Refugee And Immigrant Services and Education



Worldwide Displacement in 2022

110 million
people forcibly displaced worldwide by May of 2023



2X
people displaced in 2013



35.3 million
refugees displaced across borders



76%
live in low- and middle-income countries



62.5 million
internally displaced people

58%



of all displaced



5.4 million
asylum seekers



USA for UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

RAISE

Who are refugees?

35.3 million

refugees displaced across borders



41%

of all displaced people are children but they only make up 30% of the world's population

87%

of people forcibly displaced across borders originated from just ten countries

51%



of displaced people are women and girls

1.9 million

children born as refugees between 2018-2022



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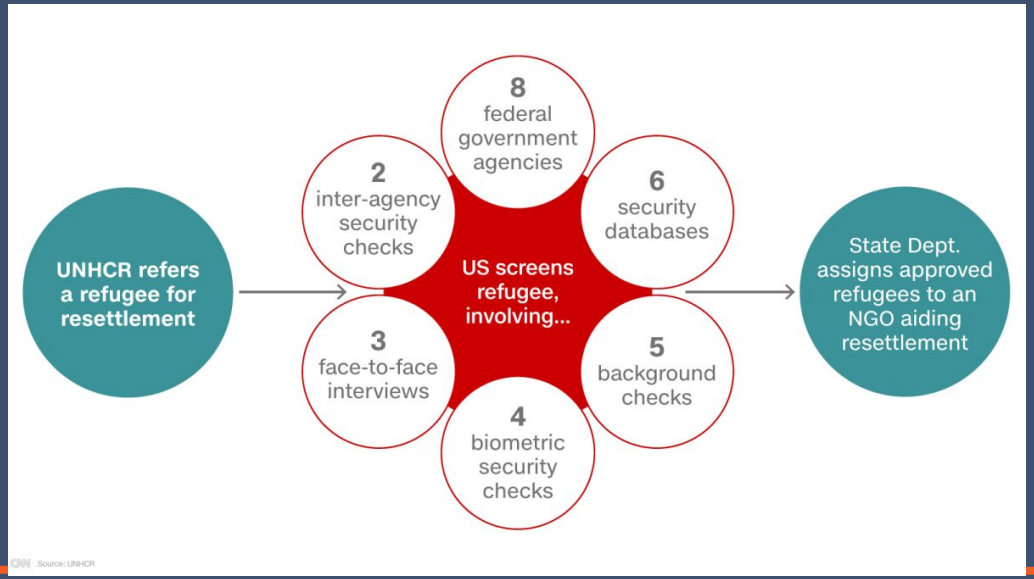
Who is a refugee?

Who is a Refugee?

