

# Refugee Resettlement in Vermont

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# Objectives

- Definitions and why we are talking about this
- Who has been resettled
- Generalized information about each population resettled with focus on reproductive care
- How to access more information about those resettled

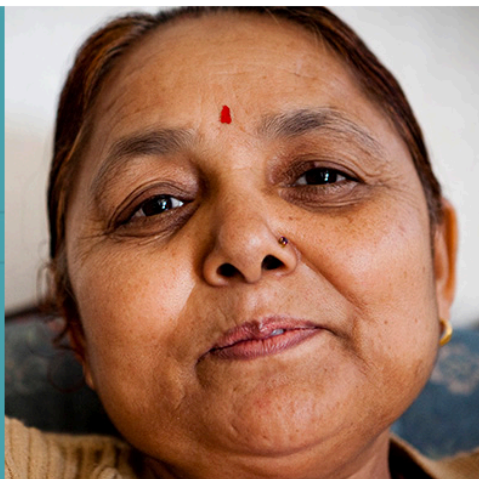
**MYTH**  
IMMIGRANTS ARE A DRAIN ON THE ECONOMY.

**FACT**  
IMMIGRANTS OR THEIR CHILDREN STARTED MORE THAN 40% OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES, WHICH COLLECTIVELY EMPLOY OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE.

Google

Sergey Brin **USE GOOGLE?**

Google Search *thank* Feeling Lucky  
*Russian immigrant*  
**SERGEY BRIN**



**MYTH**  
IMMIGRANTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIME THAN U.S. NATIVES.

**FACT**  
IMMIGRATION DOES NOT CAUSE CRIME RATES TO RISE. ON THE CONTRARY, AMONG IMMIGRANTS THERE ARE LOWER INCARCERATION RATES THAN AMONG NATIVE-BORN AMERICANS.

**HAD LASIK EYE SURGERY?**

*thank*  
*Iranian immigrant*  
**GHOLAM PEYMAN**



**MYTH**  
IMMIGRANTS DON'T WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH.

**FACT**  
91% OF SECOND-GENERATION IMMIGRANTS ARE FLUENT OR NEAR-FLUENT ENGLISH SPEAKERS. BY THE THIRD GENERATION, 97% SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY OR NEAR FLUENTLY.

**RIDE A BIKE?**

*thank*  
*French immigrant*  
**PIERRE LALLEMENT**

# Immigrant

- Someone who is born outside the country they now live in to non-native parents “foreign-born”
- Includes naturalized citizens and lawful permanent residents
- Includes refugees, asylees, persons on temporary visas and undocumented immigrants



# Who is a refugee?

U.N. definition (1951 Convention):

- *A refugee is a person who “owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country”*





# How is an Asylum Seeker different than a Refugee?

- **Asylum seeker** is someone who has applied for protection as a refugee within the border of refuge and is awaiting the determination of his or her status
- **Refugee** is the term used to describe a person who has been granted protection prior to arrival in the country of refuge.

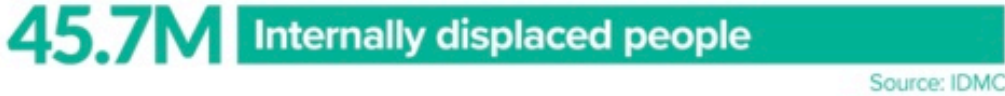
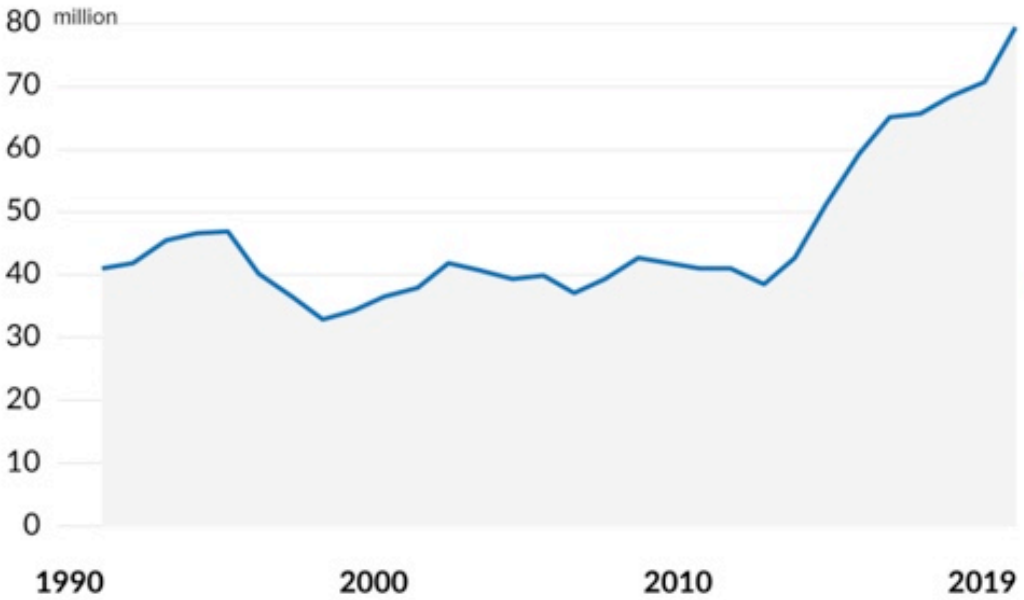


