

Third Country Solutions

Resettlement

Complementary Pathways



Humanitarian
Visas



Humanitarian
Admissions



Sponsorship
Pathways



Employment
Opportunities



Family
Reunification



Education
Opportunities



Other
Opportunities

What are Complementary Pathways?

Complementary pathways are safe and regulated avenues for refugees that complement resettlement by providing lawful stay in a third country where their international protection needs are met. They are additional to resettlement and do not substitute the protection afforded to refugees under the international protection regime.¹

The three-year (2019-2021) Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways² is a vehicle to implement the objective of the Global Compact on Refugees to increase responsibility sharing through expanded access to third-country solutions for refugees. The Strategy, which was developed and committed to by States, UNHCR and other stakeholders contains a vision of 2 million refugees admitted to third-countries through Complementary Pathways, in addition to 1 million refugees admitted through resettlement by 2028.

Objectives of Complementary Pathways

Ease pressure
on host states

Enhance
refugee
self-reliance &
build capacities
to attain
durable
solutions

Expand third
country
solutions

1. UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), *Complementary Pathways for Admission of Refugees to Third Countries: Key Considerations*, April 2019, available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5cebf3fc4.html> [accessed 8 March 2020]
2. <https://www.unhcr.org/protection/resettlement/5d15db254/three-year-strategy-resettlement-complementary-pathways.html>

Individuals assisted by UNHCR to access Complementary Pathways (January - September 2021)



Breakdown of individuals per pathway



This output reflects individuals assisted by UNHCR to access complementary pathways. It relates to facilitation of accessing pathway programmes that are directly provided by partners, states and/or other stakeholders.

Individuals departed on Complementary Pathways from Jordan (January - September 2021)



Breakdown of departures per pathway



The data reflected for departures on complementary pathways to a third country is limited to data on departures made available to UNHCR by partners, states and/or other stakeholders.



KEY UNHCR OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 1



Increase refugee access to complementary pathways with protection safeguards

- Promote and increase autonomous refugee access to complementary pathways opportunities through information sharing, to enable refugees to make informed decisions;
- Ensure that complementary pathways take into consideration the specific situation of refugees and legal, administrative and practical barriers that limit refugee access are identified and addressed;
- Ensure that complementary pathways include protection safeguards, are solutions-oriented and work towards the objective of refugee self-reliance.

OBJECTIVE 2



Strengthen coordination and partnerships on complementary pathways

- Coordinate work on complementary pathways across sectors by connecting existing local livelihoods and education initiatives with third country opportunities;
- Engage a wide variety of partners, including private sector, academia, development and advocacy actors to identify innovative ways of helping refugees to access complementary pathways from Jordan.

OBJECTIVE 3



Grow the evidence on complementary pathways

- Map opportunities and develop ways of monitoring refugee access to complementary pathways from Jordan;
- Increase the use of data on refugee skills and experience to match refugees with potential complementary pathways opportunities.