HANDOUT 1.6.2 FULL INTERVIEWS WITH REFUGEES

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Amjod
Survey

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female __x__

Age: __19__

National origin: _____Syria_____

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: Arabic/English/German

Has been teaching himself German using YouTube for pronunciation. Hopes to get to the level needed to enter the technical university in Aachen in October 2017.

Education: Equivalent of High School Diploma IB after 13 years in school; 1 year technical engineering

Employment history: father had a small company with machines, he worked there

Travel history: n/a

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter _____ Other: WhatsApp

Religion: _____Druze_____ (great, great grandfather was from Palestine)

Reason for migration: He was attending a bad university but couldn't switch university because de-enrollment would mean military service. Also there were problems such as interruptions of electric and water services. Fighting occurred a bit further away.

2. Migration History

Place of Interview: Hochdahl Stadtbuecherei

Place of origin: _____As_Suwaida_____ (southern Syria)

Date of departure: ____9-29-2015____

Date of arrival in final destination: ____10-7-2015 to Erkrath 2016____

Travel- alone _____ with family: _____ with cousin _____

In Syria he has 3 sisters and parents; in Germany one brother (in Witten), uncle, cousin.

If family: how many family members

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. As Suwaida --> Lebanon Beirut (using money - bribe) - car
2. Beirut --> Izmir (plane)
3. Izmir (2 days) --> Mytilini (On Lesvos island), walked on the island to Mytilini center

4. Mytilini --> Kavala (ferry, NE mainland GR)
5. Kavala --> Thessaloniki (bus)
6. Thessaloniki --> Macedonian border 2 hrs waiting time
7. Macedonia --> Serbia (train) did not like country
8. Serbia (12 hrs waiting time for passage). --> Croatia (no stop) --> Hungary (here: walked across the border; it took 2 hrs for papers/ no fingerprints
9. Hungarian border - Austria (train) They ended up somewhere in southern Austria. Took a taxi to Vienna (they were 6 people and divided the fare)
    - One night in Hotel 3 am to 10 am
    - Bought tickets to Dortmund and waited another 12 hrs for the train.
    - At border Austria --> Germany police stopped people, controlled papers/ luggage
10. Arrival Dortmund 9 am at transfer Center
    - First: Meckenheim camp in gymnasium (Turnhalle) 2 months (photos)
    - Then: Meckenheim Obsthof (an apple orchard) in containers vacated by laborers for the winter.
    - Interview on Jan 27, acceptance papers one month later.
    - Erkrath April 2016

3. Health Measures

Self-report of health conditions: Healthy

Functional status: Fine

Smoking: yes _____ No __*x*__

Drinking: yes _____ No _____ a beer and a glass of wine here or there, not much

Depression: no

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: rented room in private house--lives with his German 'godmother'.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

Is aiming at attending the technical university in Aachen, wants to continue studying mechanical

Engineering.

He used to play piano, nowadays he plays e-guitar.

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Ammar

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ Travelled alone female _____

Age: __48__

National origin: ____Syria____

Place of origin: Al-Qamishli (border with Turkey)--https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Qamishli

Education: Studied dentistry in Russia; 1 yr Russian language and 6 yrs dental school

He left Syria at 17 yrs of age and spent 7 yrs in Russia studying. Returned to Syria at age 24, spent 2 years in the army before he could practice dentistry.

Employment history: Settled in Aleppo at age 26; a lot of Christians/Assyrians emigrated from here.

Travel history: visited Greece, Hungary, Egypt, Malaysia, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey. While in the USSR he visited many republics which turned into countries such as Armenia, Belarus, and Azerbaijan.

Married: yes __x__ no _____

Children: yes # __four__ no _____

Language skills: Arabic, Russian, English, French, Turkish, Kurdish

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter __n/a__ Other: Whatsapp

Religion: Christian/Assyrian. Wife: Muslim

Contact in Syria: parents are in Syria and his sister is in Damascus, no chance to get out.

2. Migration History

Place of interview: ____Hochdahl - Hotel Tamara____

Migration start: Aleppo

Date of departure: __2014__

Date of arrival in final destination (Erkrath): ____Jan. 2016____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:1) Turkey - in Mersin (near Adana, 2 hrs away from Antakya). Remained here for 1 year till 2015 (illegal crossing)

2. From here via truck --> Bulgaria-->Serbia-->Hungary-->Austria
3. From here via train to join cousin in Duisburg
4. On to Dortmund for refugee registration, transfer in Essen (1 month)
5. In Erkrath 8-9 months in a camp
6. In Hotel Tamara in one room since his family joined him

Ammar's wife bought 5 plane tickets for herself and their four children to travel from Turkey to Duesseldorf. One of the children's name Razan was not capitalized on the visa but in the passport. So, they had to go back to the embassy to change the visa name-- the change took one month. They lost the money from the tickets and that of the normal living expenses (hotel, food) because of such a bureaucratic error and officious behavior. They tried to raise the money via Caritas but that didn't work. The money was advanced by a Turkish friend but he is trying to find a way to repay.

