

## Key Objectives

Every year Denmark accepts a certain number of refugees or “quota refugees” for resettlement. The Danish Immigration Service annually admits up to 75 individuals in an emergency situation and up to 20 individuals in need of medical treatment. Larger groups of 100 to 200 people are also selected on a yearly basis from two or three countries where the refugees temporarily reside.

The objectives of this project are:

- To provide pre-departure health assessments for quota refugees admitted for resettlement to Denmark so as to reduce and better manage their impact on public health, facilitate their integration through the detection and cost-effective management of health conditions, and ensure that they are fit to travel.
- To organize the travel arrangements, including necessary in-country transportation and transit arrangements for quota refugees.

## Assisting Quota Refugees for Resettlement to Denmark



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**“Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden are, worldwide, among the most important resettlement countries for refugees and migrants, and have worked successfully with IOM for many years on the whole spectrum of resettlement and related issues.”**

- Christine Adam, Project Officer, Quota Cases to Denmark



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## Beneficiaries

Persons admitted for resettlement to Denmark

## Concrete Benefits

- Detection and treatment or management of existing medical conditions in refugees, and immunization of refugees against preventable diseases
- Facilitation of travel arrangements for refugees
- Efficient, streamlined resettlement processing

### Project Details

#### Donor and Partner

Danish Immigration Service

#### Funding

The Danish Immigration Services reimburses to IOM the costs for activities depending on the number of movements made

#### Project Start Date

1 July 2005, to be renewed each year

#### Project Countries

- Denmark
- All countries worldwide where refugees for resettlement to Denmark are selected

## Project Description

Under an agreement between the Danish Immigration Service and IOM, IOM through its missions worldwide provides pre-departure health assessments and travel arrangements for quota refugees admitted for resettlement to Denmark. The pre-departure health assessment is performed for all applicants in the country of first asylum and includes the taking of their medical history as well as a detailed physical examination. Testing for HIV, hepatitis B and tuberculosis forms part of the routine physical examination. HIV testing includes pre- and post-test counselling.

In addition, IOM organizes the travel arrangements for the refugees, including necessary in-country transportation and transit arrangements. Shortly before departure, IOM carries out the "fitness to travel" health check on the refugees. IOM provides escorts and purchases winter clothes for the refugees where needed.

The scope of the programme is global. The programme is operated by field missions in the respective locations. IOM Helsinki is the programme manager.

## Principal IOM Activities

- Take refugees' medical history as well as detailed physical examination. Includes testing for HIV, hepatitis B and tuberculosis
- Make travel arrangements for refugees including in-country transportation and transit arrangements
- Provide escorts for refugees
- Purchase winter clothes for refugees if needed
- Perform "fitness to travel" health checks on refugees before departure

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