



# INTEGRATION

**IOM Country Office in Finland** provides training for Finland-bound quota refugees. This helps the refugees to integrate into the Finnish society and begin a new life. IOM supports the integration of refugees both before and after their resettlement in Finland.



## IOM AND QUOTA REFUGEES

IOM Country Office in Finland organizes the resettlement of quota refugees arriving from departure countries to the Nordic countries. In addition, the Country Office organizes Pre-Departure Cultural Orientation for quota refugees selected for Finland and Iceland.

The orientation trainings provide the refugees with basic facts about their new home country and prepares them for their integration process.

The amount of refugees and their countries of origin may vary annually. Finland has decided to

select the majority of quota refugees from conflict zones and in the past years the largest numbers have been Congolese and Syrians.

Since 2001 IOM Country Office in Finland has organized Pre-Departure Cultural Orientation for more than 4000 quota refugees in 13 countries. Globally IOM has organized Pre-Departure Cultural Orientations for over 500 000 refugees in more than 70 countries.



Children's cultural orientation in Lebanon. © IOM 2016

## IOM FINLAND

The International Organization for Migration is the leading organization for migration management and since 2016 the UN's Migration Agency.

Finland has been a Member State of IOM since 1991. The office in Helsinki was opened in 1993.

IOM Country Office in Finland is in charge of operations in Finland, Sweden and Iceland, and provides administrative support to the IOM offices in Denmark and Estonia.

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# BEFORE AND AFTER RESETTLEMENT

**IOM Country Office in Finland** contributes to the integration continuum by organizing cultural orientations in the departure countries and supporting the implementation of post-arrival civic orientations in Finland.

## CULTURAL ORIENTATION

Cultural orientation offers refugees practical information about their new home country and resettlement. It also familiarizes the quota refugees with Finnish language and encourages towards active participation and agency.

Currently the orientations are organized in cooperation with the Diaconia University of Applied Sciences in the FINCO 2018-2021 project coordinated by the Finnish Immigration Service.

- Fact based information on everyday life, employment, education and integration process
- Interactive and learner-centred approach catering to different ages and genders
- Empowering learning experience through creative teaching methods
- Separate orientations for children and youth
- [movingtofinland.fi](http://movingtofinland.fi)

## CIVIC ORIENTATION

The civic orientation provided in native languages, developed by the Finnish Refugee Council, supports refugees' capacity to become full members of society.

The civic orientations courses are part of the Navigator – Towards Diverse Municipalities 2018-2021 project implemented by the IOM Country Office in Finland, the Finnish Refugee Council and Diaconia University of Applied Sciences.

- Trainers with personal integration experiences and training for the assignment
- Civic Orientation Textbook in Arabic, Somali, Dari, Swedish and English
- Interactive learning methods, study visits and dialogical approach
- Possibility to compare differences between the old and the new home countries in a small group setting
- [yhteiskuntaorientaatio.fi](http://yhteiskuntaorientaatio.fi)



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Syrian children learning Finnish in Turkey. © IOM 2017