



HOW TO ENGAGE
THE CRISIS IN
AFGHANISTAN

**WE WELCOME
REFUGEES**



PRAYER + ADVOCACY

First and foremost, we are praying - for Americans still in Afghanistan, for our allies there, and for Afghan citizens. We pray also for courageous, strong leadership in the U.S. and worldwide moving forward and for a compassionate response to the needs of Afghan refugees. We invite you to pray with us and then use your gifts and your voice for those in need.

There are organizations with decades of experience working on the ground in Afghanistan and aiding refugee resettlement across the United States. In the coming months, these organizations will need donations, volunteers, and support in the coming weeks and months. Please consider how you can offer that support through donations, time, or advocacy.



These organizations are offering aid to the Afghan people and/or to settle those who have been evacuated to the United States.

[World Relief](#)

[Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services](#)

[Church World Service](#)

[The UN Refugee Agency](#)

[International Rescue Committee](#)



If you have a local refugee resettlement agency nearby, we recommend reaching out for volunteer needs in your area. For the full list of all resettlement agencies that partner with UNHCR, see [here](#). The following agencies have specifically asked for help with arriving families and individuals.

[World Relief](#) (opportunities nationwide)

[Lutheran Social Services](#) (near Fort Lee, VA)

[Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](#) (nationwide with urgent needs in Seattle/Tacoma, DC/MD/VA Area, Houston, and Fort Worth)

[IRC](#) (near Phoenix)



Even if there are no resettlement agencies in your area, there are still ways to help. It only takes a few minutes to urge lawmakers and President Biden to get our Afghan allies and other refugees to safety, and to dedicate resources to help those who are able to settle in the U.S. These tools make it easy to speak out.

National Immigration Forum: [Act NOW to help our Afghan allies and Afghan refugees](#)

LIRS : [Urge President Biden and Congress to Protect Afghan Allies](#)

World Relief: [Protect Vulnerable Afghans](#)

CWS: [Resource Compilation](#)

[Afghanistan Emergency toolkit](#)



The effectiveness of volunteering and advocacy can be greatly multiplied when we engage as a community. Whether it is your church, workplace, or a circle of family and friends - we are stronger when we join together for a common cause. Here are some ideas on engaging your community in support of the Afghan people.

- Partner with a local refugee resettlement agency to prepare homes for arriving refugees or serve in ways that match your group's talents. World Relief is one organization that focuses on equipping churches to serve refugees.
- This is also a vulnerable time for many American veterans - reach out as a group to see how to offer support to local veterans' organizations.
- Pray and learn together. Educate those in your circle on ways to help and get involved, and make time to pray together for the Afghan people and for the soldiers and veterans who are also grieving at this time.