

The Flight Path of the Refugee

From homeland to the United States

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What has the refugee experienced before arriving at the airport in your area?

- Understanding the system
- Interaction along the way

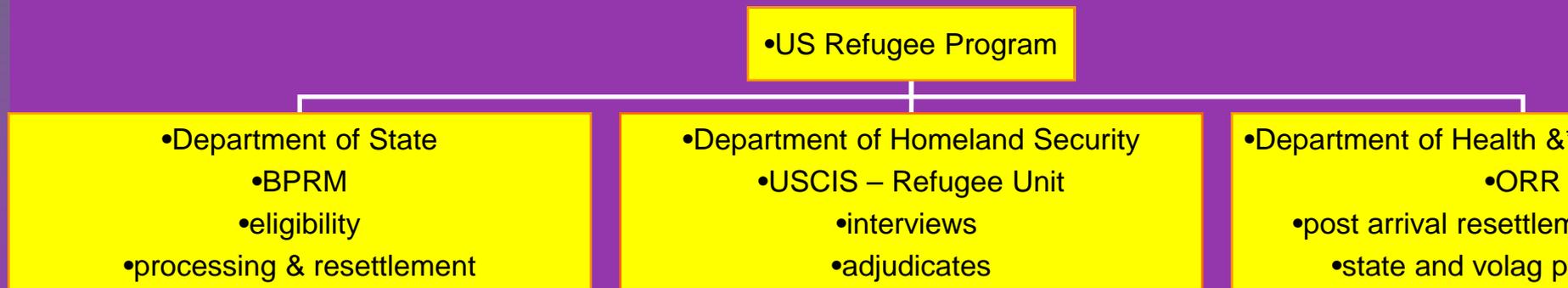
Reasons for Flight

- War
- Conflict
- Ethnic cleansing
- Targeted persecution
- Historic persecution

Refugee Act of 1980

- Recognized and supported US commitment to international definitions and US historical commitment to refugees
- Created roles for three US Gov departments
- Based on public – private partnership
- Provided system for higher levels of government funding

US Refugee Program



US Department of State BPRM

- Determines which groups of displaced persons will be considered for eligible to apply to the program
- Determines the priorities (P1 – P5) for processing within each program
- Funds overseas refugee processing, medical screening, transportation
- Funds overseas cultural orientation
- Funds initial refugee resettlement
- Coordinates the US Refugee Program

US Department of Homeland Security USCIS

- Interviews all refugee applicants
- Decides, on the basis of documentation and interview, whether or not the person meets the standards for refugee status

US Department of Health & Human Services ORR

- Funds refugee resettlement cash/medical assistance through States (W-F volags)
- Develops and funds supporting programs for refugees – funding through states, Volags, MAAs
- Coordinates refugee placement (Refugee Act)