

What You Should Know About Refugees

- Around the world more than 25 million refugees—over 1/2 of whom are children—have fled conflict & persecution. They desperately need a safe place to call home. For the most vulnerable, resettlement to a safe country is their best hope for finding safety & building a future.
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What is Refugee Resettlement?

- Since passage of the 1980 Refugee Act, the U.S. set a bipartisan-supported average admissions goal of 95K refugees annually. President Trump signed a discriminatory & cruel FY 2021 refugee admissions goal at 15K—an historic low—and limited arrivals based on preferences, not need.
- Welcoming refugees and helping get a strong start in the United States is good for all of us. Refugees overwhelmingly give back to the communities that welcome them, opening businesses, volunteering and becoming actively engaged citizens.
- After inauguration, President Trump signed an order disregarding advice of national security & foreign policy experts, halting resettlement & banning refugees from Muslim-majority nations. Since then, the admin continued its assault on resettlement by expanding the ban/additional orders
- Refugees are serving on the frontlines of COVID in astounding numbers. In [America alone](#), an estimated 176,000 refugees are health care workers and 175,000 work in food supply chains.

How Can We Repair the Resettlement System?

- Pass and sign into law the Refugee Protection Act, a comprehensive blueprint for restoring, reinvigorating, and modernizing our resettlement program and asylum system. This bill would improve family reunification and strengthen protections for refugees and asylum seekers.
- Rescind all Muslim, African, refugee, and asylum bans and policies that exclude people from the United States or constrict their right to apply for protection.
- Update the FY 2021 refugee admissions goal to resettle 100,000 people this year and 125,000 in FY 2022, with increases to follow.
- Ensure sufficient appropriations and issue directives to rebuild domestic & overseas infrastructure.
- Appoint a senior-level White House coordinator and initiate an interagency audit of refugee processing and security vetting procedures.

For more information on how you can engage the White House and Congress to support the Refugee Resettlement Program, visit [CWSGlobal.org](https://www.cwsglobal.org).