

## *How to Help Afghan Refugees and the Relief Effort*

Here are some organizations accepting donations and volunteers to assist in Afghan refugee resettlement.

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In response to reader questions about how to aid the efforts around the world to resettle Afghans fleeing the Taliban, here is a list of some registered charities, organizations and funds accepting help in the United States, Canada and Britain.

### United States

- Human Rights First is seeking pro bono lawyers to assist Afghan evacuees.
- The International Refugee Assistance Project is soliciting donations to offer legal services to displaced Afghans.
- The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is directing volunteers to its location-based sign-up page to assist Afghan refugees with travel from the airport, settling into their apartments or providing a meal.
- Keeping Our Promise, based in Rochester, N.Y., offers resettlement services, including skilled trades training and accommodation support.
- The International Medical Corps, which has operated in Afghanistan since 1984, offers medical training and services in the country and is soliciting donations to its emergency relief fund.
- The International Rescue Committee is aiming to raise \$10 million to “deliver lifesaving aid” in Afghanistan. Local chapters of the organization are also seeking volunteers to assist those who arrive through the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa in their search for employment and housing.
- Commonwealth Catholic Charities, in partnership with community organizations, is providing resettlement services and child care to Special Immigrant Visa holders from Afghanistan in Fort Lee, Va.
- The City of Fremont, Calif., home to a large population of Afghan immigrants, is collecting donations to support local charities providing essential items to newcomers.
- New American Pathways, a nonprofit for resettlement based in Atlanta, is seeking volunteers to support Afghan refugees.

### Canada

- The Canadian government is asking citizens who wish to donate items, including clothing, furniture or money, or to volunteer their time, to email [afghaniresettlement@ccislive.ca](mailto:afghaniresettlement@ccislive.ca) to be connected with resettlement agencies.
- Some charities have established emergency fund-raising campaigns for families in Afghanistan, including Unicef Canada, Islamic Relief Canada and the Veterans Transition Network, which says it will use donations to support interpreters in the country while they await evacuation.

### United Kingdom

- Mercy Corps is assisting displaced families in Afghanistan to access clean water and other essentials.
- AfghanAid has been working in Afghanistan for nearly four decades, with its humanitarian projects geared to support United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The charity is collecting donations to provide families with funds, kitchen items, solar powered lamps and other goods.

### How to help women

- Women for Women International is collecting donations for its emergency relief fund.

- Vital Voices, in partnership with Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, has set up a fund to protect women's rights activists in Afghanistan and those who have been evacuated from the country.

## **How to help local journalists**

- International Media Support is partnering with the Afghan Journalists Safety Committee to collect donations to protect journalists still in the country.