# Resources to Help Afghan Refugees (last updated on November 6)

Women for Afghan Women (WAW) is extending resources here that may help Afghans trying to leave Afghanistan, resettling in the United States, and/or folks who want to help Afghans. Check back regularly for updates. Send any additional resources you do not see here to <a href="ffice@womenforafghanwomen.org">office@womenforafghanwomen.org</a>.

### For newly arrived Afghans in the United States:

The <u>Afghan Resource Center</u> offers practical information and resources for newly arriving Afghans to the USA. Find information in **English, Dari, or Pashto** on services and benefits, immigration, jobs, daily life, American culture, U.S. laws, money, health, and education. Use our FindHello app to connect to local services in cities across the country. Find help for every status including Special Immigrant Visa (SIV), refugees, and people with humanitarian parole.

Briefer on Afghan culture and welcoming your Afghan neighbors: please check here.

If you are in the US and want to help Afghan refugees/evacuees and those still in Afghanistan: please check this guide.

## For people trying to leave Afghanistan:

- Extensive **resources by country** for those seeking to leave Afghanistan, will be updated as more information becomes available: <a href="https://bit.ly/3xUWwCW">https://bit.ly/3xUWwCW</a>
- Third party evacuation list collections: For informational purposes, use at your own discretion. Note, some third-party organizations are compiling lists in parallel to USG efforts and circulating them directly to US Government (USG) offices—only use if you are comfortable doing so:
  - Allied Extract: Founded in August 2021, Allied Extract engages in the evacuation and safe relocation of US and UK citizens and extremely high-risk Afghan citizens. Fill out this form for assistance.
  - Operation Flyaway updates: https://twitter.com/quentquarantino
  - <u>Team America</u>: If someone you know needs assistance getting out of Afghanistan, or you would like to help Team America, send an email to <u>teamamericaafghanevac@gmail.com</u>.

- Operation Recovery is supporting Veteran Owned Businesses that are seeking to repatriate American Citizens and Afghan allies. Fill out this form to request assistance: <a href="https://www.operationrecovery.org/assistance">https://www.operationrecovery.org/assistance</a>
- Save Settle Support: Our mission is to SAVE the women and Afghan nationals who are at the highest risk of violence from the Taliban, facilitate the logistics to SETTLE them in a safe destination, and SUPPORT their long-term integration into new communities. | Request assistance from this group by emailing requestassistance@savesettlesupport.com
- Afghans Evac We are a self-organized group of Afghans, veterans, frontline
  civilians, current and former members of the national security and intelligence
  communities, members of human rights-focused non-profits, Hill staffers, private
  sector employees, and others.

# If you are or are helping high-profile women or women's rights activists and artists:

- <u>The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants suggests</u> contacting the State Department's Office of Global Women's Issues at <u>SGWI\_AfghanReferrals@state.gov</u>. That office can help evacuate women and girls specifically.
- Artistic Freedom Initiative is currently accepting applications from **at-risk artists** in the United States and around the world seeking temporary and permanent residence in the US. Additionally, for at-risk artists already located in the United States, AFI is accepting applications from artists who fear persecution in their home countries and are seeking asylum in the US. Apply here: <a href="https://artisticfreedominitiative.org/apply-for-assistance/">https://artisticfreedominitiative.org/apply-for-assistance/</a>

#### Visas:

- Call the Belgian Embassy in Pakistan to see if you can qualify for a humanitarian visa: <a href="https://pakistan.diplomatie.belgium.be/en/embassy-and-consulates/embassy/address-and-opening-hours">https://pakistan.diplomatie.belgium.be/en/embassy-and-consulates/embassy/address-and-opening-hours</a>
- The **Brazilian government** is issuing humanitarian visas for Afghan citizens through its Tehran, Abu Dhabi, Ankara, Doha, Islamabad, and Moscow embassies.
  - Islamabad, Pakistan: Email requests to <u>consular.islamabad@itamaraty.gov.br</u>
    - In order to apply for a Humanitarian visa, applicants need to provide the following documents:
      - 1. Valid travel document (passport)

