Refugee: a person, who, owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, social group affiliation, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable... to avail himself of the protection of that country.

Refugees assigned an IRC or CCS case worker. Arrangements are made for housing, furniture, food, and volunteer mentors. 1,200 refugees were resettled in SLC in 2015.

People seek refuge in a second country, usually in a camp where there are few opportunities for education, legal work, or access to medical services. In some places, it is not uncommon for people to spend a whole generation in a camp.

Individuals and families register with United Nations High Council on Refugees & get their picture taken. There are an estimated 12 million refugees in the world. Less than 1% of all refugees will be resettled in another place.

Flights are booked. IRC or CCS given 1-2 weeks’ notice of arrivals. Refugees sign promissory note, agreeing to repay the travel loan they receive from US government.

Refugees are notified of their assignments. Medical exams & security clearances completed. How-to-travel-by-airplane training attended.

Applicants are interviewed by US Citizenship & Immigration Services. After a successful interview, people are assigned to a resettlement agency (such as the International Rescue Committee or Catholic Community Services) and a city (such as Salt Lake City) in any country accepting refugees. Can take between 2 months & 2 years. The US accepted 70,000 refugees in 2015.

Case worker greets refugees at airport. Over the next weeks, refugees apply for Social Security cards, food stamps and medical benefits, register for English classes, enroll in school & job training.

Any time after resettlement, refugees can choose to move to be closer to family, friends, & employment. Sometimes families move to locations far from resettlement agencies & case workers, such as Logan.

Resettlement case closes. Refugees have as-needed access to former case worker for 2 years, & assistance from the Asian Association of Utah for an additional year after that.

Almost every family has at least 1 member working full-time at JB Swift Beef Company (Miller’s) in Hyrum.

While many families enjoy living in quiet, safe Cache Valley, it can be difficult to contend with paperwork, meetings, & appointments without immediate access to a case worker or many interpreters.

Refugee families that are able to access community resources and make connections to the wider Cache Valley community are the families that most successfully integrate and contribute to their new home.

Refugees can apply for Permanent Resident Card.

Refugees can apply to take civics and English tests to gain US citizenship.

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