To be Considered a Refugee:

1. Must cross an **international border**
2. **Cannot return** to country of origin
3. Unable to return due to **fear of persecution** because of…

   *race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, political opinion.*
Durable Solutions for Refugees

Voluntary Repatriation
Local Integration
3rd Country Resettlement
From Harm to Home

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<1% of refugees are allowed 3rd Country Resettlement

3rd Country Resettlement

Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Denmark
Finland
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Japan
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Sweden
United Kingdom
United States
The number of Muslim refugees entering the U.S. has plummeted by 94%.


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Our Work in Boise
2015 Nationalities

- Congo
- Somalia
- Central African Republic
- Burundi
- Bhutan

FY16 Boise Arrivals

- Dem. Rep. Congo: 61.8%
- Iraq: 9.4%
- Syria: 5.3%
- Burma: 3.6%
- Afghanistan: 5.0%
- Iran: 0.3%
- Other: 10.2%
- Somalia: 4.4%
Refugee Students Could…

- Have completed advanced higher ed work, or full degrees, @ home country
- Have begun US education early and be equal to American born peers in experience
- Have started US education only slightly before starting higher ed
- Have severely interrupted ed

- Be 100% fluent in English, written & spoken
- Be verbally fluent but not have strong academic writing
- ……TOEFL??? Not necessarily!
• **After 1 year** refugees can apply for a “green card” which gives them permanent residency in the U.S.

• **After 5 years**, refugees can take a test to gain permanent citizenship in the United States.

The IRC in Boise's own Shatha becoming a US citizen!

Proud US Citizens
"Many people only think of Africa’s problems, of war. But people in my country are generous!"

"I am Congolese, not African."

"People in Boise need to know that refugees are coming from stress and suffering. We just need help, support and kindness."

"Iraqi people are very educated and seek peace. Turmoil in Iraq is not our fault or even our choice."

"So happy to be in Boise! It is very beautiful and quiet. Just what I’m looking for."

"The way in people work, and get jobs, is very different here."

"Everything is different! The weather, the food, how people socialize."

"We want people to know about us (Somalis) and what the IRC is doing to help us immigrate so that other people get involved."
Global Boise: Meet Your New Neighbors & Get Involved!

Welcome to the Global Boise Map!
The International Rescue Committee in Boise has created this map in hopes of showcasing how our newest Americans have contributed to our community. We hope you find that this Story Map encourages you to get involved in welcoming refugees to Boise.

Below is a curated list of refugee resettlement agencies, ethnic markets, locally made products that support refugees, and volunteer opportunities. The icons will inform you of what each location has to offer. Explore and enjoy!

- = Resettlement Agency
- = Volunteer Opportunities
- = Ethnic Market
= = Locally Made Products

The IRC in Boise

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by war and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. IRC staff and volunteers meet refugees at the airport and provide initial housing, furnishings, food, and clothing. Additional services include employment assistance, health and social services, orientation, English-language classes, and orientation to their new community in Boise.

For more info: http://www.rescue.org/programs/global-boise/
For volunteering: https://www.volunteer.com/boise
Helpful Links

- [Infographic on refugee security screening](#)
Global Students in Higher Ed
Higher Ed Cultural Norms & Practices

- Self guided
- Teaches (assumes task competence)
  - Responsibility
  - Independence
  - Academic rigor
- LOTS of unwritten rules
- Time / rhythm of academic calendar
- Diffuse / decentralized communication
- Penalties: poor performance impacts access to help
Engagement / Disengagement Opportunities

- Large intro level courses
- Small critical thinking courses
- Advisors
- Peer support groups
- Support programs: TRiO, Writing Centers
Early Framing, Early Data Collection

- Standard course opening: map out risks & resources for all students
  - Directs students to action and normalizes struggle
- Group / peer exercises:
  - Flash writing assessments
  - Flash strengths assessments
- **Kahoot**
Action

- Loop students in to feedback gathered
  - Doesn’t have to be individualized: group feedback still very useful!
- Referrals
- Relationships to follow referrals:
  - Did your students access services?
  - What did service provider learn about the student that might help you tailor teaching?