# 1% of the world's population is displaced

Source: UNHCR / 18 June 2020

## 79.5 MILLION

forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2019



**1%**  
of the world's  
population is  
displaced



**80%**  
of the world's  
displaced  
people are  
in countries or territories affected by  
acute food insecurity and malnutrition

**LESS THAN 0.1% WILL GET THE  
CHANCE TO START A NEW LIFE**



**40%**

of the world's  
displaced people  
are children

**“WHILE COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED US ALL, REFUGEES ALREADY LIVING WITH UNCERTAINTY HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED.”**

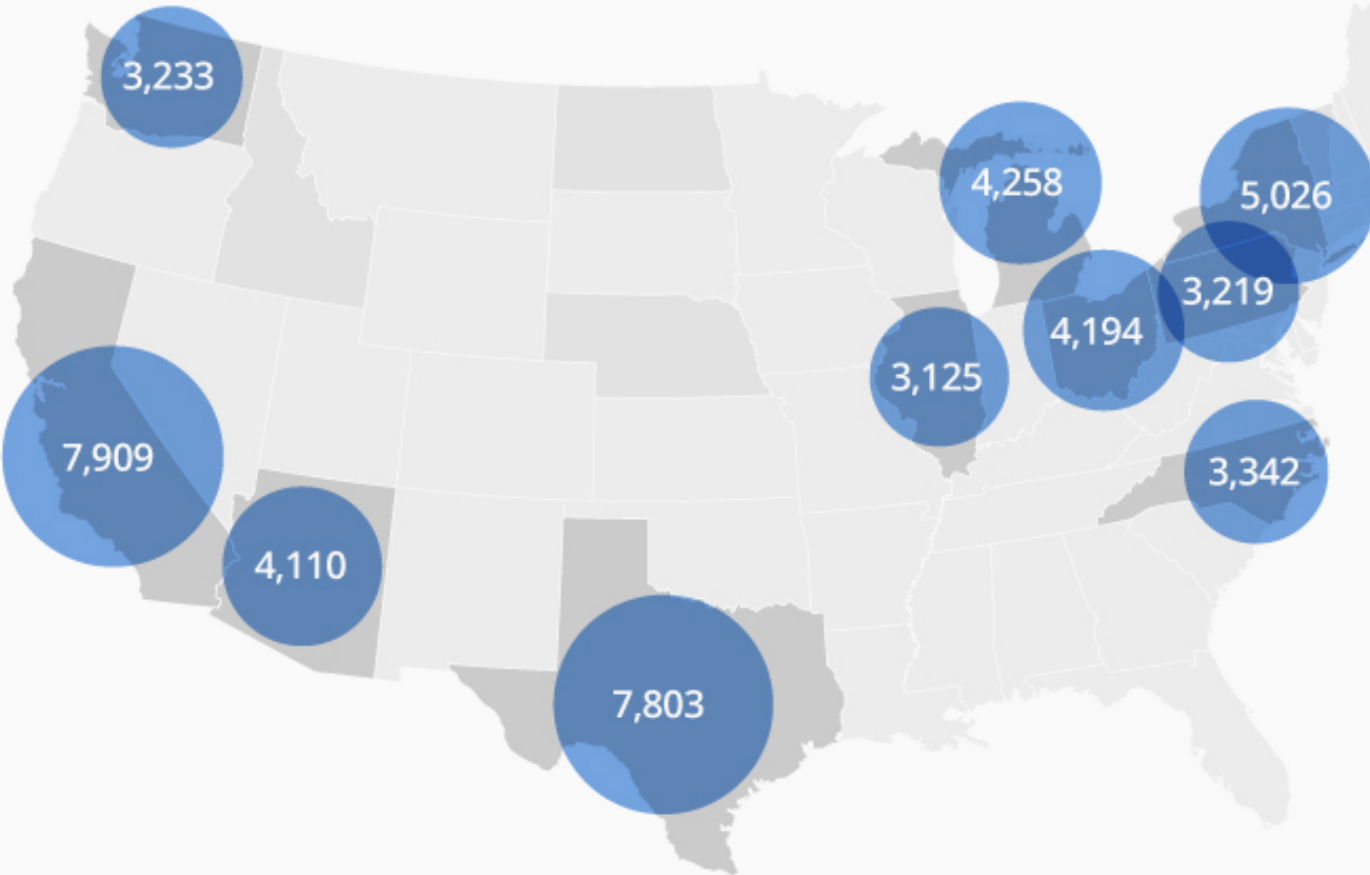
Raouf Mazou, UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Operations.