3. Health Measures

Functional status: Fine but very stressed

Smoking: yes __*x*__ no _____

Drinking: yes _____ no _____ __*some*__

Depression: no

4. Present Housing

Type of housing:1 room in hotel for 6 persons.

They will soon move to an apartment with 4 rooms (probably 3 bedrooms), living room and dining room. One more week or month in Hotel Tamara.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Learn German
2. Study for exams (dentistry)

   ==> will take a minimum of 2 years
3. Children = education
4. Live safely

   --> keep a positive attitude

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Survey
Name? Ali

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __32__

National origin: ____Syria____

Education: ____6 years of school____

Employment history:____painter/ construction____

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes __x__ no _____

Children: yes # __2__ no _____

Language skills: __Kurdish/Arabic__

Social networks: Facebook _____ Email _____ Twitter _____ Other:

Religion: ____Muslim____

2. Migration History

Place of interview: _____Hochdahl Hotel Tamara_____

Place of origin: _____Al Hasakah (near Turkish border)_____

Date of departure: ____2013____

Date of arrival in final destination: ____12/12/2015____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Al Hasakah --> Turkey -Mardin (city near Syria) illegal crossing, spent 2 years there
2. Izmir --> boat Samos (7 days on Samos)
3. Samos (with Red Cross) Athens, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia with bus, Slovenia, Austria
4. Austria via train to Germany

Greek people nice and helpful. Great fear on small boat.

3. Health Measures

Smoking: yes __X__ No _____

Drinking: yes _____ No __X__

Depression: So so. --50/50

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room in hotel for 4 people, approved as refugee.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Find apartment
2. Go to school
3. Find. Job in painting/ construction

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Survey
Nisso Nabo (Kurdish)

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __19__

National origin: ____Syria, Afrin (north of Aleppo)____

Education: ____7 years of school, war caused no school (about 2,000 schools closed)____

Employment history: __n/a__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # no __x__

Language skills: ____Kurdish____

Social networks: Facebook _____ Email _____ Twitter _____ Other: Telephone broken

Religion: ____Muslim____

(Kurds in Iraq and Syria are either Yazidi or Muslim)

Migrated with brother and uncle (both in the same boat)

2. Migration History

Place of interview: ____Hochdahl, Hotel Tamara____

Place of origin: ____Aleppo____

Date of departure: ____Jan. 2015____

Date of arrival in final destination: ____12/30/2015____

Migrated with brother and uncle (both in the same boat)

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. From Afrin to Turkey (illegal) to Adana (2 weeks)
2. Boat from Izmir to Lesvos -Mytilini
   - Here one week in detention center; stayed a long time
3. Traveled with the Red Cross from Mytilini --> Macedonia,Austria, Germany
4. Dortmund --> Arnsberg--> Boenen --> Erkrath

Boat experienced high waves and rolling

3. Health Measures

Self-report of health conditions: healthy

Functional status: fine

Smoking: yes _____ No __x__

Drinking: yes _____ No __x__

Depression: Possible

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 hotel room together with his brother.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Next month will start German lessons in Duesseldorf. Looking forward to that.
2. Waiting

No hobbies, doesn't know many Kurds

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Survey
Tareef Abdo

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __27__

National origin: Syria

Education: 3 years law school in Lebanon, from As Suwayda (near Jordan and Israel in the South)

Employment history: Farmer

Travel history: Lebanon only

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: Arabic, English, a little German

Social networks: Facebook __X__ Email __-__ Twitter __X__ Other: WhatsApp

Religion: Christian (Old Orthodox in Syria)

Migration: With father who is deaf

2. Migration History

Place of interview: ____*Hotel Tamara*____

Place of origin:____*As Suwayda*____

Date of departure: ____left 2012; back and forth between Lebanon and hometown//left finally Oct 2015____

Date of arrival in final destination: ____10/29/2015____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Damascus --> Lebanon (legal entry—was closely scrutinized at border, via taxi car)- 2 days
2. Lebanon --> Izmir (plane) - 2 days in Turkey
3. Turkish coast --> Mytilini = 54 min boat (google earth map under 'screenshot), boat was ok
4. Mytilini --> ferry to mainland --> to Macedonia
5. between Macedonia and Serbia => 1 km walk across border
6. Serbia (= 2 days) to Croatia/Slovenia/Austria (train)
7. Austria (= 2 days) --> Muenchen --> Duesseldorf
8. in Duesseldorf filled out 'refugee application', spent 10 hours at police station, with papers went to Dortmund
9. Dortmund (= 3 days) --> Muenster (=1 day) --> Soest (8 months) --> Erkrath (2 months).

