

# Refugee and Immigrant Support



## Needs

Refugees and internally displaced people (IDP) who are fleeing persecution or violence often need life-sustaining help. They are cut off from their previous social networks, face severe language barriers, and often cannot work in their places of resettlement. The Church can play a lifesaving role in helping refugees successfully integrate into their new countries and communities.



## Description

The Church's Emergency Response and Refugee Services team works with Latter-day Saint Charities and other global partners to provide shelter, food, and medical assistance. They also provide clean water, sanitation, hygiene items, and nonfood items, all of which may be needed in refugee crises around the world. This team also helps with longer-term needs, such as education, psychosocial support, and help for refugees settling into camps or other communities.



## Who is this for?

Refugee support services are offered to people in various global resettlement communities. This includes communities within the United States and Canada as well as people who have been forced to flee their homes due to political unrest or persecution.



## How it works

Outside the United States and Canada:

In collaboration with trusted global partners, the Church provides assistance to refugees and IDPs through three channels:

- Emergency response: This is for natural disasters affecting refugees.
- Refugee immediate support: This primarily means life-sustaining food and shelter.

- Refugee sustained support: This is for longer-term needs, such as education or mental health counseling. It could also be for job training support offered in extended-stay situations, such as resettlement camps. In Europe, these services and others may be offered at Friendship Centers.

Within the United States and Canada:

Depending on the location, the Church offers three main types of service for refugees and immigrants: volunteer support, donations to the refugee resettlement service providers, and training for refugee associates employed at Deseret Industries. The Church also partners with local entities to give free help to immigrants. In the US, this may include:

- Legal clinics
- Welcome centers
- Cultural adaptation classes
- Immigration workshops



## Where to learn more

[ProvidentLiving.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/immigrant-services](https://ProvidentLiving.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/immigrant-services)

(Utah, Arizona, Georgia, Texas)

[latterdaysaintcharities.org](https://latterdaysaintcharities.org)

(International)

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