- 2. Filled out the visa form: <a href="https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.br/sci/pages/web/ui/#/passaporte-visto">https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.br/sci/pages/web/ui/#/passaporte-visto</a>
- 3. Proof of means of entry in the Brazilian territory
- There is no fee for a humanitarian visa. Applicants have to provide the above-mentioned documents scanned in reply to this email in PDF format so that we can review the documentation and contact them over email. Also, provide a contact phone number in case they are in Pakistan.
- We recall that, after all the documents are analyzed, he/she must legally enter Pakistan and show entry stamps of Pakistani Immigration authorities and then will be provided an appointment to come to Islamabad for the interview and to collect the visas, if they are approved.
- **Tehran, Iran:** Those interested in applying in Tehran should visit the Embassy with the following documents:
  - I valid travel document;
  - II filled out the electronic form; (https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.br)
  - III air ticket reservation to Brazil; and
  - IV proof of no criminal record issued by Afghanistan or, in case it is not possible to obtain such a document, a personal sworn declaration of lack of criminal record in any country.
- No processing fee shall be charged for the humanitarian visa.
- **Tajikistan** is issuing visas for short-term travel. A valid passport is required. Apply for a visa online here: <a href="https://www.visa.gov.tj/index.html">https://www.visa.gov.tj/index.html</a>
- Visas to Iran can be obtained at their consulate offices in Kabul, Herat, and Mazar. They are open and issuing visas, especially medical visas and pilgrimage visas to Shiites.
   Iranian visas may also be obtained online through their Foreign Ministry's portal: Dari <a href="https://evisa.mfa.ir/fa/">https://evisa.mfa.ir/fa/</a> | English <a href="https://evisa.mfa.ir/en/">https://evisa.mfa.ir/en/</a> Please note: The US does not have an embassy in Iran and no P-2 refugee resettlement applications can be processed in Iran.

# Free immigration legal services around the world:

Complete list

- <u>Immigration Relief for Afghans</u>
- Legal/Immigration Assistance and other resources <a href="https://afghanistanmatters.carrd.co/">https://afghanistanmatters.carrd.co/</a>
- The <u>Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund</u> helps refugees and other immigrants clear legal hurdles and get family members into the country.
- Non-profit legal services providers in the U.S. based on area code: <a href="https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/">https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org/</a>
- All Afghanistan-related immigration resources to the US from PennState Law: https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/immigration-biden-administration#Afghanistan
  - Self-Help Guide for Asylum-Seekers
  - Humanitarian Parole and the Affidavit of Support: FAQ for Sponsors
  - Legal Pathways and Resources for Afghan Students and Scholars
  - Operation Allies Welcome Fact Sheet

**US State Department hotlines:** The State Department has also now set up a hotline at 1-888-407-4747 (domestic calls) and 1-202-501-4444 (overseas calls)

#### In the United States:

- If you or someone you know is a U.S. citizen in Afghanistan that wants to leave the country, have them fill out this form.
- If you or someone you know worked as a contractor with U.S. forces, non-governmental organizations, or the media in Afghanistan, you can <u>find information on the P-2 safe</u> passage admissions program here.
- Congressman Eric Swalwell's team is providing the most up-to-date information regarding the status of a visa application. For people with family/friends with a pending visa application in Afghanistan, please email <a href="Mallory.Delauro@mail.house.gov">Mallory.Delauro@mail.house.gov</a> with the person's name, DOB, case number, and your contact email/phone number.
- Senator Tom Cotton's office is assisting with humanitarian situations such as this. Reach out to his office: (501) 223-9081 or <a href="evac@cotton.senate.gov">evac@cotton.senate.gov</a>

- Rep. Andy Kim has been very proactively providing assistance for evacuation: Reach out to his office: (202)225-4765 or <a href="RepKimEvac@mail.house.gov">RepKimEvac@mail.house.gov</a>
- Sima from Pars Equality Center for Afghan individuals that need legal assistance.
  - Please have them complete the intake form here: <u>Afghan Support PARS</u>
     Equality Center
  - To volunteer or if your org wants to help us with intakes you can email afghansupport@parsequalitycenter.org
- Requesting Humanitarian Parole at a U.S. Embassy: If your Afghan client is able to reach a third country, an application for Humanitarian Parole can be made at the Embassy. Afghan citizens are eligible for e-visas to Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan, and they may enter the following countries without a visa:
  - Antigua and Barbuda (e-Visa)
  - o Benin (e-Visa)
  - Cape Verde (Visa on arrival 3 months)
  - Comoros (Visa on arrival 45 days)
  - o Dominica (Visa free entry 21 days)
  - Ethiopia (e-Visa 90 days)
  - Maldives (Visa on arrival 30 days)
  - Qatar (e-Visa)
- The Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) is collecting names of at-risk Afghan women leaders and activists eligible for evacuation. Send names and inquiries to SGWI AfghanReferrals@state.gov.
- From Rep. Grace Meng's NYC office: Individuals and constituents who need assistance with evacuation and repatriations, should reach out to below email for intake:

  NY06Casework@mail.house.gov
- From Rep. Ilhan Omar: If you have a pending Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) application or your safety is at risk, you can fill out this form.
- John Mues: If you know of someone who is stranded in Afghanistan (American Citizen, Green Card Holder, Afghan Interpreter, or Families) and they have not been helped. We are in direct comms with those in Afghanistan conducting evac ops. PLEASE SEND ALL REQUESTS FOR HELP AND ASSOCIATED DATA TO:
  AFGHANEVACHELP@GMAIL.COM as well as contacting official US State Department Afghanistan hotline # and any other US/NATO government resources you may have. In this case, more is better.

# Information for those with family/friends in Afghanistan who HAVE NOT SUBMITTED any kind of visa application to the US:

- For those that have served with US forces and you believe may qualify for a Special Immigrant Visa, information about that process can be found <a href="here.">here.</a>
- For those that have assisted the United States in other capacities but did not meet the more strict standards for the Special Immigrant Visa, more information about the Priority 2 designation visas can be found <a href="https://example.com/here
- For those seeking to begin the routine family immigrant visa process for qualifying relatives, information can be found here.

NEW Website Link: <u>U.S. Embassy Kabul Repatriation Assistance Request Form</u> for U.S. Citizens who need assistance returning to the US.

### If you are in the United States and wish to volunteer and help people fleeing Afghanistan:

- Join the national effort to welcome and support Afghan families as they build new lives in communities across America: welcome.us
- Donate to <u>Too Young to Wed</u>, who are continuing evacuations and visa processing for at-risk people in Afghanistan. You can donate cash or cryptocurrency on <u>their page</u>.
- Resettlement Agencies (nonprofit organizations)
- Sign up as a host for Airbnb and open up your home to help Afghan refugees.
- Find resettlement agencies in your area (nonprofit and government agencies)
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has several volunteer opportunities **across the US.** Find a local activity here: <a href="https://www.rescue.org/volunteer">https://www.rescue.org/volunteer</a>
- Refugee Council USA: Local resettlement agencies have volunteer opportunities ranging from front desk help support to English language instruction. Check out <u>some of the opportunities</u> or contact <u>info@rcusa.org</u> so they can connect you.
- Catholic Charities works all over the US: <a href="https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help/">https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/find-help/</a>
- HIAS also works all over the US. They accept in-kind donations: https://www.hias.org/get-involved/volunteer/kind-giving-opportunities
- You can <u>sign up here to volunteer</u> with <u>Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service</u> (<u>LIRS</u>) who are resettling Afghan newcomers. Volunteer for airport pickup, apartment setups, and/or meals for Afghans.