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Comment on people leaving As Suwayda:

Al Tha'lah Military Airbase is located in the area of As Suwayda. Rebels and counter-groups fought over the airbase area in June 2015 causing people from adjacent areas to flee to places further north (in Tareef's case to Damascus).

Check out: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daraa_and_As-Suwayda_offensive_(June_2015)

http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-airbase-idUSKBN0OR17P20150611

3. Health Measures

Functional status: Fine

Smoking: yes __X__ No _____

Drinking: yes _____ No __X__

Depression: Psychologically ok

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room in hotel

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. learn German
2. continue studying law

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Ab Alrauf

1. Background

Gender: male __X__ female _____

Age: 24

National origin: Syria, Daraa (close to border with Jordan)

Education: 3 yrs university study of philosophy.

Employment history: in sales on market

Travel history: n/a

Married: yes _____ no __X__

Children: yes # _____ no __X__

Language skills: Arabic

Social networks: Facebook __X__ Email __X__ Twitter __n/a__ Other: Whatsapp

Religion: ____*Muslim*____

Area of Daraa:

This is the area where the rebels started. (Look at Wikipedia):
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_Front_(Syrian_rebel_group)

2. Migration History

Place of interview: _____*Hotel Tamara*_____

Place of origin: _____*Daraa, Syria*_____

Date of departure: ____10/21/2015____

Date of arrival in final destination: ____11/21/2015____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Daraa --> Turkey to Antakya (by bus) no problem crossing the border
2. Antakya --> Istanbul --> Greece
3. set across the Mediterranean Sea to Greece, does not remember the name of the island but thinks it was Kos, spent 2 days there; great fear on boat
4. Kos --> Athens --> Macedonia (bus)
5. Serbia --> Croatia --> Slovenia --> Austria --> Munich (train all the way)
6. Duesseldorf (application) --> Dortmund --> Hagen --> Erkrath (8 months here)

3. Health Measures

Functional status: Fine

Smoking: yes __X__ No _____

Drinking: yes _____ No __X__

Depression: Yes, somewhat depressed, far away from parents and country

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room in hotel shared with friend.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Learn German
2. Continue studying philosophy
3. Did not get an interview yet; hoping it will happen soon.

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Haziem

1. Background

Gender: male __X__ female _____

Age: 42

National origin: Aleppo, Syria

Education: 7 years in school

Employment history: salesman for women's clothing--distribution

Travel history: 7 months in Russia / Moldovia/Hungary

Married: yes __X__ no _____ (two wives, old wife and new wife)

Children: yes # __1 son__ with old wife; he speaks good German, they live in Freising, Germany

Children: yes # __4__ no _____ present wife lives still in Syria with the children. They are waiting to get out.

Language skills: Arabic, a little English (from sales)

Social networks: Facebook __X__ Email __X__ Twitter __n/a__ Other: WhatsApp

Religion: Muslim

2. Migration History

Place of interview: _____Hotel Tamara_____

Place of origin: _____Aleppo_____

Date of departure: ____10/01/2015____

Date of arrival in final destination: ____12/01/2015____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Aleppo --> Tartus --> Lebanon - by car (he did not need visa)
2. Beirut --> Mersin (Turkey) - by plane - he stayed there two weeks
3. Mersin --> Izmir
4. Izmir --> Kos (Greece) by boat (cost was $1,200)

   There were 2 boats heading out to Kos. The other boat capsized and there was nothing they could do on their boat since their boat was already overloaded. He estimated that about 50 people died.

5. Kos --> Greek mainland - by ferry; Kavala --> Macedonia - by bus

   - He slept in Serbia; all his money, his shoes and the cell phone were stolen. The Serbian police gave him another pair of shoes.

At the border between Serbia and Croatia--very cold, rainy. The border was closed, 4 children died here. The press media helped opening the border and so they could finally cross into Croatia.

   - Had to pay Euro 300 to get from Croatia --> Slovenia

6. Croatia --> Slovenia - by bus; he spent one day in Slovenia
7. Slovenia --> Austria - by train

8. Austria --> Germany - by car
9. Germany: Dortmund --> Kerben (20 days) --> Erkrath

3. Health Measures

Self-report of health conditions: Thyroid condition; had surgery in the hospital in Mettmann (close to Erkrath); looks like the thyroid gland was taken out.

