



How to help the Afghan evacuees in the U.S.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) seeks your support to respond to the relocation of Afghan nationals to safety in the United States. From July – August 2021, the US conducted an emergency relocation of Afghan Special Immigrants (ASIs) from Afghanistan, flying them to a US Government Facility in Virginia. The IRC has been working with the US government to help process Afghan arrivals and provide them ongoing support as they travel to their final destination in the US.

With the situation in Afghanistan rapidly in flux, we are waiting to learn whether and how flights from Kabul can resume. In the meantime, ASIs who manage to arrange their own travel to the U.S. will still be arriving, and, vulnerable Afghans will find new ways to escape to safety. Regardless of their pathway to the US, these clients need urgent support and the IRC remains unwavering in its commitment to serve Afghan arrivals and help them find safety and stability in their homes and communities.

All US IRC offices are in urgent need of your continued support to ensure the safety and security of arriving families. **The largest need across all offices is finding housing for Afghan arrivals, especially in larger cities.** Most families will need to stay in hotels or Airbnbs before moving into permanent housing, and offices have a critical need for funding to secure these temporary accommodations. Funding for permanent housing, such as rental assistance, is also needed to ensure housing stability for arriving individuals and families. Here's how you can help:

1. **Donate** directly to an IRC US office. Funds and in-kind items will benefit Afghan and refugee families. Links to each office page can be found below. In addition to housing, your generous support will help us increase capacity for Afghan language interpretation, trauma-informed counseling and case management, psychosocial support, family reunification support and cash assistance for basic needs.
2. [Urge President Biden](#) to act swiftly to protect at-risk Afghans
3. [Welcome a refugee](#): Open your home as a place of refuge for emergency temporary housing with IRC's partner Airbnb.org's [Open Homes Program](#)

Other needs include gift cards; furniture (sofas, dining tables, chairs), beds and mattresses, and kitchen items for new home setups; transportation such as metro/bus passes or rideshare (Uber/Lyft) credits; grocery and hygiene items; and baby items.

In all locations, the most immediate way to help is by making a financial contribution or by donating e-gift cards (Visa and MasterCard gift cards). Select locations accept donations in-kind.

For national or large-scale product donations, please contact Kate.Norvelle@rescue.org.

Select locations may also have a need for volunteers to help with home setup and donation deliveries. If you are interested in volunteering with the IRC, you can find a list of current opportunities at www.rescue.org/volunteer.

How you can help, by location:

Virginia

Richmond

- [Donate to help in Richmond](#)
- [Shop IRC in Richmond's Charity Wish List at Target](#)

Charlottesville

- [Donate to help in Charlottesville](#)

Arizona

Phoenix

- [Learn about Phoenix's emergency response to help Afghan SI's](#)
- [Donate to help in Phoenix](#)

Tucson

- [Learn about Tucson's emergency response to help Afghan SI's](#)
- [Donate to Help in Tucson](#)

California

Northern California

- [Learn about Northern California's emergency response to help Afghan SI's](#)
- [Donate to help in Northern California](#)
- [Purchase supplies from Amazon Wishlists to help Afghan SIs in Sacramento](#)
- Follow Facebook pages for updates and opportunities: [@IRCSac](#), [@IRCTurlock](#), [@IRCSanJose](#), [@IRCOakland](#)

Los Angeles

- [Donate to help in Los Angeles](#)

San Diego

- [Donate to help in San Diego](#)

Colorado

Denver

- [Learn about Denver's emergency response to help Afghan SI's](#)
- [Donate to help in Denver](#)

Idaho

Boise

- [Donate to help in Boise](#)

Florida

Tallahassee & Miami

- [Donate to help in Florida](#)

Georgia

Atlanta

- [Donate to help in Atlanta](#)

Kansas

Wichita

- [Donate to help in Wichita](#)

Maryland

Baltimore

- [Donate to help in Baltimore](#)
- [Baltimore Amazon Wishlist](#)

Silver Spring

- [Donate to help in Silver Spring](#)
- [Silver Spring Amazon Wishlist](#)

Montana

Missoula

- [Donate to help in Missoula](#)

New Jersey & New York

Elizabeth, NJ

- [Donate to help in New Jersey](#)

New York, New York

- [Donate to help in New York](#)

Texas

Dallas

- [Learn about Dallas's emergency response to help Afghan SI's](#)
- [Donate to help in Dallas](#)

Abilene

- [Donate to help in Abilene](#)

Utah

Salt Lake City

- [Donate to help in Salt Lake City](#)

Washington

Seattle

- Learn about Seattle's emergency response to [help](#) Afghan SI's
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