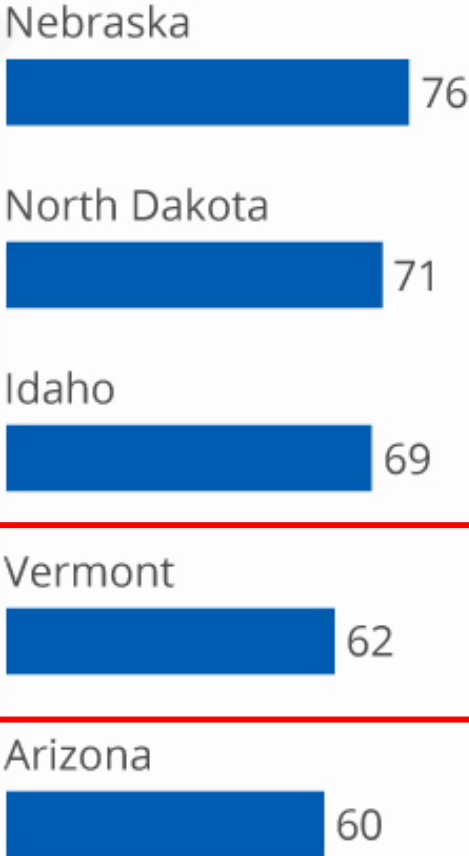
# The Top U.S. States For Resettling Refugees In 2016

Number of refugees resettled in U.S. states in fiscal year 2016

Number resettled



Number resettled per 100,000 residents



# USCRI VT: formerly VRRP



- Resettling since 1980
- One of 7 federal sites

## Executive Order on Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration

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“Mr. Biden promised during the presidential campaign last year to allow as many as 125,000 refugees annually.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/03/us/politics/biden-immigration-refugee-policy.html>

 U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Vermont  
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### WELCOME NEW FAMILY FRIENDS

USCRI INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER  
VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION TUES, MARCH 2, 2021 5:30-6:30 ON ZOOM  
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS  
PROGRAMS - FAMILY FRIEND, YOUTH MENTOR, SCHOOL TUTOR



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# Welcome to Vermont



All refugees referred by USCRVT for their Domestic Health Exam to the UVM Children's Hospital Pediatric New American Clinic or UVMHC Adult ID