- Seven US bases are confirmed to be the first stop for Afghan refugees. Links to donate/volunteer below.
  - Virginia: Marine Corps Base Quantico, Fort Pickett, and Fort Lee.
     Volunteer/donate:
     https://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ona/refugee\_services.cgi
  - New Mexico: Holloman Air Force Base. Volunteer/donate: Lutheran Social Services Rocky Mountains <a href="https://www.lfsrm.org/">https://www.lfsrm.org/</a> | Lutheran Social Services Albuquerque <a href="https://www.lfsrm.org/programs-and-services/refugees/albuquerque/">https://www.lfsrm.org/programs-and-services/refugees/albuquerque/</a>
  - Texas: Fort Bliss. Volunteer/donate: Armed Services Office at Fort Bliss <a href="https://www.facebook.com/asymcaelpaso">https://www.facebook.com/asymcaelpaso</a> | Red Cross in El Paso
     https://www.redcross.org/local/texas/central-and-south-texas/volunteer.html
  - Wisconsin: Fort McCoy. Volunteer/donate: Catholic Charities in La Crosse, WI https://cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance/
  - New Jersey: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Volunteer/donate: Catholic Charities in Trenton, NJ <a href="https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/">https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/</a> | More NJ resources <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/education/bilingual/resources/refugees.pdf">https://www.state.nj.us/education/bilingual/resources/refugees.pdf</a>
- New York State's Office for New Americans: They welcome all immigrants and refugees and have a statewide network of community-based providers. Call their hotline if you want to help Afghan refugees at 1-800-566-7636.
- **Buffalo, NY** These local organizations help Afghan refugees: <u>Journey's End Refugee</u> Services, Jewish Family Services of Western New York and Catholic Charities.
- DC, MD, and VA:
  - <u>Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA)</u> is welcoming Afghan refugees in the area. <u>Volunteer with them</u> | <u>Welcome Afghan Allies</u> | <u>Apply to</u> <u>become a foster parent</u>
  - Pashto and Dari INTERPRETERS are needed to assist Afghans arriving for resettlement at **Dulles International Airport in Virginia**. Please email: <a href="mailto:hdmrc@fairfaxcounty.gov">hdmrc@fairfaxcounty.gov</a> with subject line "Afghan Interpreters"
  - Pashto and Dari INTERPRETERS are needed immediately at NOVA Community College in Annandale, Virginia. Volunteers are asked to show up ASAP at 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA.
  - Virginia: <a href="https://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ona/refugee">https://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ona/refugee</a> services.cgi

- Denver, CO the <u>ECDC African Community Center</u>, <u>Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains</u>, the <u>International Rescue Committee</u>, and <u>Bridges Colorado</u> are helping Afghan newcomers resettle.
- Atlanta, GA Volunteer with Catholic Charities Atlanta:
   <a href="https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/volunteer/">https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/volunteer/</a>; New American Pathways has volunteer and in-kind donation opportunities: <a href="https://newamericanpathways.org/get-involved/">https://newamericanpathways.org/get-involved/</a>

#### • Jacksonville, FL:

- Lutheran Social Services Of Northeast Florida: The agency is at 4615 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, FL 32207; (904) 448-5995; and contact@lssiax.org. For more information, go to lssiax.org.
- Catholic Charities Jacksonville: Please email <u>cestevez@ccbjax.org</u> to inquire about our volunteer opportunities.

#### • Illinois:

- Chicago: RefugeeOne | Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago |

  Heartland Human Care Services, Inc. | Middle Eastern Immigrant and Refugee

  Alliance | World Relief Chicago
- Rockford: Catholic Charities of Rockford
- Quad Cities: World Relief Ouad Cities

### • If you are in **Texas**:

- Volunteer with the <u>Refugee Services Texas</u> to help Afghan refugees who will be resettled in the state (apartment set up, cultural orientation, welcome team, transportation, among others)
- **Houston:** Volunteer/Donate to <u>Alliance Refugees Services Program</u>. They are supporting SIVs (Special Immigrant Visa) holders from Afghanistan.
- Dallas: <u>Mosaic Family Services</u> To volunteer/donate items to refugee families, email Mosaic's Volunteer Coordinator, Katie Jenkins at <u>katiei@mosaicservices.org</u>.
- Austin: Austin Public Health contact information: https://austintexas.gov/department/refugee-services
- Armed Services Office at Fort Bliss
- Red Cross in El Paso

## • Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, PA:

- Directory of PA Refugee Service Contractors by the PA Department of Human Services: <a href="mailto:dhs.pa.gov/refugeesinpa/Pages/Directory-Service-Contractors.aspx">dhs.pa.gov/refugeesinpa/Pages/Directory-Service-Contractors.aspx</a>
- Philadelphia: The National Service Center (NSC), a refugee resettlement agency, has volunteer opportunities here: <a href="https://nscphila.org/welcoming-opportunities">https://nscphila.org/welcoming-opportunities</a>.
   The NSC also has an Amazon Wish List for items to help stock a refugee's home.
- Philadelphia: Help resettle refugees with temporary housing via HIAS
   Pennsylvania's partnership with Airbnb's Open Homes initiative, through which
   you can "use your extra space to provide a welcoming stay for refugees." More
   information is available on the <u>HIAS Pennsylvania website</u>.
- **Philadelphia:** Realtors and landlords who can provide affordable housing to refugees for six months to a year should contact community engagement specialist Anneke Kat at community@hiaspa.org.
- Philadelphia: If you are a business and can donate goods, appliances, and services (such as house cleaning). Contact NSC's Adi Altman at aaltman@nscphila.org or HIAS Pennsylvania's Kat at community@hiaspa.org.
- Philadelphia: <u>Church World Service (CWS)</u> needs volunteers for pre- and post-arrival support, welcoming arriving refugees, and arranges financial sponsorship for families.
- o Pittsburgh: Jewish Family and Community Services (JFCS),
- Bethany Wesleyan Church's campuses in Lehighton, Cherryville, and Palmerton are collecting items for refugee resettlement welcome baskets. Check out the <u>Church's Facebook</u> (Sept 1 post) to find out the drop off locations and items for the welcome baskets.
- St. Louis, MO: St. Louis Mosaic Project, International Institute of St. Louis, and Jewish Vocational Service.
- Raleigh-Durham, NC: <u>USCRI North Carolina Field Office (USCRI-NC)</u> and <u>World Relief Durham</u>.
- New Jersey:
  - Welcome Home Jersey City will help Afghan newcomers.
  - Catholic Charities in Trenton, NJ

- Las Vegas, NV: <u>ECDC African Community Center in Las Vegas</u> and <u>Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada</u>.
- Cleveland, OH: Global Cleveland, International Institute of Akron, Asian Services in Action (ASIA), Refugee Response, and USCRI Cleveland.
- **Portland, OR:** <u>Catholic Charities of Oregon, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon,</u> and Lutheran Community Services

# • Salt Lake City, UT:

- Full list of agencies serving refugees:
   <a href="https://jobs.utah.gov/customereducation/services/financialhelp/refugee/">https://jobs.utah.gov/customereducation/services/financialhelp/refugee/</a>
- Catholic Community Services is <u>accepting in-kind donations</u>, <u>has volunteer</u> <u>opportunities</u>, and <u>helps folks that want to become foster parents</u>.
- Utah Refugee Connection is also <u>accepting in-kind donations</u> and has <u>resources</u> <u>for hiring refugees</u>.
- Refugee & Immigrant Center Asian Association of Utah serves Afghan refugees.
   You can get involved here: <a href="https://aau-slc.org/volunteer/">https://aau-slc.org/volunteer/</a>

#### • California:

- Sacramento, CA: World Relief Sacramento has programs for those who would like to host Afghan refugees.
- Bay Area, CA: Jewish Family and Community Services, East Bay | City of Fremont Afghan Refugee Fund.

#### • Arkansas:

- Northwest Arkansas: <a href="http://www.canopynwa.org/co-sponsor-team">http://www.canopynwa.org/co-sponsor-team</a>
- Central Arkansas:
   <a href="https://www.dolr.org/catholic-charities/immigration-little-rock#how-you-can-help">https://www.dolr.org/catholic-charities/immigration-little-rock#how-you-can-help</a>
- Memphis Area: https://worldrelief.org/memphis/get-involved/afghan-allies/

#### • Indiana:

- o Indianapolis Exodus Refugees | Archdioceses of Indianapolis
- Bloomington <u>Bloomington Refugee Support Network</u>
- Fort Wayne / South Bend Catholic Charities | Amani Family Services

• Wisconsin - Catholic Charities in La Crosse, WI

#### • Massachusetts:

- o Ascentria Care Alliance
- o International Institute of New England

#### • New Mexico:

- <u>Lutheran Social Services Rocky Mts</u>
- <u>Lutheran Social Services Albuquerque</u>

