



Church World Service

Program Administration



- Administered by CWS/RSC Nairobi
- Trainers experienced in intercultural communication and education, with a collective proficiency in English, Somali and Kiswahili



Region of Service



CWS/RSC Nairobi is responsible for the processing of refugees in 45 different countries.



Cultural Orientation Objectives



- To inform participants of the processes and systems that will impact on their resettlement to the United States;
- To assist participants in developing realistic expectations of the US;
- To equip participants with the skills and attitudes necessary to enable them to have a positive acculturation experience



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Information Throughout the Process



- In the camps
- At RSC interviews
- At Cultural Orientation training sessions



CO Training Structure



- Standard CO
 - 3 working days; 6 hours per day
 - Targets those 15 years and above
- Chad CO
 - 5 working days; 6 hours per day
 - CO for children/youth as well as for adults
- Somali Youth CO
 - Standard CO + 1 working day; 6 hours
 - Targets those ages 15 - 26
- URM CO
 - A minimum of 3 working days; 1 hour per day



Training Preparation



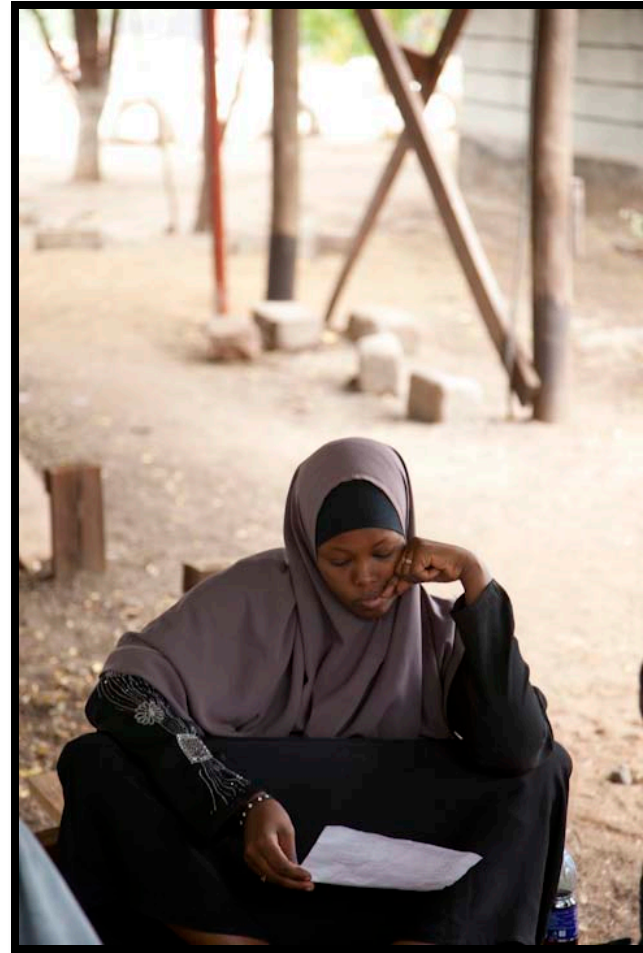
- Development of lesson plans
- Packing of appropriate materials



Common Fears



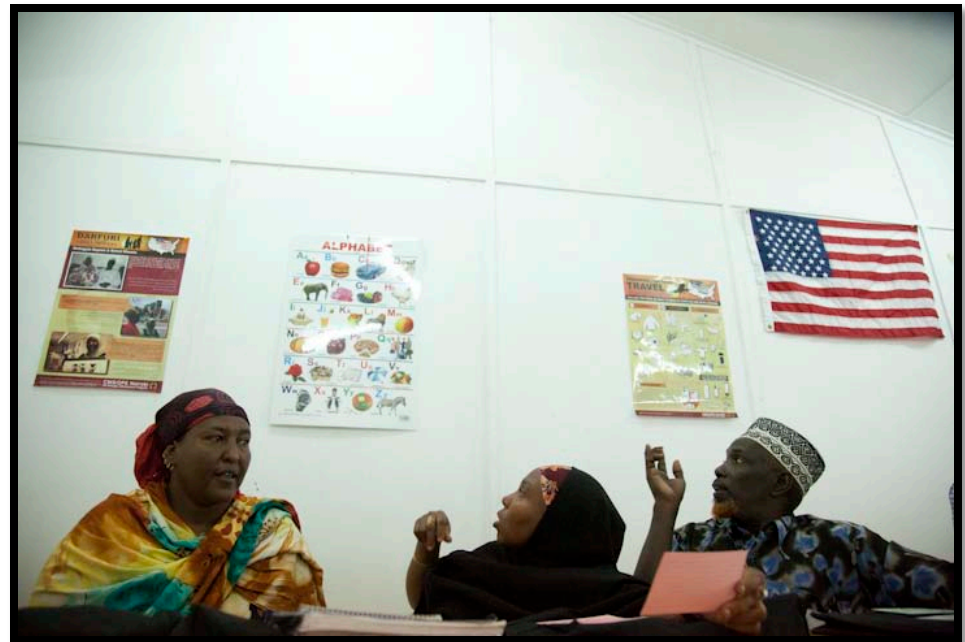
- Flight to the U.S.
- Separation from family and friends
- Not being able to communicate with those around them
- Gangs/Violence
- Winter
- Loss of cultural identity



Common Expectations



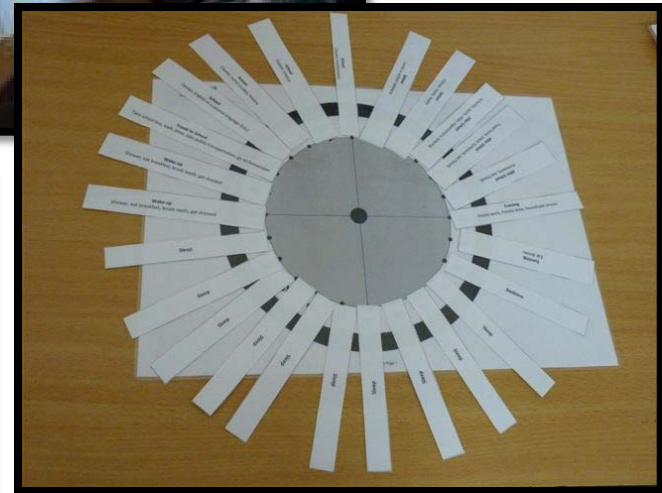
- To enjoy peace
- To receive basic services
- To have better living conditions
- To find work
- To continue their education



Training Methods



- Activities
- Discussions
- Role plays
- Case studies
- Lecture
- Photos/videos
- Working models, where available
- Exploration stations



Promising Practices



- Focus on objectives and indicators
- Visual materials
- ESL pilot project



Learning English Will Help You to Adjust to Your Life in the United States
Barashada luqada Ingrisika waa ku caawinaysa iskuna kaa toosinaysaa noloshada mareeykanka

ESL
Aa Bb Cc Dd

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