■ Airport Greeting

■ USCRVT Support and orientation

■ AALV



# Refugee Arrivals in Vermont

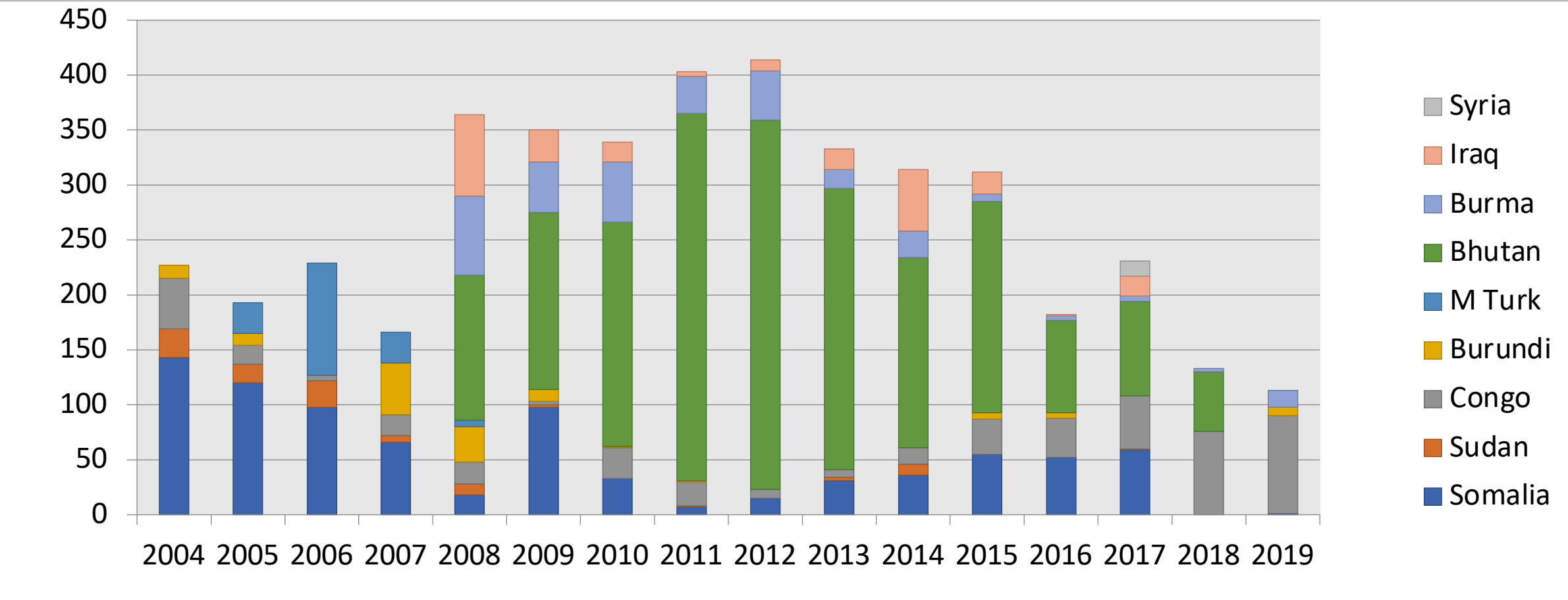


Table created by Andrea Green, MD; source: Vermont Arrival Statistics

# Who Are VT's Refugees

**Disclaimer:** Generalizations are a gross understanding of history, politics, economics, religions, language, customs, traditions of a group of people and their generalized migration journey

“The patient who comes to us has a story that is not told, and which as a rule no one knows of... If I knew his secret story, I have the key to the treatment. The doctor's task is to find out how to gain that knowledge.”

*Jung, Memories, Dreams, Reflections 1965*



# Somali Majority



- **Clan Structure**

- **Higher literacy**

- **Sunni Muslim**





# Somali Bantu



■ History of Slavery

■ Low literacy

■ Muslim

# Somali/Bantu



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■ **Marriage**

■ **Pregnancy/childbirth**

■ **Postpartum**

■ **FGM/C**





# Traditional Healing



■ Burning

■ Herbal Medicines

■ Prayer



# Sudan

## The South



Bouchier VA. **Maternity care in the Sudd, southern Sudan.**  
Trop Doct. 1984 Jan;14(1):32-3. doi:  
10.1177/004947558401400117. PMID: 6729962.

Buesseler HM, Yugi J. Childbirth in South Sudan:  
Preferences, practice and perceptions in the Kapoetas.  
South Sudan Medical Journal. 2016 Jun 7;9(2):32-5.

- Arabic and Tribal Languages

- Christian and Animist South

- Most from South Sudan





# Burundi



"In Burundi, the traditional birth attendants have been integrated within the primary health care system, especially in rural areas, and re-assigned the role of 'birth companions'. In this capacity they undertake maternal health promotion activities within their communities."

Chi PC, Urdal H. The evolving role of traditional birth attendants in maternal health in post-conflict Africa: A qualitative study of Burundi and northern Uganda. SAGE open medicine. 2018 Jan 16;6:2050312117753631.

