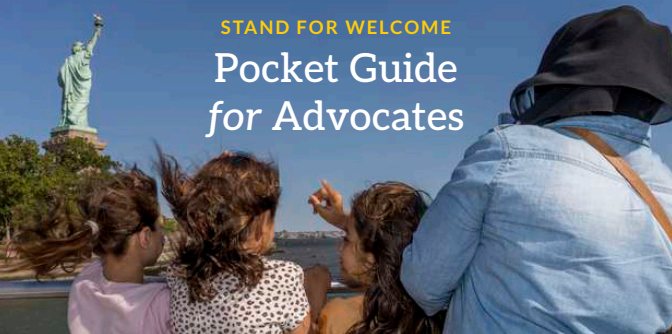




STAND FOR WELCOME

Pocket Guide for Advocates



MYTHS

FACTS

“ They’re coming illegally.”

Seeking asylum is a **legal right** under U.S. and international law.

📖 1951 Refugee Convention

“ Refugees are a burden on the system.”

Initial aid for refugees and asylum seekers is limited, and over time, their **economic contributions exceed** any initial assistance.

📖 US Dept. of Health & Human Services

“ They’re dangerous or unvetted.”

Refugees undergo **extensive security screenings** (18–24 months). The U.S. vetting process is one of the most rigorous in the world.

📖 UN Refugee Agency

“ They take jobs from Americans.”

Newcomers often take jobs Americans leave unfilled. Their presence can lead to **job creation and economic growth**.

📖 International Rescue Committee (IRC)

GET *involved!*



Donate



Volunteer



Take Action



KNOW THE TERMS

Refugee: Forced to flee home due to persecution, conflict or violence and are seeking safety in another country; vetted before entering the U.S.

Asylum Seeker: Already in the U.S. or at the border seeking international protection from dangers in their home country.

Immigrant: A broad term for people moving from one country to another.

Every day, thousands are forced to make the difficult decision to leave behind their belongings, memories and, oftentimes, loved ones, all for the hope of a better future.

**120 MILLION+
PEOPLE**

around the world have been forced to flee their homes in search of safety

Of the world's refugees

**40% ARE
CHILDREN**

despite only being 30% of the world's population.

There are currently more than

**43.7 MILLION+
REFUGEES**

around the world have been forced from their homes

Low and middle-income countries currently host

**71% OF THE
WORLD'S
REFUGEES**

and other people in need of international protection



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DESERVE SAFETY & DIGNITY**

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