Refugee Resettlement
Myths Busted
the truth about refugees

The U.S. is admitting more refugees than ever before.

Myth: Most refugees resettled to the U.S. come from Africa.

Fact: The largest numbers of refugees come from Burma, Bhutan, and Iraq.

The U.S. bears most of the responsibility of resettling refugees.

Myth: The United States only resettles a small fraction of refugees in the world.

Fact: Most refugees spend years, even decades in a camp or urban setting waiting for the situation in their home country to improve.

There were only 56,419 refugees admitted in 2011.

Since the Refugee Act of 1980, the U.S. has admitted as many as 207,000 refugees in 1980 and as few as 26,000 refugees in 2002.

In 2011 the U.S. government resettled over six times as many refugees from the Near East/South Asia than from Africa.

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