Symptoms/Pains: some, but he takes medication regularly

Functional status: Fine

Smoking: yes __X__ No _____

Drinking: yes _____ No __X__

Depression: Thinking a lot about his family in Syria; very stressful

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room in the hotel.

He acts as janitor in the hotel.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. 'Family reunion': Getting the family from Syria to Germany along official paths. This requires 1) registration 2) application for refugee status 3) interview (s) 4) decision by officials on status and 5) if refugee status is granted--family members will be given visas. (https://familyreunion-syria.diplo.de/webportal/desktop/index.html#refugee)
2. Learn German
3. Work with clothing, for example as male seamstress

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Survey 23 Sept 2016
Habib (male) and Mital (female)—married couple
On Habib

1. Background

Gender: male __X__ female _____

Age: __47__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __8. Grade__

Employment history: __car mechanic__

Travel history: lived in Germany between 1993-2007 / was married to German wife of Turkish origin / had unlimited visa residence permit

Married: yes __x__ no _____

Children: yes # __3__ no _____

Language skills: __Arabic/German__

Social networks: Facebook __-__ Email __-__ Twitter __-__ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __Islam; religion is private, should not serve as disguise__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: _____Buergerhaus (AWO)_____

Place of origin: _____Aleppo, Syria_____

Date of departure: _____07/02/2015_____

Date of arrival in final destination: _____09/18/2015_____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

He traveled with his middle son, 6 years old

1. Aleppo --> across Mountains with smuggler, slept at border for --> days
2. Bus Antakya --> Izmir (1 months)
3. Izmir to coast --> inflatable boat, 50 people were on board-Mytilini, Lesvos
4. Mytilini, Lesvos --> Athens (boat)
5. Athens --> Macedonia (bus)
6. Macedonia --> Servia (train)
7. Servia --> Hungary (bus)
8. Hungary --> Austria --> Germany (train)
9. Hannover --> Halberstadt --> application for asylum. He was arrested, and remained in custody for 5 months. He has an ex-wife, a German Turkish wife, who left Germany for Turkey after they decided to separate. They couldn't get any children and he didn't want to adopt. It appears he is not legally divorced. The judge decided he should not apply for asylum in Germany. He was told to apply for asylum in Berlin so he did spend 6 weeks there. He received a 'Duldung' for 6 months after which he will be deported. He filed against

the decision and is waiting for the final result. While he won't be deported to Syria under present conditions, this decision of status impacts social services due him.

*The best smugglers are in Izmir. He paid $1,400 for himself and $700 for his 6-year old son.

3. Health Measures

Functional status: He claims that 'thank goodness we are healthy'. However, he reported to be severely bothered by images he has seen. I.e. he saw how a head was chopped off a person / before him on the street. He saw quite a lot of brutality.

Smoking: yes _____ No __x__

Drinking: yes _____ No __*unsure*__

Depression: _____

4. Present Housing: apartment with 2 bedrooms

The mayor of Erkrath had helped find the place. While he was arrested his son was in a 'Kinderheim' (orphanage/children's home).

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Wants to work again as car mechanic

Survey

Mital (married to Habib)

1. Background

Gender: male _____ female __x__

Age: __31__

National origin: __7th grade__

Education: __Housewife__

Employment history: __n/a__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes __x__ no _____

Children: yes # __3 plus presently pregnant__

Language skills: __Arabic, a little German__

Social networks: Facebook __-__ Email __-__ Twitter __-__ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __Islam (wears headscarf) but this is her choice not her husband's__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Buergerhaus (AWO)__

Place of origin: __Aleppo, Syria__

Date of departure: _____

Date of arrival in final destination: _____

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Mital took both remaining children onto the same trip her husband had made. Izmir, Mytilini, buses through Europe.
2. She paid $1,200, the young son $300, the other $700 for setting over in boat.
3. Mital was one of those refugees who came to Erkrath in the second wave. She stayed in the Buergerhaus for two months while her husband was in custody and then 2 months in Hotel Tamara.

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Survey—married couple 23 Sept. 2016

—Alzareef—

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __31__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __law-school, finished__

Employment history: __1 year as lawyer in Syria__

Travel history: _____

—Al Issa—

Gender: male _____ female __x__

Age: __21__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __12 years + 1 yr studying dental medicine__

Employment history: __worked at Avon for 3 years__

Travel history: _____

Both

Married: yes __xx__ no _____

Children: yes # _____ no __xx__

Language skills: __Arabic / a bit of English/ German__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter __x__ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __Muslim__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Buergerhaus/AWO__

Place of origin: __Aleppo, Syria__

Date of departure: __10/18/2015__

Date of arrival in final destination: __Dec 2015__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Aleppo --> Turkish border (bus, 2 hrs hike) --> Turkey
2. Raihania (Turkey)-Antarkya --> Izmir (bus)
3. Izmir --> coast --> inflatable boat. They said they'd take 36 people but it ended up to be 46 people. The engine died and they floated on the sea for about four hours. Finally, Alzareef was able to work the motor again. Somehow they were able to find Greek waters. Greek soldiers were incredibly helpful.

