

### 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<sup>1</sup>.

The three-year (2019-2021) Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways is<sup>2</sup> 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>

2. <https://www.unhcr.org/protection/resettlement/5d15db254/three-year-strategy-resettlement-complementary-pathways.html>

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



Syrian  
378



Non-Syrian  
353



Total  
731



Urban  
557



Camps  
74

Breakdown of individuals per pathway



Humanitarian  
Visas  
45



Sponsorship  
Pathways  
338



Employment  
Opportunities  
10



Family  
Reunification  
152



Education  
Opportunities  
186

*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 - December 2021)



Syrian  
53



Non-Syrian  
109



Total  
162



Urban  
159



Camps  
3

Breakdown of departures per pathway



Humanitarian  
Visas  
60



Sponsorship  
Pathways  
41



Employment  
Opportunities  
10



Family  
Reunification  
20



Education  
Opportunities  
31

*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.