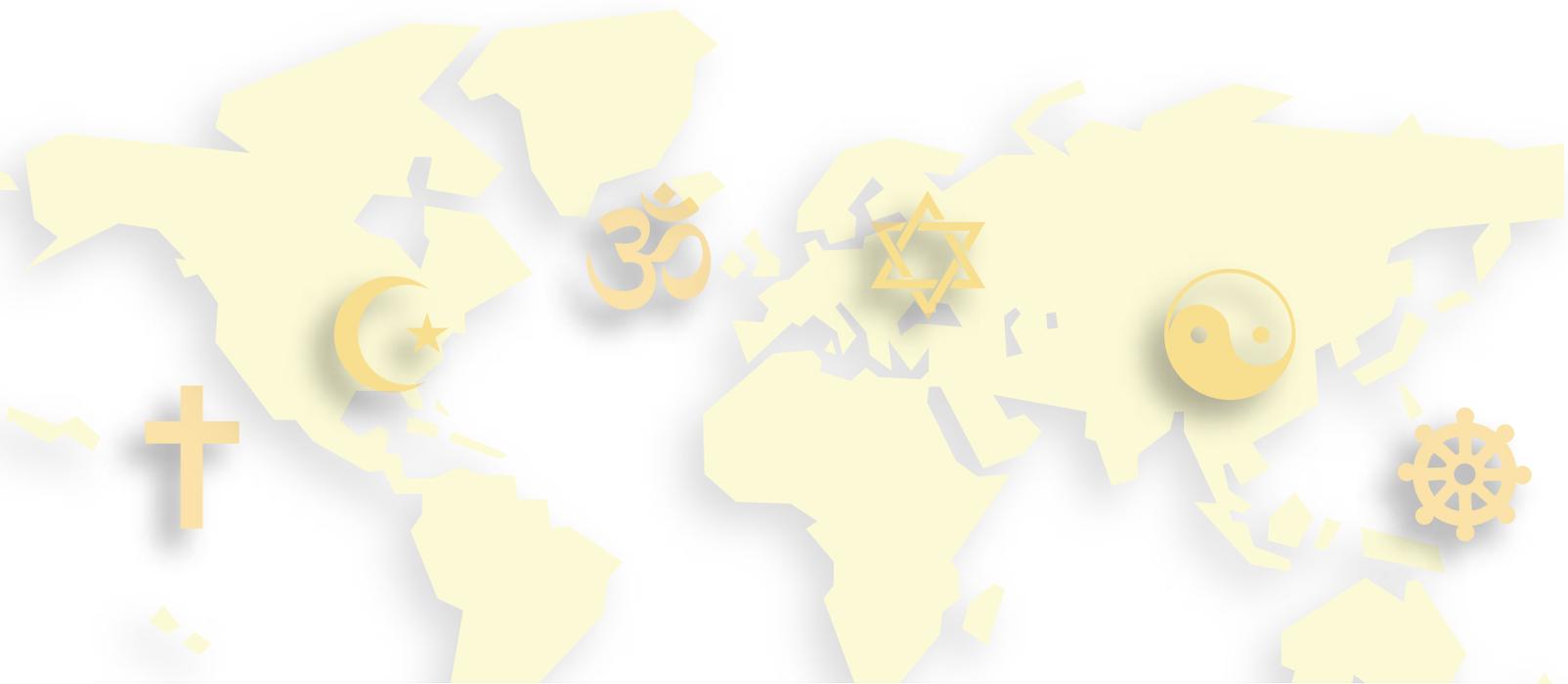




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UNHCR Identification and Referral

Refugees flee violence and persecution. They arrive in another country, residing in refugee camps or in urban environments. UNHCR determines the best durable solution for each refugee family, including possible resettlement to a third country like the United States. UNHCR will then submit referrals to the US for potential resettlement.



Refugee Processing Interviews

The US State Department contracts organizations to manage Resettlement Support Centers (RSC) around the world. These RSCs process refugee applications submitted by UNHCR. CWS currently operates the RSC Africa, which manages all resettlement applications in sub-Saharan Africa.



Refugee Adjudication Interviews

United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) officers travel throughout the world conducting interviews of refugee applicants. Once a file is prepared by an RSC, the USCIS officer will interview the refugees in person to approve or deny their application for resettlement based on US immigration law.



Cultural Orientation and Preparation for Travel

Refugees that are approved for admission to the US will receive a medical examination as well as cultural orientation classes. Refugees in some areas may also be eligible for ESL training and specialized cultural orientation classes.



Reception in the US and Introduction to Local Communities

Each refugee family that enters the US is pre-assigned a resettlement agency that will meet them at the airport. A resettlement agency caseworker will then bring the refugees to their new home that has been furnished with necessities prior to their arrival. Refugees will then work with their caseworker to find a job, learn English, and integrate into their local communities.



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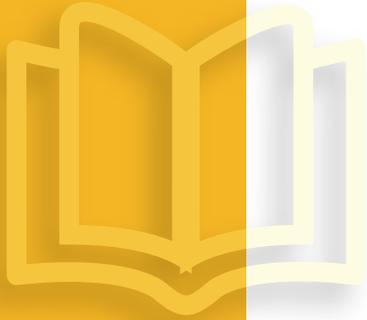
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