4. Mytilini --> Kavala (ferry)
5. Kavala --> Macedonia (bus)
6. Macedonia --> Serbia (taxi)
7. Serbia --> Croatia (bus)
8. Croatia --> Slovenia (train) they encountered problems at the border Serbia/Croatia. They had to wait for 20 hours in very cold and rainy conditions; they had nothing to protect them. No food, nothing to drink. They lay down on the ground to rest but not sleep because they waited for the border to open. As a result they became quite sick / feverish. The Red Cross in Austria helped with medication.
9. Slovenia --> Austria --> Munich (train)
10. Munich --> Flughafen Koeln/Bonn. Here they received first help, clothes, food, drink, and a roof over their head in a camp.
11. Bonn --> Troisdorf (40 days) 30.9.-10.12.
12. Troisdorf --> Erkrath (Hotel Tamara-3 months)

3. Health Measures

Smoking: yes _____ No _____

Drinking: yes _____ No _____

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. 1st January, 2016 Register for German courses; Courses are slow. A1= done (entry level German).
2. 29th October 2015 - 22nd July, 2016 (1. Interview) – 23rd August, 2016 (2nd interview); received notification 1 week later. They were not granted asylum but were found to need protection which enables them to remain here for a year.
3. She wants to study dental medicine.
4. He is thinking about an apprenticeship which might make an independent income possible.

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Survey September 21, 2016
—Mohammed—

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __20__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __12 years + 1 year university__

Employment history: __n/ a__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Arabic, English, German (some)__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter _____ Other: __WhattsApp__

Religion: __Muslim__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Tamara Hotel, Hochdahl__

Place of origin: __Manbij, northern Syria__

Date of departure: __10/10/2015__

Date of arrival in final destination: __11/16/2015__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Manbij --> Turkey (illegal entry via walking across the mountains) --> Nizip (he said 'Ainta', might mean 'one day')
2. Nizip --> Istanbul (bus); stayed two weeks
3. Istanbul --> coastal areas near Izmir (van) --> inflatable boat for 50 people, ride was no problem --> Mytilini, Lesvos, stayed 2 days
4. Mytilini --> Athens (one day)
5. Athens --> Macedonia (bus)
6. Macedonia --> Serbia (bus)
7. Servia --> Croatia (train)
8. Croatia --> Slovenia --> Austria (train)
9. Koeln --> Dortmund --> Hagen -==> Erkrath
10. Monate

Manbij = military base ISIS

3. Health Measures

Smoking: yes _____ No __x__

Drinking: yes _____ No __x__

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room shared with two others

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Learn German
2. Continue studying construction engineering

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Survey 21 Sept. 2016
—Firas—

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __22__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __13 yrs, attended a school for vocational studies__

Employment history: __is great at soccer, wanted to become a famous, professional soccer player, played/trained for 10 years__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Arabic, a little English and German__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter _____ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __Muslim__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Hotel Tamara__

Place of origin: __Latakia, Syria (at Med. sea)__

Date of Departure: __08/15/2015__

Date of arrival in final destination: __10/20/2015__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Latakia --> Lebanon (car) legal entry
2. Beirut --> Mersin (boat) legal entry- 1 week
3. Mersin --> Istanbul, 2 months
4. Istanbul--> Izmir -->boat—Samos (1 day)
5. Samos --> Athens (ship) 1 day
6. Athens --> Macedonia (bus)--> Serbia --> Croatia --> Hungary --> Austria (Zug)
7. Bielefeld (15 Tage) --> Koerben (bei Koeln). 2months
8. --> Erkrath 10 Monate

3. Health Measures

Functional status: __Fine__

Smoking: yes _____ No __x__

Drinking: yes _____ No __x__

Depression: __Sometimes__

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room shared with two others

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. learn German
2. Play soccer
3. Find a job

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Sept 21 2016
—Hussein—

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __30__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __12 years + architectural studies__

Employment history: __4 years in Syria__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Arabic, some English/German__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter __-__ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __Muslim__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Hotel Tamara__

