We are a group of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) professionals with more than 50 years collectively of humanitarian and development work with a speciality in conflict zones. We have on-the-ground experience in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and other non-permissive environments. In addition, we have more than a decade of experience in refugee resettlement.

We prioritize Afghans who are high value threats (HVTs) due to their work or affiliation with the US government as a former employee or grantee, journalists, civil society actors, US military interpreters; in addition to prioritizing the most vulnerable and at-risk, including the LGBT+ community, girls and women, and more.

THE EFFORT

Providing humanitarian aid to vulnerable Afghans while they wait for flights to receiving countries so that they can safely apply for asylum or await the resolution of their visa applications.

These individuals and families will be moved to onward destination, once all the details have been finalized with bilateral countries and NGOs providing service for refugees.

Possible destinations will be agreed upon with coordination with the State Department, for best onward scenario for these individuals and families.

THE NEED

We are seeking funding in two main areas: humanitarian aid and transport. All amounts are approximate and based on current estimates; the operating environment is extremely fluid. Note that these funds are being provided to vetted local or international companies, and no funding will knowingly be provided to the Taliban government. [Treasury Issues General Licenses and Guidance to Facilitate Humanitarian Assistance in Afghanistan](https://www.state.gov/t/av/rls/npr/2022/280596.htm)

HUMANITARIAN AID ➔ TRANSPORT

- **HUMANITARIAN AID**
  - Lodging, food, and medical assistance for evacuees while in transit in country and while awaiting refugee and asylum case adjudication in onward destinations

- **TRANSPORT**
  - Transport to safe locations inside the country by locally contracted operators with trusted, vetted drivers; or by plane to an onward destinations

CURRENT FUNDRAISING GOAL

$5 million

Funds already received and expended $1.25 million

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