



# English, Literacy, and Citizenship

## **What is the program?**

This program removes barriers to education for refugees with the lowest educational experience and access. We offer in-home English, literacy, and citizenship classes which meet the refugees where they live. English, citizenship, and literacy classes occur year round on a trimester basis.

## **How does it work?**

There are five levels in the English and Literacy portion of this program. Literacy classes are focused on teaching the Rohingya refugees the English alphabet, phonetics, and beginning the process of learning how to read. Then in the English classes, students focus on speaking, reading, listening, and writing.

The citizenship classes take place after a refugee has been in the United States for at least four and a half years, as the test itself occurs after the five year mark. Teachers meet with students twice a week to go over the content of the test and to practice taking the test.

## **How are community members involved?**

Students are all Rohingya refugees who request classes and are assigned sessions based on teacher availability. Some community members also participate in the development of ancillary materials for the program.

## **What are the impacts of the program?**

We work with approximately 40 families in the English and literacy classes and have helped many people pass their citizenship tests thus far.