- Belgian Colony
- Tutsi Minority Power
- Independence 1962
- Ethnic conflict/genocide
- Kirundi
- Christian

# Meskhethian Turks



- Southern Georgia
- Discrimination and Deportation in USSR
- Russian and Turkish Muslim



# Myanmar or Burma



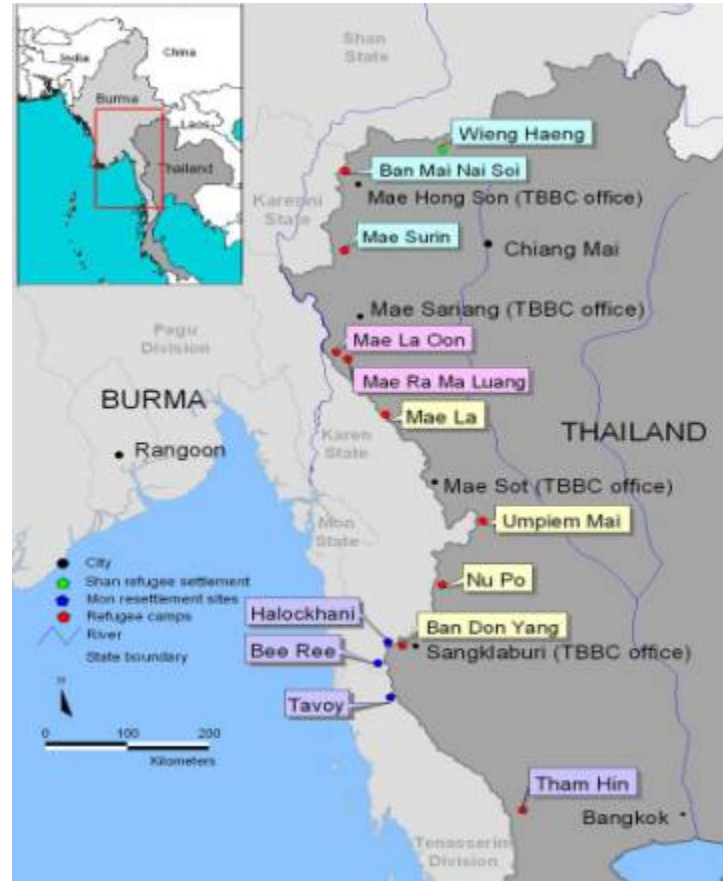
- **Multiple Ethnic Groups**  
Burman, Karen, Karenni, Chin, Rohingya or Burmese Muslim

- **Multiple Religions**  
Christian, Buddhist, Muslim

- **Multiple Languages**  
And dialects



# Karen escape to Thailand



- Years in Jungle
- Scars Visible and Invisible
- Etiquette
- Modesty



Betel nut





# Rohingya escape to Bangladesh

## Finding safe haven in Bangladesh

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have left their ethnic homeland of Rakhine State for the district of Cox's Bazar in Chittagong, Bangladesh.



- Since 2017, 750 million have fled



# Lhotsampa Bhutan



- Settled Lower Bhutan
- “One Nation, One People”
- “Voluntary” Migration Certificates
- Caste System
- Nepali and English
- Education
- Hindu, Buddhist, Christian



# Lhotsampa Bhutan



Repeated Fires destroy Goldhap  
Refugee camp in Nepal

- Evil Eye
- Amulets
- Suicide





# Iraq



One in five Iraqi refugees has been tortured or has experienced other violence, according to data collected by United Nations in Syria (Amos, D., NPR, January 17, 2008).

- Arabic
- Sunni, Shia
- Arabs, Kurds, Turkmen

- 2003 US invasion
- Sectarian Violence

- Via Syria and Jordan
- Higher SEC

- Recent Exiles
- Recent Violence







# Congo – Kinshasa Formally Zaire

- Belgian Colony
- Civil War and Corruption
- French, Swahili
- Christian



- Gender Based Violence
- Sexual Based Violence

48 women are raped every hour in DRC, which is a little over 1,150 women a day. (2011)

Peterman A, Palermo T, Bredenkamp C. Estimates and determinants of sexual violence against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Am J Public Health 2011;101:1060-7





# Syria



- Sunni, Shia, Christian
- Arabs, Kurds
- Arabic
- Higher SEC
- 2011 conflict
- Via Lebanon and Jordan, Iraq
- Recent Exiles
- Recent Violence
- High level Trauma

# Resources to expand generalized knowledge

- Refugee Health Profiles.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/profiles/index.html>
- Refugee Health Technical Assistance Center  
<https://refugeehealthta.org/refugee-basics/refugee-health-profiles/>
- Ethnomed. <https://ethnomed.org>