



VOA Refugee Programming

VOA's Refugee Programming mission is to improve information flows to and from some of the world's most information-starved people: the 80 million individuals experiencing displacement.

REACHING DISPLACED COMMUNITIES

VOA develops innovative techniques and partnerships to reach under-served audiences.

TELLING REFUGEE AND HOST COMMUNITY STORIES

All 47 of VOA's language teams are impacted by forced migration in some way, yet nuanced coverage of its complex dynamics is often in short supply in their local media markets.

TARGET AREA

Displaced communities worldwide.



Rohingya refugees in the Kutupalong camp in Bangladesh. (VOA)

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

INFRASTRUCTURE TO REACH CAMP POPULATIONS

On International Migrants Day 2020, VOA inaugurated new FM transmitters in refugee camps in Kenya: Dadaab (106.7 MHz) and Kakuma (99.9 MHz). These broadcasters provide refugees with VOA's reliable, authoritative news coverage in the English, Swahili, and Somali languages.

ROHINGYA-LANGUAGE AUDIO NEWSCAST, "LIFELINE"

"Lifeline" is broadcast regionally via shortwave and mediumwave (AM) radio and is available for in-person group listening sessions in Bangladesh.

VOICE OF AMERICA LEARNING ENGLISH

offers a yearlong training program for teachers that includes lessons and materials to be used to teach American English in refugee camps. UNHCR recognized the implementation of this curriculum in Bangladesh as a "good practice" according to the Global Compact for Refugees.

VENEZUELAN FOCUS

VOA's Latin America Division is a global leader in Spanish-language coverage of the ongoing exodus from Venezuela.



"A Day in the Life of Refugees" (VOA)

IN THE CAMPS

In partnership with Chatham House and the Moving Energy Initiative, Voice of America built a temporary television studio with audience seating in Kenya's Kakuma camp to provide a forum for refugees to address stakeholders about energy needs.



A solar-powered charging station for mobile phones at Kakuma. (M. Yusuf/VOA)

DOCUMENTARIES

Documentaries for use by organizations and VOA broadcast affiliates



TERROR IN TIGRAY: THE ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE CRISIS

VOA traces the beginnings of the conflict that grew into a humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia's Tigray region. Conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region has forced millions of people from their homes. Traumatized by the ongoing horrors, many have fled to refugee camps in neighboring Sudan.

In this special report, VOA's Heather Murdock brings us the stories of those trying to survive, both in Ethiopia and beyond. We explore the human cost of the armed clashes, which have reverberated across neighboring countries, destabilized communities, and displaced more than two million people.

CATEGORY: Documentary
LENGTH: 25 minutes
TRANSMISSION: Direct
LANGUAGE: English, Afan-Oromo, Amharic, & Tigrinya

VIDEO FORMAT: 16 x 9 HD
AUDIENCE: 15+, General audience
RESTRICTIONS: None

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF REFUGEES

A desperately ill child sets out for medical treatment. A Coast Guard officer keeps watch overnight. An Iraqi becomes an American. Meet them all in a single Day...in the Life of Refugees.

Shot by more than 75 news teams in 32 countries, Greta Van Susteren narrates as VOA mobilizes its full network to chronicle how forced displacement affects the rich and the poor, newcomers and their hosts, those in flight, and those out to stop them.

CATEGORY: Documentary
LENGTH: 96 minutes
TRANSMISSION: Direct
SPOT BREAKS: Yes

LANGUAGE: English
VIDEO FORMAT: 16 x 9 HD
AUDIENCE: General audience
RESTRICTIONS: None

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HELL AND HOPE

This award-winning film focuses on the plight of Yazidi girls abducted by ISIS terrorists in 2014 from Sinjar Province in Iraq.

“Hell and Hope” has been showcased and awarded in more than a dozen international film festivals.

CATEGORY: Documentary
LENGTH: 1 hour
TRANSMISSION: Direct
LANGUAGE: English

VIDEO FORMAT: 16 x 9 HD
AUDIENCE: 15+, General audience
RESTRICTIONS: None

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DISPLACED

One year after Burmese military clearance operations forcibly displaced over 700,000 Rohingya, VOA contributor Greta Van Susteren and a camera crew travelled to Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh to document survivors’ experiences and their current living conditions.

CATEGORY: Documentary
LENGTH: 55 minutes
TRANSMISSION: Direct
SPOT BREAKS: Yes, 5 minutes

LANGUAGE: English
VIDEO FORMAT: 16 x 9 HD
AUDIENCE: 15+, General audience
RESTRICTIONS: None

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EDUCATIONAL



CATEGORY: Learning English
LENGTH: various, 1–30 minutes
TRANSMISSION: Direct
SPOT BREAKS: No

LANGUAGE: English
VIDEO FORMAT: 16 x 9 HD
AUDIENCE: 15+, General audience
RESTRICTIONS: None

VOA LEARNING ENGLISH

VOA Learning English endeavors to engage English learners around the world through lessons and content that speak to the interest of individuals. The service reaches learners at their level of proficiency – from beginners to intermediate and advanced. Through partnerships with organizations around the world, VOA Learning English provides audiences with content and curricula to teach American English in targeted countries and regions – including in refugee settings.

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