Place of origin: __Aleppo, Syria__

Date of Departure: __10/01/2014__

Date of arrival in final destination: __10/15/2015__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Aleppo --> Algeria (plane) legal entry, remained in Oran for one year; family took care of his needs-I assume he visited a relative
2. Oran --> Morocco --Melilla (car); legal entry
3. Melilla --> Madrid --> Duessedorf
4. Duesseldorf --> Hagen --> Erkrath ((Dec. 2015))

3. Health Measures

Functional status: Fine

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room shared with 2 people

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Learn German, take test
2. Find a job as an architect

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Mohamad and wife Alif Tordi

1. Background

Gender: male 1 female 1

Age: 50/44

National origin: Aleppo, Syria

Education: Mohamad: Studied construction engineering at Beirut University, 6 years

Education: Alif: Studied agricultural engineering

Employment history: with Syrian government as construction engineer in Aleppo

Travel history: Lebanon, Turkey

Married: yes x no _____

Children: yes # 3 children, ages 12, 10, 6 - the 12-year-old served as translator

Language skills: M: Kurdish, Arabic, German, English

Social networks: Facebook x Email _____ Twitter _____ Other: WhatsApp

Religion: Islam Sunni (but not active)

Ethnicity: Kurdish

2. Migration History

Place of interview: Hotel Tamara

Place of origin: Aleppo

Date of departure: 10/18/1205

Date of arrival in final destination: 10/25/2015

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Aleppo --> Turkey, with car to border
2. Used a smuggler to walk across the border in mountainous terrain, the Turkish police was hidden everywhere. There were several families walking in their group.
3. Reyhanli (first town in Turkey west of Aleppo) --> Istanbul (bus)
4. Istanbul --> Izmir (van)
5. Beach point north of Izmir --> Mytilini on Lesbos. Around 35 people on the boat, not large, not small, but wife was afraid.
6. Mytilini --> Thessaloniki via ferry
7. Thessaloniki --> Macedonia (bus)
8. From here on mostly Red Cross bus all the way till Germany but some walking was involved. Stayed in Red Cross Camps in Serbia --> Croatia --> Slovenia --> Austria --> from Vienna train to Germany (Munich). In Munich they had to get off the train despite the ticket they had to get to Bonn.
9. Munich (1 day) in camp --> to sister in Bonn (3 days)
10. Dortmund (for registration) --> Bus to Wesel (20 days) --> Erkrath Hotel Tamara (10 months)

3. Health Measures

Smoking: yes Mohamad = yes_____ No _____ wife = yes_____ No _____

Drinking: yes _____ No _____

Depression: *She says she is very, very tired all the time. But they are all studying.*

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: One hotel room for the five.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

They had their first interview. They are waiting for the second one.

They are looking for an apartment and have been for 2 months.

1. Need an apartment
2. Children are supposed to study
3. They want to work.

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Survey End of September 2016
Ali

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __20__

National origin: __Iraq, Sinjar__

Education: __7 years in school__

Employment history: __n/a__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Kurdish, Arabic__

Social networks: Facebook _____ Email _____ Twitter _____ Other: _____

None, lost his phone. If he had one, he'd have Facebook and WhatsApp.

Religion: __Yazidi__

Ethnicity: __Kurdish__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Hotel Tamara__

Place of origin: __Sinjar, Kurdistan__

Date of departure: __06/02/2015__

Date of arrival in final destination: __06/25/2015__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Sinjar --> Istanbul, Turkey by bus with passport, bad to be caught, prison
2. Istanbul --> Bulgaria (illegal crossing)

   They walked for three days in a forest, day and night. One smuggler took them to his house/apartment; they spent 3 days in the apartment.
3. Bulgaria --> Serbia.

   Marched across the border into Serbia in forest with smuggler. He then took 10 people in a van from Serbia to Hungary.
4. They stayed in Hungary for 2 days with another smuggler. They were two groups of 5 people in 2 cars. Then they got to Austria.
5. Austria --> Passau by bus. Police caught him, stayed with police for 2 hrs, and was taken to camp in Passau where he stayed for 2 days.
6. Passau --> Berlin (weekend) --> Bielefeld (1 month) --> Erkrath.

3. Health Measures

Functional status: *Fine*

Smoking: yes_____ No *x*

Drinking: yes *x* No_____

Depression: Is sad when thinking about his family.

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: 1 room shared by 2 people in Hotel Tamara

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Learn German
2. Would like to become an apprentice with Mercedes. Has experience working with cars, as mechanic.

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Survey End of September, 2016
Abas

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __22__

National origin: __Baghdad, Iraq__

Education: __High School, 1st year pharmacy school__

Employment history: __worked computers at companies__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Arabic/English__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter _____ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __n/a__

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Hotel Tamara__

Place of origin: __Baghdad__

Date of departure: __June 2015__

Date of arrival in final destination: __end of July 2015__

He spent 1 – 2 months on the road.

