

## 1. INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Thank you very much for taking interest in our anonymous **Living Conditions of Refugees** survey. Please read the following information carefully.

### **Purpose of study**

The study investigates the living situation of refugees in first refugee states or other third countries. Information about socio-demographic features, education and career, use of language, housing situation, about family situation, social participation and about social contacts is collected. Awareness of aid and admission programmes such as the Resettlement programme is also evaluated. In addition, refugee flight experiences and intention of onward migration are inquired. The objective is to obtain reliable information primarily from refugees in first refugee states as well as in other third countries.

### **Voluntary nature**

Participation in this study is voluntary. You can discontinue your participation in this study at any time and without stating a reason and without any consequential disadvantages.

### **Persons responsible for this study**

The **Living Conditions of Refugees** survey is carried out by the University of Bielefeld, Faculty for Sociology, work area – methods of empirical social research, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Martin Kroh, Marvin Bürmann (Project Head) and Armin Küchler (Project Collaborator).

The Research Centre of the Federal Agency of Migration and Refugees (BAMF-FZ), Dr Tatjana Baraulina, is the cooperation partner in this project. The survey is carried out by the Ipsos research institute and funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

### **Order of study – What can you expect in this study?**

This study involves participation in an online survey and requires about 25 minutes. Participation in the survey is exclusively online via a web-enabled end device of your choice, and is possible with conventional internet browsers (e.g. Google Chrome, Safari or Mozilla Firefox). The link, shared with you through various messengers (e.g. WhatsApp, email or SMS), directs you to the online survey, together with all relevant materials available on the servers in the Federal Republic of Germany, thereby guaranteeing locally applicable data protection in the form of GDPR.

We additionally collect personal data such as demographics, and request you to digitally share the survey, if possible, with other persons known to you.

By participating in the online survey via the sent link, various meta-data related to you is intermittently saved with the research institute so as to ensure the data quality. It does not concern your identification as a person, but aims at preventing double participation in the survey. Subsequent to this data check, all personal meta-data, which allows any identification, is deleted.

During this process your real name will not be inquired or known to us at any time. Should you still believe that the processing of your details is in violation of the data protection regulations, in accordance with Article 77 of the GDPR you are entitled to the right to lodge a complaint with the relevant regulatory authority (the Hamburg Representative for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (HmbBfDI), headquartered in Ludwig-Erhardt-Straße 22 in Hamburg-Neustadt in Germany).

Your task is to answer questions about the topics described in the purpose of the study to the best of your knowledge and belief.

### **Uses and risks**

With your participation you contribute in generating reliable data and research findings on refugees in first refugee states and third countries, which in turn contributes to a better understanding of the living conditions of people in these countries. This can help formulate recommendations for action for humane admission programmes and broaden the state of research. These recommendations are generic in nature and are not related to individual people! Remuneration or compensation for your participation in the scientific project is not provided, and also bears no influence on your personal probability of resettlement.

During the course of the survey there will also be questions about reasons for leaving your country and your experiences, i.e., about stressful situations that you may have experienced before or during your escape. The questions are structured in such a manner that you can choose from general categories that describe your experiences. A detailed description of any potential experiences is not included herein. Nevertheless, answering these questions can lead to negative feelings or emotions. Therefore, it will once again be pointed out to you at the corresponding point in the questionnaire, and you can skip these questions if you prefer. You additionally always have the option to discontinue the survey or to contact us through any of the above-listed contact options. A local point of contact that may help you with concrete problems is the UNHCR institution.

### **Data protection and data use**

Personal data such as your name and address are not recorded at any point. The direct identification of your person is thereby ruled out. All data collected within the scope of this study is also kept confidential. You have the option to discontinue the survey at any time before the end of the questionnaire. You can retrieve access to the survey at any time via the delivered link and continue it. The links will not remain active after the end of the collection period and the survey will close.

The study findings will be published in scientific journals, lectures and seminars in German or English.

Upon completion of the study, the collected research data is made accessible in anonymised form for research by the BAMF Research data centre. The purpose, nature and scope of the potential subsequent use are not foreseeable at present. The research data centre checks every request for data use very conscientiously and rejects requests that do not correspond to their quality standards. Any commercial, non-scientific use is generally rejected. Moreover,

the data is only published in a form that does not allow any kind of conclusions to individual or concrete persons at any time. With this approach, the study follows the guidelines of the German Research Foundation on quality assurance of the research.

**Contact details**

In case of any questions on participation, free consent and data use, please contact the project supervisor [DE-Resettlement2025@ipsos.com](mailto:DE-Resettlement2025@ipsos.com).

## **2. CONSENT TO PARTICIPATION**

I have taken note of the participation information about the **Living Conditions of Refugees** survey. I have received adequate information and have had a chance to ask questions at the beginning of the survey by email.

I am aware that my participation in the study is voluntary, and that I will not suffer any disadvantages in case I refuse to give my consent.

I have downloaded and thus received a copy of the information document and this declaration of consent.

**We would like to thank you for your cooperation and your trust!**