



IOM Nepal United States Cultural Orientation

100,000 refugees from Bhutan...

living in camps in Eastern Nepal for almost 20 years...

with no other options...

until 2007...





**The United States
government offers
resettlement.**



Prior to their departure, refugees attend a 3 – 5 day cultural orientation course in one of IOM's 3 training sites. To date, over 20,000 have attended.



To start the class, a warm-up.

To get to know each other... trust each other.

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW.
म के जान्ना चाहन्छु।



What kind of work we get!
जीले कहते सगी पाइला ?

Learn facts...
Develop skills...
Explore attitudes.

WHAT I LEARNED.
मैले के सिकें।



Managing Expectations

No, this will not be your first house...

but with time and hard work...

it could be.






Who's an American?

WE ALL ARE!



**The classroom reflects real life.
To learn, to succeed, you must
get active...**



...explore...
...and teach each other.



Learning the attitudes necessary for success.

Catch that balloon.

Catch that job!





Selling a product...



Then, at a job interview, 'selling' yourself.



Participants take part in learning activities related to assistance upon arrival, community services, housing, employment, laws...



...budgeting, education, health, travel, rights and responsibilities, and cultural adaptation.



We do not shy away from difficult topics.



IOM's Life Books give refugees a chance to reflect upon their upcoming move and its place in their lives.

While parents study, child care workers provide learning opportunities for their children.





The day before departure, in the Transit Center in Katmandu, a final lesson – preparation for the long flight.

And the journey begins...



For more information on IOM Nepal's CO program, see <http://www.cal.org/co/overseas/programprofiles/IOMNepal.html>