



Resettlement and humanitarian admission in Germany

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Four humanitarian admission programmes and schemes (2011-2016):

1. ***Resettlement Programme*** (permanent; since 2012),
2. ***Humanitarian Admission Programmes for beneficiaries of protection from Syria, its neighbouring countries, Egypt & Libya*** (quota based; 2013-2014),
3. ***Admission Procedure for Afghan Local Staff*** (temporary, since 2012)
4. ***Private Sponsorship Programmes*** for Syrians implemented by various German federal Länder (temporary, since 2013).

Total number of persons admitted (2011-2015)

Admission procedures	Persons entering per year					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Resettlement	-	307	293	321	481	1,402
HAP Syria	-	-	1,879	9,926	7,147	18,952
Admission Procedure for Afghan Local Staff	-	-	67	946	1,025	2,038
Private sponsorship programmes for Syrians	-	-	ni	ni	ni	21,500

Source: Federal Office for Migration and Refugees;
ni = no information

Resettlement Programme (since 2012)

- **Quota:** 2012 - 2014: 300; 2015: 500; 2016 - 2017: 800
- **UNHCR recognized refugee status is required;** Selection missions by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees
- **Selection criteria:** preservation of family unity, family or other ties in Germany, the 'integration potential', degree of vulnerability
- **Residence title for three years**
- **Access to integration courses and further support measures**
- **First reception centrally for 14 days**

HAP Syria (temporary, quotas, 2013-2014)

- 1956 first humanitarian admission programme in Germany
- 3 humanitarian admission programmes for 20,000 beneficiaries of protection from Syria, its neighbouring countries, Egypt & Libya
- **UNHCR recognized refugee status** was partly required; dossier based selection by proposals
- **Selection criteria:** humanitarian reasons, family ties, contribution to the reconstruction of the country after the conflict has ended
- **Residence title** is issued usually for two years and includes a work permit from the very beginning

Admission Procedure for Afghan Local Staff

- Since 2012 common procedure for the admission of Afghan local staff:
“Each Afghan local staff member that is considered at risk due to his or her activities for the German agencies will be offered to be admitted.”
- Approval for admission **includes the staff member’s nuclear family**
- **Selection criteria:** The risk is assessed with a common list of criteria
- **Residence title** is issued usually for two years and includes a work permit from the very beginning

Private Sponsorship Programmes

- For Syrian citizens or stateless persons from Syria
- No UNHCR status needed and no international organizations involved
- Target group: Syrian citizens and stateless persons from Syria
- In most federal Länder a family link was a prerequisite; in some others third parties could also make a declaration of commitment
- More than one person may be sponsored at a time
- Exclusion criteria: criminal record, support of terrorist groups

Private Sponsorship Programmes

- **Residence permit** is usually issued for two years and includes a work permit from the very beginning; no claim to attend integration course
- Foreigners office need to verify the **financial standing of the sponsor**
- **Duration of liability** is limited to five years in general
- Several expenditures exempted from the declaration of commitment
- Declarations of commitment continue to apply in case of an **asylum application** and in case of **deportation**

Thank you for your attention

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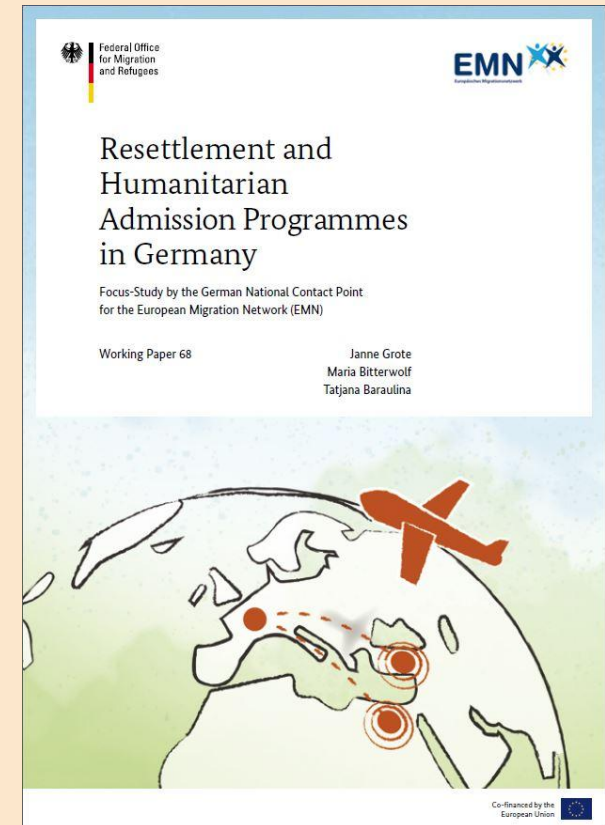
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Private Sponsorship Programmes

Example: Syrian parents joining their married son (2 children) in North-Rhine Westphalia

Attachment-exempted monthly income:	€ 1,879.99
+ subsistence minimum of a refugees as a spouse:	€ 318.00
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Required minimum net income:	€ 2,515.99

Source: MIK NRW 2013