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Dear Sender,

Thank you for your message regarding the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). The USRAP is a joint program run by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

This is the designated email address for all correspondence related to **existing** referrals to the USRAP's Afghan programs. This is also the inbox for **certain** designated parties to submit complete referral packages to PRM. Please find guidance and supporting information below that may be helpful regarding your circumstances.

Please note we will only respond to certain types of emails and inquiries at this address, as indicated below.

Regards,

Refugee Processing Center (RPC)  
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)  
Office of Admissions  
U.S. Department of State (DOS)  
[www.wrapsnet.org](http://www.wrapsnet.org)

***The USRAP is free of charge. Any requests to solicit funds for referral or access to the USRAP are illegitimate and not associated with the U.S. government. All official correspondence related to the Afghan P-1 or P-2 programs will come from USRAPAfghanReferrals@state.gov only.***

**I. If you are an Afghan national seeking assistance:**

- **Special Immigrant Visa (SIV):** If you qualify for the SIV program, you may pursue an application to the SIV program as a potential path to resettlement. If you think you might be eligible to apply for this visa, please visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/special-immig-visa-afghans-employed-us-gov.html> for application instructions or contact your supervisor in the Armed Forces, or the Human Resources office at your Embassy.
- **USRAP Afghan P-2 Referral:** If you do not qualify for a SIV, you may be eligible for a [USRAP Afghan P-2 Program](#) referral **if** you are an:
  1. Afghan who works/worked at any time as an employee of contractors\*, Locally Employed (LE) Staff interpreter/translator for the U.S. Government, United States Forces Afghanistan (USFOR-A), International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), or Resolute Support
  2. Afghan who works/worked for a U.S. government-funded program or project in Afghanistan supported through a U.S. government grant or cooperative agreement\*
  3. Afghan who is/was employed in Afghanistan by a U.S.-based media organization or U.S.-based nongovernmental organization (NGO). Note: *For this category, Afghan employees must be referred by the senior-most U.S. citizen employee of these organizations. NGOs and media organizations will refer to instructions available at [wrapsnet.org](http://wrapsnet.org) to submit referrals.*

*\*Note: Afghans who work/worked for sub-contractors and sub-grantees do not qualify for P-2.*
- If you are eligible for referral to the [USRAP Afghan P-2 Program](#) as a former or current employee of an entity described in bullets 1 and category 2 above, you must be referred by a U.S. government official involved in that program. Please contact a U.S. government official who would have knowledge of your eligible employment. **This inbox will not respond to requests directly from Afghan nationals seeking access to the program if they have not already been referred by a U.S. government official.**
- If you are eligible for referral to the [USRAP Afghan P-2 Program](#) as a former or current employee of a U.S.-based media organization or U.S.-based nongovernmental organization (category 3 above), you will need to be referred by the senior-most U.S. citizen employee of the organization. Please contact the organization directly for potential referral to the P-2 program. **This inbox will not respond to requests directly from Afghan nationals seeking access to the program if they have not already been referred by the senior-most U.S. citizen employee of the U.S.-based NGO or U.S.-based media organization.**
- **In general, we will only correspond with individuals who have been referred to the USRAP and are writing to confirm they have reached a location where the Department of State can begin case processing. In such case, we will respond to your e-mail as soon as we can.**
- For further information please consult [Information for Afghan Nationals Regarding Priority 2 \(P-2\) Designation](#) found on our site at [www.wrapsnet.org](http://www.wrapsnet.org).

## II. If you are a **U.S. Government official seeking to make a P2 referral:**

- You must follow your agency's established process for submitting referrals. The process will be led by your agency's USRAP Afghan Referrals Workgroup representative. Your Workgroup representative will ensure your referral goes through a thorough review process before submitting it directly into PRM's case management system. It is your responsibility as the referrer to provide all necessary and relevant information to your Workgroup representative in order to best enable the Department to process the referral and any subsequent application.
- Once PRM reviews the complete referral package, it will contact the Principal Applicant **directly** at the primary email address provided for the Principal Applicant letting them know they have been referred to the program and to contact us once they have reached a location where processing can begin.
- **This inbox will not respond to general questions from USG officials about the referral process – all questions should be sent to your agencies' Workgroup representative who is knowledgeable about the specific requirements of the USRAP and will be able to address questions.**
- **If you need to update referral information that you/your agency already submitted to PRM, please work with your Workgroup representative to ensure PRM receives the updated information.** In general, we do not provide updates on an applicant's case to anyone other than the Principal Applicant.

## III. If you are an **employee of a U.S.-based media organization or U.S.-based non-governmental organization seeking to make a referral:**

- Please review instructions on preparing your referral package at [wrapsnet.org](http://wrapsnet.org). Due to the anticipated high volume of inquiries, PRM will only accept referrals, and respond to questions, from the senior-most U.S. citizen employee (e.g., CEO, Executive Director, Chief of Party, or equivalent position) or their Chief of Staff equivalent. Please ensure your referral packages are complete per the instructions at [wrapsnet.org](http://wrapsnet.org) prior to submitting to this mailbox.
- Once PRM reviews the complete referral package, we will respond to your email to confirm receipt and provide a referral record number you can use to reference the referral in the future in case you need to provide updated referral information. We will also contact the Principal Applicant **directly** at the primary email address you provided in the referral form letting them know they have been referred to the program and to contact us once they have reached a location where processing can begin.
- **If you are writing to update us on a referral that you already submitted, we will respond to your email as soon as we can.** Please include the applicant's name and your organization name, or the referral record number (if available), so that we may easily identify the referral in question. In general, we do not provide updates on an applicant's case to anyone other than the Principal Applicant.

## IV. If you are a **direct-hire American with prior service in Afghanistan seeking to submit a referral of a former Afghan contact with whom you are still in touch:**

- Seek the concurrence of the **current** head of the section or agency you worked for when posted to Kabul. After obtaining concurrence, prepare a complete referral package (e.g. biodata form, justification paragraphs, national ID/passport/photo scans, and biometric information if known) and submit it to this inbox with the current Embassy section head in copy. Direct your questions about referral package requirements to the Embassy section head.
- Due to the anticipated high volume of inquiries, please ensure your package is complete. PRM will not respond to US government officials' emails at this address, other than **final** referral packages.
- Once PRM reviews the complete referral package, we will respond to your email to confirm receipt and provide a referral record number you can use to reference the referral in the future in case you need to provide updated referral information. We will also contact the Principal Applicant **directly** at the primary email address you provided in the referral form letting them know they have been referred to the program and to contact us once they have reached a location where processing can begin.
- **If you are writing to update us on a referral that you already submitted, we will respond to your email as soon as we can.** Please include the applicant's name or the referral record number assigned from PRM's case management system (if available), so that we may easily identify the referral in question. In general, we do not provide updates on an applicant's case to anyone other than the Principal Applicant.

Due to the high volume of emails that are received at this inbox, we will only respond to emails in the specific instances noted above. It is of utmost importance that referral instructions are followed exactly and that complete referral packages are submitted. For more information on the USRAP, please visit our site for [refugee admissions](#), the [USRAP P2 Fact Sheet](#), and [wrapsnet.org](http://wrapsnet.org).