

SAFETY PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Get cash out now. We have reports that banks/Western Unions are closed right now, so if you cannot access cash, keep items of value to be able to trade later if needed.
- Stock up on non-perishable food, water, medication, diapers and formula if needed.
- Find a safe place to stay hidden. Tell someone in the U.S. your location with as much specificity as possible. Have a back-up location ready.
- If possible, get wireless chargers for phones but be ready if cell phone towers go down. Some have suggested using the app Signal rather than WhatsApp.
- Get a “go bag” together and put important papers and documents (passport, marriage/birth certificates, immigration approvals, etc.) in it and keep it hidden.
- Take photographs of important papers and send the photos to U.S. relative/anchor.
- Delete all social media and any evidence of support of the United States. Learn how to do this [here](#)
- Avoid being recognized by the Taliban if they have your biometric data. For tips on how to do this, click [here](#)
- If someone makes it to a third country, they should register immediately with a UNHCR office and tell their U.S. anchor once that is done. Countries that do not require a visa can be found [here](#)

We do not know what the situation will look like after August 31st. Our office is able to assist with family-based petitions and some P-2/P-3 applications but please know that not every family member will be eligible for these petitions and there are various wait times associated with those petitions.

As always, our hearts are with those still in the country. Please stay safe and do not give up. There may not be a way out yesterday or today, but so many of us are hoping it will change tomorrow or the next day. We are wishing for safety as soon as possible.