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Baghdad --> Turkey by bus with passport (legally)
2. Turkey --> Istanbul
3. Istanbul --> beach point for Mytilini, Lesbos.

   The boat should have held 35 people but they counted 70. The engine exploded of the first boat so they had to take another boat. Cost $ 1,500

   They spent 5 hrs on the boat, they had a bad 'captain' who didn't know how to work the boat and which direction to go. They were rescued by a large Greek boat. The Greeks were very friendly and helpful. They stayed 2 days in Mytilini.
4. Mytilini--> Thessaloniki --> Macedonia all by bus
5. Macedonia --> Serbia by train
6. Serbia --> Croatia by bus
7. Croatia --> Slovenia by train
8. Slovenia --> Austria --> Germany (train).
9. Munich (2 days) --> Dortmund --> Unna --> Krefeld (6 days) in a camp old building, --> Erkrath (7 months)

3. Health Measures

Functional status: __*Fine*__

Smoking: yes __*x*__ No _____

Drinking: yes_____ No __*x*__

Depression: Very sad. His entire family has been killed.

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: one room shared with another person in Hotel Tamara

5. Future Outlook / Plans

1. Learn German
2. Finish pharmacy school

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Late September, 2016
Achmed

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __16__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __11 years, still in school__

Employment history: __was a café waiter in Egypt__

Travel history: __2009 – Saudi Arabia, 2006 or 2004 Lebanon__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Arabic, German__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email __x__ Twitter _____ Other: __WhatsApp, Instagram__

Religion: Islam __Sunni__

2. Migration History

He traveled with parents, brother and sister

Place of interview: __World Cafe__

Place of origin: __Damascus__

Date of departure: __09/12/2011__

Date of arrival in final destination: __09/24/2014__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Damascus --> Algiers by plane (the journey took 9 hrs); they stayed in Algiers for 3 months, were not allowed to remain in country.
2. Algiers --> Egypt (for 6/7 months)
3. Egypt - Libya (aunt)—she provided housing but they couldn't find work (6 months)
4. Libya --> Egypt; stayed for 2 years, he worked as waiter there
5. Alexandria, Egypt --> beach point, boat to Italy

   He thinks there were 1,000 people on board. They were 7 days on the sea, ran out of fuel. Helicopter from Italy spotted them. They were without water for 2 days, had just a little bread. A Chinese ship that sighted them could not take them in.

   They then called the Red Cross; a Turkish ship full with cargo took them in. They spent 2 days on that ship because there were too many boats going towards Italy.
6. On Sicily they were registered in a camp; some Africans had been there for over 5 years. They stayed 2 days.
7. They took a ship towards the Italian mainland and then a train. They spent 15 days somewhere in Italy.

   An uncle came from France and took them to Marseille.

8. Marseille --> Germany (Frankfurt) --> Giessen by train, they spent one week in the camp to get documents --> Nuernberg (1 week) --> transfer to Coburg (1 year)

Received their permission to remain in Germany in 2015

9. Coburg --> Erkrath in Nov 2015 (he never understand why. He loved Coburg and the school; but not the school in Erkrath).

3. Health Measures

Functional status: Fine—all of them

Smoking: yes *x (secretly)* No _____

Drinking: yes *x (a little, with friends)* No _____

Depression: *Misses his homeland.*

4. Present Housing

Type of housing: they live in an apartment with 3 bedrooms.

5. Future Outlook / Plans

He would like to become an electrician coupled with electronics. He wants to do an apprenticeship.

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Survey late September, 2016
This was a story of a friend as reported by Ammar.

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female_____

Age: __32__

National origin: __Syria__

Education: __medical doctor, optometrist / Russia medial school__

Employment history: __as physician__

Travel history: __Russia__

Married: yes __x__ no _____

Children: yes # _____ no _____

Language skills: __Arabic/Russian/English__

Social networks: Facebook _____ Email _____ Twitter_____ Other: _____

Religion: _____

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __Hotel Tamara__

Place of origin: _____

Date of departure: __8/12/2014__

Date of arrival in final destination: __9/30/2014__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Nosebin (couldn't find on google earth), a small city at the border of Turkey, --> Istanbul, Turkey on bus (he stayed 20 days there). Meets up with a Turkish man (most likely Mafia) but he might be Turkish intelligence. He charges $1,000 to be put into truck with clothes, that truck will then be cargo on a big ship.
    a. He pays money
    b. The ship is supposed to leave for Marseille. He is told to prepare for 3 days onboard of the ship, so 2 bottles of water.
    c. In reality, the trip lasted 14 days. They ended up drinking their own urine.
    d. They were stuck in the truck at the bottom of the ship. It was extremely dark. They couldn't see anything.
2. When in France they felt the truck moving. The pounced and pounced on the doors to be let out but the truck kept on driving for another 30 minutes. The driver finally let them out onto the road and kept on driving.
3. He stayed in Paris for 5 days.
4. Paris --> Munich --> Dortmund --> Erkrath.