#### • Foster Care:

- Afghan-American families are encouraged to contact your state agency to become CERTIFIED FOSTER PARENTS, especially if you live in <u>CA</u>, <u>WA</u>, <u>VA</u>, <u>MD</u>, or <u>PA</u>.
- Register to become a foster parent for newly arrived Afghan youth at <u>Los Angeles</u>
   <u>County Department of Children and Family Services</u>. Please also check
   <u>https://crittentonsocal.org/foster-care-program/</u>
- Register to become foster parents in Sacramento, CA at <u>Sacramento County</u>
   <u>Resource Family Application</u> site. You can also contact: Heather Tolbert at
   916-875-8149 (office) or 916-767-2468 (cell)
- Foster care in MA:
   <a href="https://www.ascentria.org/our-services/unaccompanied-refugee-minors/am-i-read-y-to-be-a-foster-parent">https://www.ascentria.org/our-services/unaccompanied-refugee-minors/am-i-read-y-to-be-a-foster-parent</a>
- Bronx, NY:
   <a href="https://www.jccany.org/our-programs/foster-care/unaccompanied-minors/">https://www.jccany.org/our-programs/foster-care/unaccompanied-minors/</a>
- Michigan: <a href="https://www.samaritas.org/">https://www.samaritas.org/</a>
- For other states in the US, the following organizations assist with foster placements:
  - Catholic Community Services has a foster program:
     <a href="https://ccsww.org/get-help/child-youth-family-services/international-foster-care/">https://ccsww.org/get-help/child-youth-family-services/international-foster-care/</a>
  - Bethany: <a href="https://bethany.org/help-a-child/foster-care/refugee-foster-care/">https://bethany.org/help-a-child/foster-care/refugee-foster-care/</a>

- Catholic Church:

  <a href="https://www.usccb.org/committees/migration/open-your-home-refugee-youth-today">https://www.usccb.org/committees/migration/open-your-home-refugee-youth-today</a>
- Lutheran Social Services: https://lssnca.org/programs/foster\_parent\_interest\_form.html

# **Donate Your Miles to Help Afghan refugees:**

• <u>Miles4Migrants</u> - <u>Delta</u> will match all miles donated through Miles4Migrants - up to 10 million miles. Promotional period: August 31, 2021-September 30, 2021.

# FAQs on sponsorships in the United States and Canada:

The UUSC answers questions and provides resources on sponsoring Afghan refugees here: <a href="https://www.uusc.org/resources/tools-for-taking-action/humanitarian-crises-resources/refugee-toolkit/resources/">https://www.uusc.org/resources/tools-for-taking-action/humanitarian-crises-resources/refugee-toolkit/resources/</a>

# You Can Advocate For Afghan Refugees Seeking Safety:

- Afghans trying to leave Kabul desperately <u>need more host countries</u> to take them in. Please write to your government leaders to urge them to evacuate and accept as many Afghan refugees as possible.
  - Email the White House today through this <u>email form</u> by the International Rescue Committee (IRC)
  - In the US: Contact your senators and representatives
  - In the UK: Find your MP
  - In Canada: Find your MP
  - In Australia: <u>Contact your senators and members</u>. Sign a petition: <u>Let's Urge the Australian Government to Provide Emergency Aid to Afghanistan</u>.
  - In New Zealand: Find your MP
- Tell Congress to Urge the Administration to Expand and Expedite Access to the U.S. Resettlement Program for Afghan Refugees
  - <u>Take Action: Urge the Administration to Expand Refugee Protections for Afghans</u>
     <u>Fleeing Violence and Persecution</u>

- Afghans For A Better Tomorrow
- Amnesty International Take Action for Human Rights
- Afghan American Coalition Call to Action
- <u>Vital Voices Global Partnership</u> Urgent Call on Biden Administration: Do Not Abandon Afghan Women and Girls (Please sign-on by August 19, 12 PM EST)
- Contact Congress: Specific policy recommendations to Help Afghanistan Now!
- President Biden and Congress: Ensure Afghan women's rights alongside peace with the Taliban
- IRC: President Biden must act swiftly to protect at-risk Afghans
- Call your Congress Member, the <u>call script and list of contacts is here</u>.
- Make sure your government leaders know that saving Afghan lives <u>must</u> be a priority. Send them emails, social media messages, and letters until they do more. Look up your representatives, MPs, senators, and ministers. Sample Tweets:
  - Evacuate ALL of our Afghan allies and their family, at-risk women, children, LGBTQ+ community members, and others. #Afghanistan #SaveOurAfghanFamilies
  - We are calling on @POTUS to act now to #SaveOurAllies and take steps to lead in a clear pathway for all Afghan men, women and children at-risk to receive access to protections. #Afghanistan #SaveOurAfghanFamilies
  - We are calling on Congress to #SaveOurAfghanFamilies by getting our allies out and providing a clear pathway for refuge and safety for at-risk Afghan families.
     #Afghanistan #SaveOurAfghanFamilies

