

LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

LIFE SKILLS FOR BURUNDIAN REFUGEES

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INTRODUCTION

Supporting the Successful Integration of Burundian Refugees is a program of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). Through funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, USCRI provides support and resources to Burundian refugees and resettlement communities to assist in overcoming barriers to integration and obtaining self-sufficiency.

Living in the United States: Life Skills for Burundian Refugees is available in a multimedia format in Kirundi and in print format in both Kirundi and English. The multimedia format is available on the USCRI website, www.refugees.org, and on DVD. USCRI worked closely with Burundian refugees and service providers to develop these materials. This first volume contains eight life skills topics and an additional two volumes will follow in 2009 and 2010. For service providers, USCRI recommends following each topic with individual and/or group discussions in order to enhance the learning experience and address refugees' questions and concerns. To help facilitate discussion and workshops on any of the life skills topics, *A Guide for Facilitators* is also available for download at www.refugees.org.

Please note, some of the information in Topic 6 "Safety and Emergencies" and Topic 7 "Housing" is adapted from Mercy Housing's book, *Welcome to Your New Home*, available at www.refugeehouse.org.

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Visit www.refugees.org for additional information on Burundian refugees and resources. Please contact Amanda Gonzales, USCRI Program Officer, with questions, comments, or suggestions for future life skills topics at agonzales@uscriddc.org.