
Humans helping Humans



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“**Syria has become
the great
tragedy
of this century.**”

– **António Guterres, United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees**



UNHCR
The UN
Refugee Agency

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Quick Decision

- The decision to accept or to deny a refugee's request in Germany or any other EU country, should be made quickly. Delays add no value neither to the refugee nor to the hosting country.



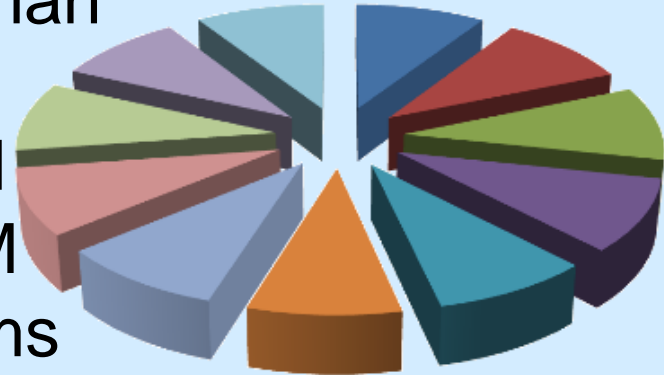
Quick Decision

- Family Reunion process, should be complete as soon as the refugee is granted the right to stay and live legally in the country. Bringing the spouses and the children along with the refugee, helps in making the integration of the family smooth.



Fair Distribution

- I suggest that refugees, on the other hand, should not have the right to select the hosting EU country. Asylum seekers are looking for safety, shelter and human rights for a temporary period (long or short) until their homeland is safe and secure. Germany's acceptance for 1M refugees, has caused several problems for the country, the refugees, the citizens, and has delayed the processing of the refugees requests tremendously. Fair distribution of the refugees across the EU, is a win-win solution for all.



Fair Distribution

- Refugee camps are all overcrowded. This can easily cause issues amongst the camps residents, and inconvenience to the neighboring communities. Again, fair distribution amongst EU countries can solve the problem.



Language/ Cultural Integration

- Refugee's language learning plan should start as soon as possible after they land in the hosting country. It is only when the refugee is able to speak the native language of the hosting country, he (or she) will be able to integrate. So the sooner, the better.



Language/ Cultural Integration

- Cultural education. One of the main problems hosting countries and refugees are facing, is the inability of some refugees to integrate. Along with the Language study, hosting countries should provide comprehensive courses about the culture of the hosting country. It is very important to explain to the new comers, about the importance of women rights, individuality, and freedom.

Language/ Cultural Integration

- Almost all refugees' home countries, lack basic human rights, and unless this is explained in a class room setup, it can create a shock to the refugee, which can potentially lead to conflicts with the citizens or the authorities of the hosting country. This Cultural Education, should also include a brief about the constitution of the hosting country, to help immigrants understand their (and the others') rights and duties.



NGOs Support

- Governments of the hosting countries should support None Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are working with the immigrants. Churches are independently supporting refugees' needs in learning the language, planning some social activities for their kids, and helping them integrate. But this has to be supported by the government. It can help the government's efforts in the overall process of integrating the refugees.



Skills Utilization

- Some of the refugees are skilled in healthcare support, cooking, engineering, language and other important skills. Governments should utilize these skilled immigrants in all the efforts of supporting the refugees. It reduces the need for local volunteers or paid workers. These refugees supporting refugees can be asked to volunteer, and in return, may have the process of their residency be complete faster. This can encourage other refugees volunteer, and eventually save The government some cost and efforts.



Committee

- I suggest creating a combined committee among the Baltic countries to organize refugees integration. This committee should meet regularly to discuss updates, suggests solutions, and have representatives from the hosting countries and members from the refugees home countries.



Thank you