# Resources for Canadian Special Immigration Measures (SIMS) & Asylum Programs for at-Risk Afghans:

- Special program for Afghans who assisted Canada: How it works
  - Email Canada-Afghanistan@international.gc.ca
  - o Call +1-613-321-4243 (free)
- Humanitarian program to resettle Afghans outside of Afghanistan: contact IRCC.SituationAfghanistan.IRCC@cic.gc.ca or +1-613-321-4243 (free)

- Reuniting Afghan nationals with their families in Canada: please email IRCC.SituationAfghanistan.IRCC@cic.gc.ca
- Westway Immigration Services Inc is offering pro bono services to help Afghans legally immigrate to Canada. They are a licensed immigration consulting company.

o Call/WhatsApp on +14377727711

• Email: <u>info@westwayimmigration.com</u>

• Website: <u>www.westwayimmigration.com</u>

# **How Canadians Can Help:**

- To volunteer and donate to resettling Afghans in Canada, email <u>afghaniresettlement@ccislive.ca</u> to connect with Canadian refugee resettlement agencies providing support to Afghan refugees.
- Conference of Defence Associations and the CDA Institute are seeking 1,000 volunteers from coast to coast: <a href="https://cdainstitute.ca/afghanrefugees/">https://cdainstitute.ca/afghanrefugees/</a>
- Get in touch with your local service providers organization for incoming refugees in Canada: <a href="https://ircc.canada.ca/english/newcomers/services/index.asp">https://ircc.canada.ca/english/newcomers/services/index.asp</a>

# **Pro Bono Mental Health Resources for the Afghan Diaspora:**

https://www.canva.com/design/DAEne8twsBI/S6\_MLTr7fBS3P9OrN8uV\_g/view?utm\_content=DAEne8twsBI&utm\_campaign=designshare&utm\_medium=link&utm\_source=sharebutton&ltclid=b28288fe-82b5-4c2b-9335-d42be331118b#2

# Information for Afghan interpreters who have worked for the Netherlands as part of an international military mission:

- Find out how to submit a request for inclusion in the special scheme for Afghan interpreters who have worked for the Netherlands as part of an international military mission.
- Please send **this form** to **kabul@minbuza.nl**. The old email address is not working anymore.

### If you are in Kabul and need to be evacuated, from Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

• For German nationals in Afghanistan: Please register immediately on the <u>crisis</u> prevention list

• For Afghan nationals: Please contact <u>040.krise19@diplo.de</u> or <u>040-krise19@diplo.de</u> or +49 30 1817 1000

#### **Resources for United Kingdom's Evacuation Efforts:**

- Current and former locally employed UK Government staff in Afghanistan: For Afghans who assisted the government
- **British Nationals in Afghanistan:** Call +44 (0) 1908 516666 and select the option: "Consular services for British nationals"
- Vulnerable non-British Nationals in need of assistance: Call +44 (0) 2475 389980 (Available 9am-11pm UK time from 20-22 Aug and then 24/7 from 9am on 23 Aug)

## Take Action Campaigns in the UK:

- The <u>Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)</u> Campaigning for immediate settlement to be granted to any Afghans in the UK currently awaiting asylum decisions. If action is taken on this cause alone, it would positively impact over 2,500 people.
- <u>Choose Love campaign</u> is calling on the UK Government to ambitiously increase the numbers of refugees they're aiming to resettle over the next five years presently they've only committed to 5000 every year
- <u>Detention Action</u> is calling to end practices of inhumane immigrant detention. There's a risk of Afghans coming to the UK only to be placed in unsafe and unsanitary detention centres, so we need to make sure this doesn't happen
- <u>Safe Passage</u> is calling for the Home Office to ensure every refugee is met with compassion and protection regardless of the journey they take to the UK, and open new safe routes for child refugees in Priti Patel's new Nationality and Borders Bill.

#### **UK Refugee Organizations and Opportunities to Help:**

- Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees Resource Center
- <u>Scottish Refugee Council</u> how to help Afghans arriving in Scotland
- <u>Map of support available across Scotland</u> To help people who are new to Scotland find local support, friends, information and advice.
- Refuweegee in Glasgow

- <u>UK Refugee Council</u>
- <u>Saheliya</u> specifically supporting mental health for women and girls in Edinburgh

India's E-Visa Application Site: <a href="https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html">https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html</a>