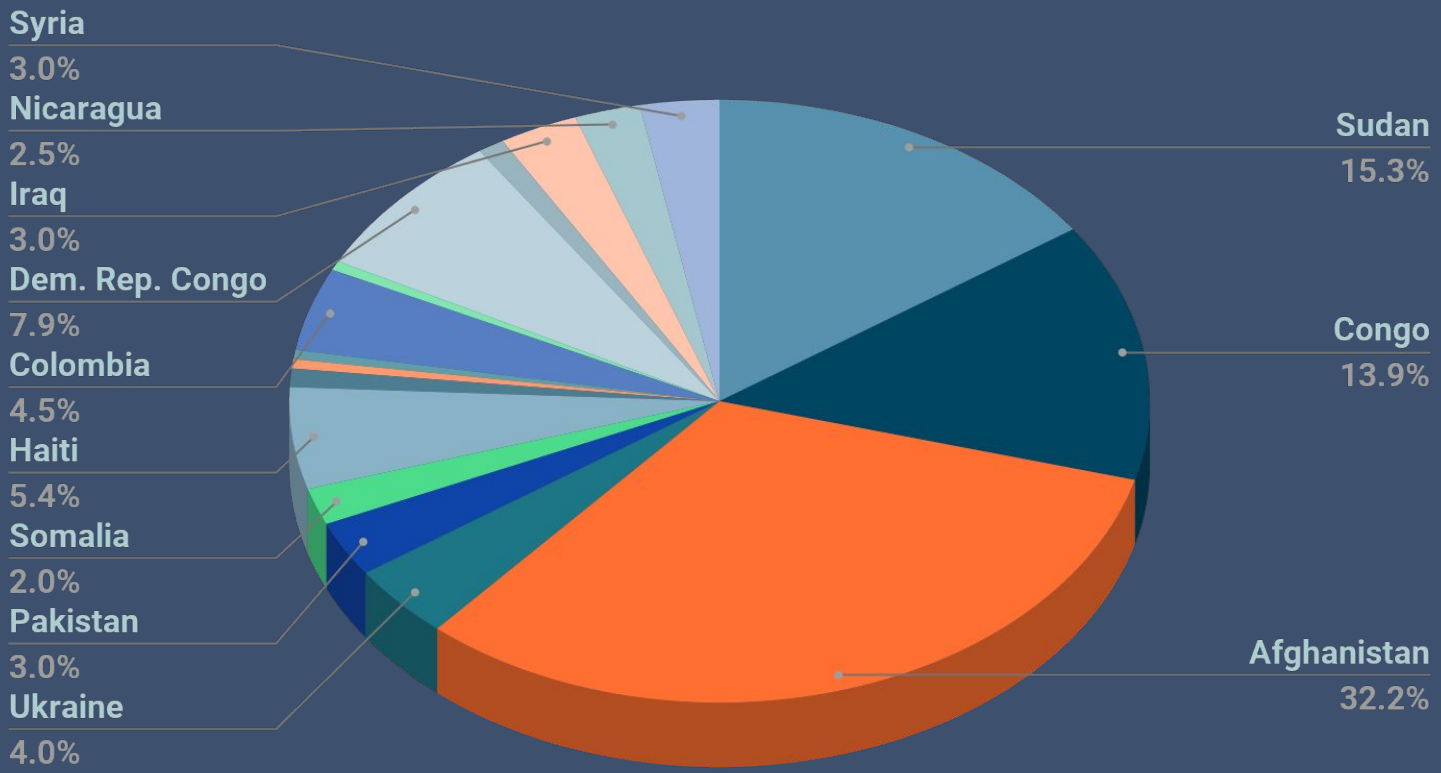
- A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war or violence.
- A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.
- Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so.
- War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.

Arrival to Joplin

- All clients have passed the State Department's 2-year vetting process
- All clients have an issued Social Security number upon arrival
- 18+ Clients have work authorization in the U.S.



Clients' native countries



Our Story

- Started as a volunteer led organization in Noel, MO in 2017
  - Focused on community integration and support services for immigrants and refugees
- In 2021, during the Afghan Airlift RAISE relocated to Joplin to assist with the crisis of resettling thousands of displaced families to the US.
  - RAISE received 160 people equaling about 25 families by the first quarter of 2022
- 2023 RAISE was approved under Global Refuge as an affiliate resettlement agency

RAISE

What we do:

- Reception and Placement
  - FY 2023: 88 clients
  - FY 2024 (year to date): 115 clients
- Employment Programs- Matching Grant, Refugee Cash Assistance, Temporary Aid for Needy Families
- Refugee Support Services
- English classes

Our Lines of Effort

Refugee Services: Case management and support in accordance with resettlement programs and grants

Client Education: English Language and Drivers Education in partnership with Crowder Community College

Integration: Work with other nonprofits, religious organizations, businesses, and community members to integrate new arrivals, celebrate cultural heritage, and prevent the formation of isolated communities

Outreach/Awareness: Raise awareness of Refugees/Immigrants in the greater Joplin area and provide cross-cultural training and expertise to the SW MO community.

A thriving, integrated community in Southwest Missouri where all people belong and live abundantly.

Becoming Self Sufficient

- We, as an organization, help clients acquire the tools and resources they need to become a self-sufficient member of the community.
- Our clients on the pathway to self sufficiency within 90 days from their arrival to Joplin.
    - Many clients become self sufficient within a year after their arrival
- So far, this is our current client data for those that are on the path to self sufficiency

87.50% people who arrived before Jan 1, 2024, are employed or stay at home parent
21 people since Jan 1, 2024, have passed their drivers test and received their Driver's License

Self Sufficiency (cont.)

- We have partnered with Crowder College to provide:
  - in-house English classes every week Monday-Thursday
  - Job Certification Training
  - Higher Education Prep
  - Language Acquisition for Driving
- Through RAISE we provide:
  - Youth Mentoring
  - Childcare for those in AEL Classes
  - Driving Instruction
  - Cultural Orientation
  - Job Readiness Classes
  - Digital Literacy

Thank you for your time!

Any questions?

