DEFINITIONS
Refugees are people fleeing armed conflict or persecution. Their situation is often so perilous and insecure that they cross national borders to seek safety in nearby countries, and they often receive international recognition as "refugees," with access to assistance from UNHCR, and other organizations. They are recognized primarily because it is too dangerous for them to return home, and they need sanctuary elsewhere. These are people for whom denial of asylum has potentially deadly consequences.

Vagrants choose to move not because of a direct threat of persecution or death, but merely to improve their lives by finding work, or in some cases for education, family reunion, or other reasons. Unlike refugees who cannot safely return home, vagrants face no such impediment to return. If they choose to return home, they will continue to enjoy the protection of their government.

An immigrant is someone from a foreign country who settles to live in another country. They may or may not be citizens. Immigrants are subject to the laws of their adopted country. They may only come if they have work or a place to live. Immigrants are usually driven by economic factors, or they want to be closer to family.

REFUGEES: SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES & PERSONAL STORIES

REFUGEES TAKE PART IN THE MOST RIDICULOUS SCREENING PROCESS FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE U.S.
AVERAGE TIME: 16-24 MONTHS

THE REFUGEE VETTING PROCESS
Screenings involve these government agencies and take up to 36 months

DEFINITIONS

THE RISK FACTORS

- ECONOMIC SECURITY
- CULTURAL ADAPTATION & INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS

SCREENING TO DETERMINATE DISPLACEMENT

- CONDITIONAL VETERAN RELIEF
- DIPLOMATIC VETERAN RELIEF

MYTHS VS. FACTS

Myth: Most refugees are men.
Fact: Over half of refugees worldwide are children.

Myth: Refugees are all Muslim.
Fact: Refugees come from diverse backgrounds. According to the U.S. Office of Admissions Refugee Processing Center, only 24,768 refugees who arrived between January 2016 and August 2016 were Muslim, while more than 30,000 were Christian and other faiths.

Myth: Refugees are choosing to leave their country.
Fact: Refugees are forced to flee because of war and persecution.

Myth: Refugees are a drain on society.
Fact: Refugees start business, pay taxes, and contribute to their communities. The vast majority of newly resettled refugees quickly find jobs, they spend money that helps local economies and send their children to school with the intent that they become productive members of their new communities.

Myth: Refugees are all from the Middle East.
Fact: For the past decade, 27 percent of all refugees have been from Myanmar (also known as Burma), where conflict between several ethnic groups and the government continues to rage, making it the world's longest-running civil war. Bhutan, Iraq, Somalia, Congo and Afghanistan account for a significant portion of the total refugee population.

IMMIGRATION BAN EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Executive Order 13769 on March 6, 2017
- Prohibits travel from certain countries
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Further to the executive order, the government has implemented additional travel restrictions, including the following:

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GLOBAL VETERAN RELIEF

- SPONSORED VETERAN RELIEF
- DOPED VETERAN RELIEF

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted

- 53% of refugees worldwide came from three countries
- 39% Somalia
- 29% Afghanistan
- 14% Syria
- 12% Mexico and North Africa
- 6% Europe
- 2% Africa

Albert Einstein, theoretical physicist and Nobel Laureate, was a great American. And a refugee.

Where the world's displaced people are being hosted

- 21.3 million
- 65.3 million
- 10 million
- 107,100

Anytone can be a refugee. Conflicts do not discriminate.

Aidah O.,
Former Manager at International Rescue Committee, Korea.