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Soroush

1. Background

Gender: male __x__ female _____

Age: __30__

National origin: __Iran__

Education: __12 + 6 = law school/Islamic law!__

Employment history: __Plays metal music/gave underground concert__

Travel history: __n/a__

Married: yes _____ no __x__

Children: yes # _____ no __x__

Language skills: __Farsi, English, some German__

Social networks: Facebook __x__ Email _____ Twitter _____ Other: __WhatsApp__

Religion: __Islam__

He says he does not really have a religion. He played Anti-Islam metal music, is a free spirit.

2. Migration History

Place of interview: __ASS__

Place of origin: __Teheran, Iran__

Date of departure: __10/05/2015__

Date of arrival in final destination: __12/07/2015__

Migration stops / duration of stop / reason for stop:

1. Teheran downtown --> Turkey. He crossed the Iranian/Turkish border near DOGUBAYAZIT, a frontier town in eastern Turkey 15 km north of Mt. Ararat. This town serves as base camp for Mt. Ararat climbers. They walked at night. There was a guide who led the group consisting of children, women, and old people on donkeys over the mountain.
2. Dogubayazit --> Ankara by bus

   In Ankara he went to the UN and checked in for asylum because of Turkish conditions and UN rules (= if without papers one needs to check in at the nearest place to where one enters Turkey).
3. Ankara --> Istanbul (stayed at family friends for 4 weeks).
4. Istanbul --> Cannakkale (and south)—a 7/8 hrs drive in a van to a beach point. He was forced to spend 3 nights at the beach with only a couple of water bottles and some nuts to munch on. The promised boat did not come.

   He reports that the bootleggers are primarily Afghans, Persian and Turkish who know people with influence. The smugglers really work with the police; the van driver simply announced that he had tourists in the van when stopped and they were on their way.

   They were advised to buy life vests in Istanbul; they sell fake life vests. He decided to put two life vests on hoping that would increase his chances. The smugglers had guns, Winchesters. The first time he waited and people were pretty noisy, a smuggler shot in the air. Police did come and arrest the man.
5. He went back to Istanbul. He did not receive his money back. The Afghans said that they paid the police but they were still arrested.

6. Next time he went with Turkish bootleggers and was equipped with nuts/tuna; went with an Afghan family. Another night at the beach. But the next morning around 10:30 there comes a van with many rubber boats (weakly put together with a rope).
7. Arrives in Mytilini Lesvos, was very happy on the boat since the sea was calm. But there were almost too many people on the boat. They saw many different boats; 2 or 3 from their beach points; other boats from other beach points. Arrival in Mytilini around 12:00 pm.
8. On Lesvos they were bussed to a camp. In order to take a shower one needs to get a number; some people sell their numbers.

   Ship-owners' strike meant no ships to Athens. So many people had to remain in Mytilini camp; it was very cold
9. esbos --> Athens (ferry) spent one night with gypsies and Pashtun Afghans and Turkish people.
10. Athens --> Macedonia He finds out that many people are going to Macedonia and that there are guides one can pay money for. He pays for a guide and finds out that he really didn't need to do that since so many people are going in the same direction.
11. From Macedonia --> Serbia by train; lots of waiting. Military is across the border.
12. Within Serbia he pays $1,000 for a taxi to get him through most of the country. Towards the border he walks, then takes another taxi for which he paid 10 Euro.

    Overall, he wasn't sure where to go; he was thinking maybe Scandinavia.
13. Took a bus from Serbia to Croatia. Slept outside.
14. At the border of Croatia he took a train, a train from hell, he calls it. There was no more food to be had at the station, only UN biscuits. They were bussed from the train to a new UN camp in Croatia. Fingerprinting. Lines and numbers. This camp was recorded for BBC. He spent one day there.
15. From the camp he took a train to Slovenia at night. They sent people with public busses; again fingerprinting --> Basketball arena (lines and numbers).
16. The same train took them all to Austria. In Austria, he thinks, nobody was allowed to go into the city. They were put into busses towards the German border but spent one night in a big tent. They served warm tea which made him happy.
17. Dortmund (1 night) to register --> Selm (check-ups) --> Oelde (between Dortmund and Bielefeld) 3 weeks --> Erkrath 7 Dec. 2015.

Paris attack on 30 Nov 2015 was followed by many check-ups.