





UNITED STATES REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

NAURU-PAPUA NEW GUINEA-AUSTRALIA

- The United States Government plans to conclude all initial interviews for Nauru and Papua New Guinea refugees involved in the United States Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) by **December 20, 2019**.
- If you are currently residing in Nauru, Papua New Guinea or Australia and believe you are eligible for the USRAP, but have not engaged in the process, you must confirm your intention to initiate an application by **September 20, 2019** by notifying your designated Status Resolution Officer.
- If you have previously requested your USRAP application to be placed on hold, you must reconfirm your intention to move forward with your application by **September 20, 2019** by notifying the Resettlement Support Center <u>RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org</u> or your designated Status Resolution Officer.

If you do not reconfirm your intention to move forward with your application by **September 20, 2019,** your case will be officially closed.

- If you are actively engaged in the program, you do not need to reaffirm your intent to move forward. Please be reassured that your application is being progressed. Each case progresses at its own pace, including departures.
- All USRAP applicants are required to attend scheduled appointments, such as interviews and medical appointments, unless there is a documented medical reason an individual is unable to attend the appointment. This includes showing up on time for scheduled flight departures.
- Moving forward with your application does not mean you have to depart to the United States should your application be approved for resettlement. You can decide to withdraw your USRAP application at any point prior to your departure, your case will then be officially closed.
- As of 22 August 2019, 619 refugees have resettled in the United States: 330 from Nauru, 279 from Papua New Guinea and 10 from Australia.
- Refugees who are approved for resettlement in the United States are supported by professional and experienced non-governmental agencies on arrival in the U.S. Reports from those agencies and from refugees themselves about their resettlement and opportunity to rebuild their lives have been very positive to date.
- Applicants have inquired about immediate family members joining them in the United States should they be approved for resettlement. Further details regarding the process for filing for a spouse and unmarried children can be found at https://www.uscis.gov/family/family-refugees-asylees.
- If you have any questions about your USRAP application, please contact the Resettlement Support Center at RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org