



## LGBTI Refugee Survey

Thank you for participating in this survey.

This survey is being carried out by the LGBTI Caucus of the Refugee Congress. We are a group of gay and lesbian refugees who have been resettled to the US from countries around the world and are now working together to improve the situation of other LGBTI refugees, particularly those who have been resettled to the US.

This is the first time resettled LGBTI refugees to the US have been asked about their resettlement experience. All the information you provide is completely confidential, including your identity. It will take about 15 minutes to complete. We use the term “LGBTI” throughout the survey, which includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and any other gender nonconforming people. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You can choose to skip a question or not answer a question if you wish. Your participation in this survey will allow us to identify gaps in services for LGBTI refugees and we hope to use the information to create more welcoming environments and greater protections for LGBTI refugees during the resettlement process. Results from this survey will be shared with resettlement partners and organizations that work with LGBTI refugees, both abroad and in the U.S.

Please send the completed survey to:

UNHCR  
c/o LGBTI Survey  
1800 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 500  
Washington, DC 20036

Thank you for taking the time to take this survey. If you have questions, please contact [rclgbticaucus@gmail.com](mailto:rclgbticaucus@gmail.com).



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## LGBTI Refugee Survey

### Before arriving to the US

1. Before arriving to the US, did you tell any of the organizations that worked with you that you were LGBTI?

- Yes
- No (if NO, skip to question 4)
- Don't remember

2. Who did you tell about your LGBTI status? (Check all that apply)

- UNHCR - United Nations Refugee Agency
- RSC - Resettlement Support Center
- DHS/USCIS - US Immigration officer
- IOM - International Organization for Migration
- Other (please specify)

3. Did you expect that the overseas organizations would tell your resettlement agency in the US that you are LGBTI?

- Yes
- No
- Don't remember

4. In your cultural orientation overseas, did the instructors ever talk about LGBTI persons in the US?

- Yes
- No
- Didn't attend a cultural orientation while overseas
- Don't remember

5. Overall, how satisfied are you by the way you were treated as a LGBTI person by overseas refugee organizations (UNHCR, RSC, DHS/USCIS, IOM, etc)?

- Very satisfied
- Moderately satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Moderately dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

6. Suggest one or two ways that overseas refugee organizations can improve their work with LGBTI refugees going through the resettlement process.



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### Your experience after arriving to the US

7. Do you think that your resettlement agency knew you were an LGBTI refugee when you first arrived to the US?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

8. Overall, are you satisfied with your resettlement agency's ability to work with LGBTI refugees?

- Very satisfied
- Moderately satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Moderately dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

9. Did your resettlement agency tell you about support services in your city or area for LGBTI people (for example, support groups, LGBTI organizations, specialized counselling)?

- Yes
- No

10. Are you now in contact with any organizations, service providers or groups in your community that work specifically with LGBTI people?

- Yes
- No

11. Based on your experience, which of the following do you think is the biggest challenge for LGBTI refugees who recently resettled to the US (choose one):

- Housing
- Employment
- Health & Medical Services
- Social Services
- Education/English Language
- Other (please specify)

12. Suggest one or two ways that refugee resettlement organizations in the US can improve their work with LGBTI refugees after arrival.



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## LGBTI Refugee Survey

Tell us about yourself

**All identifying information provided will remain confidential.**

13. I consider myself to be:

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Transgender
- Intersex
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

14. What country were you resettled from (country of first asylum)?

15. What city were you originally resettled to?

16. What state were you originally resettled to?

17. What city and state do you currently live in?

18. If you have moved to a different city from where you were first resettled, what was the reason for your move?

19. How long have you been in the US for?

Less than 1 year

1-4 years

5 or more years

20. Would you be willing to be contacted further about your experience? If so, please list your name, phone number, email address or any other contact method you prefer. (This question is optional, may leave blank)

Thank you for completing this survey. The results of this survey will be shared with resettlement agencies and partners both overseas and in the US.