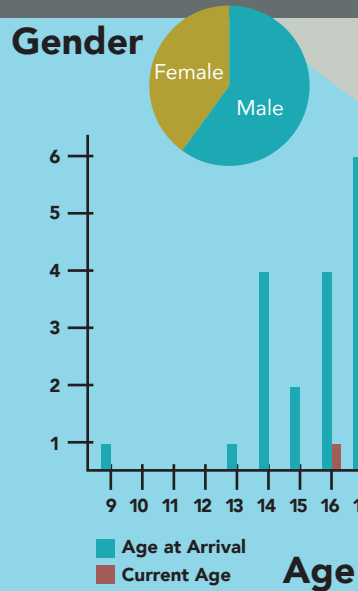


# 25 YOUTH | 14 COUNTRIES | 1 INCREDIBLE CONSULTATION

Information presented in this graphic was collected from 25 refugee youth leaders participating in the 2016 U.S. Refugee Youth Consultations. This event was part of the Global Refugee Youth Consultations which are occurring all over the globe.

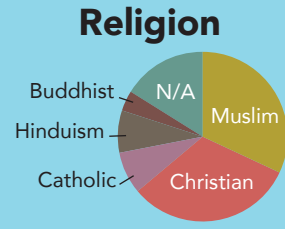


“ There was no place for you to grow inside the camp, and you thought you'd have a better place here, but when you got here there was still that struggle, you still felt like you were inside the camp, because you were different, you speak differently, and your hopes, dreams, and advancements... you can't really take advantage of what you have, because you still feel like you're confined. ”

—Dipesh



- ### Country of Origin
- Burma
  - Bhutan
  - Democratic Republic of Congo
  - Ethiopia
  - Eritrea
  - Haiti
  - Honduras
  - Iraq
  - Mexico
  - Nepal
  - Nigeria
  - Rwanda
  - Somalia
  - Sudan



## My Experience as a Refugee or Asylee Prior to Arriving in the U.S.

- 49%** were separated from their families for 4 months to 16 years, with one youth still separated
- 40%** lived in a refugee camp
- 42%** were not able to attend school for 3 months to 15 years
- 34%** lived in more than two countries prior to the U.S.
- 23%** were internally displaced
- 20%** fled their homes without their parents/guardians
- 8 years**=average time between fleeing home and resettlement, with some youth living their entire childhood as a refugee

## My Experience After Resettling in the U.S. I currently live with...

- 45%** biological parent(s)
- 24%** foster parent(s) from the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) Program
- 16%** extended relatives/family friends
- 15%** adult siblings

## Top Challenges I Face...

- English Language Skills
  - Discrimination & Bullying
  - Education
  - Cultural Adjustment
- \*Additional challenges include financial, housing, employment difficulties

“ People tell us that U.S. is heaven, but it's not a heaven for us as an immigrant. I went through a lot of stuff that I will never forget. It makes me strong. I have good intentions, for me, my family and other people. I want to make a difference. ”

—Jimmy



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