



UDLÆNDINGESTYRELSEN
DANISH IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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Refugees in Denmark



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- Population of Denmark: 5,3 mill. citizens
- 2010:
 - 5.115 spontaneous asylum seekers
 - 2.124 asylum residence permits
 - 494 resettled refugees
- 2011:
 - 3.806 spontaneous asylum seekers
 - 2.249 asylum residence permits
 - 516 resettled refugees

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Resettlement program



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- 2011:
 - Bhutanese refugees in Nepal
 - Burmese refugees in Malaysia
 - Congolese refugees in Zimbabwe
- 2012:
 - Bhutanese refugees in Nepal
 - Burmese refugees in Malaysia
 - Colombian refugees in Ecuador
- Dossier cases of different nationalities

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Dossier cases I



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- Every year, Denmark accepts 75 persons on dossier basis (written grounds).
- UNHCR Headquarters or local UNHCR hubs submit the cases, which are prioritized as either emergency or urgent, including medical cases (under the TOM programme).
- Normal priority cases cannot be considered on a dossier basis.

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Dossier cases II



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- Required documentation:
 - Resettlement Registration Form (RRF),
 - An account of why the case is presented as urgent or emergency,
 - Any available medical files, and
 - Any available identity documents.

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Dossier cases III



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- Necessary information in the RRF:
 - Detailed chronological information about whereabouts and activities,
 - Reason for flight,
 - Political activities,
 - Exclusion assessment, and
 - Integration criteria (to be abolished): Language qualifications, educational background, working experience, family situation, network, age, and motivation.

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Medical cases (TOM)



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- Every year, Denmark accepts 30 persons on medical grounds through the Twenty-or-More (TOM) programme.
- The TOM program covers both dossier cases and selection mission cases.
- Refugees with special medical needs, e.g. illnesses, which demand for special medical treatment, fx surgery.

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Selection missions I



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- Every year, DIS conducts 2-3 in-country selection missions and pre-departure cultural orientation courses.
- The Minister of Justice decides to which countries the selection missions take place.
- These decisions are made on the basis of recommendations from DIS.

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Selection missions II



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- DIS receives the cases from UNHCR about 3 weeks before each selection mission.
- A few weeks prior to the selection mission, the delegation meet for a pre-departure meeting.
- The delegation consists of 2 employees from DIS and 2 employees from Danish Refugee Council.
- The interviews are conducted within 5 working days.
- During the selection mission, the delegation also hold meetings with UNHCR, IOM and often the local Danish Embassy.

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- After the selection missions all cases are send to the Danish Intelligence Agencies.
- All selected refugees undergo a fit-to-travel health assessments (HA), often conducted by IOM.
- Before deciding where the refugees should live in Denmark, DIS assess the HA-results.
- DIS is responsible for making the final decisions and issuing residence permits.
- For the selected refugees, we send information about their residence permits to UNHCR, and the booking requests to IOM.

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Resettlement time line



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Housing placement I



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- Integration of both resettled and spontaneous refugees is carried out by the local municipalities in Denmark.
- Refugees are spread out all over Denmark according to a yearly quota system.
- The principal purpose of the quotas is to ensure that refugees are distributed evenly across the country, in the interest of successful integration.

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Housing placement II



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- When DIS allocates refugees and decides in which municipality they should live, the decision is based on:
 - The personal circumstances of the refugees;
 - Network in Denmark,
 - Education and job opportunities, and
 - Other special needs.
 - The individual circumstances of the municipalities;
 - Number of refugees each municipality must accept (its quota), and
 - Integration perspectives of the municipalities.

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Pre-departure CO I



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- For refugees selected on in-country missions, DIS conducts pre-departure cultural orientation courses (CO).
- The CO is planned together with the local IOM agency, and usually takes place right before the refugees travel to Denmark.
- The delegation usually consists of 2-3 Danish teachers and 2-3 employees from DIS and the Ministry of Justice.

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Pre-departure CO II



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- The CO is conducted during 5 working days and consists of:
 - 10 hours of Danish lessons, and
 - 10 hours of lessons about the Danish society, including integration, education, politics, gender roles and daily life in general etc.
- The refugees are divided into age specified groups:
 - 18 years and above (including babies)
 - 12-17 years
 - 6-11 years
 - 3-5 years (playgroup)

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Travel to Denmark



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- DIS sends the residence permits for the refugees to their future municipalities.
- Upon arrival at Copenhagen Airport, DIS receives the refugees and assists them to domestic transportation.
- The municipalities transport the refugees to their future homes.

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