



# Welcome Everyone!

## From Refugee Camp to U.S. Citizen: My Journey

Colors in the words,  
Flowers.

How they make me feel?

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# The Refugee and Disability



- Experiences in their home country
- The trauma associated with being a refugee
- How their home culture impacts their understanding people with disabilities and elderly people

# Little bit about me.

How did my life become the way it is now and how it started

Little story of my life....



# How it started





# Journey goes on



# Dream coming true



# IL First Introduction



I'm loving it





Yes I am part of Team now



# Day to Day Barriers

**Day to day barriers that people with disability face as a refugee:**

- **What it is like to be a refugee with disability and in a new country?**
- **What people with disability are expecting?**
- **What they are fearing?**

**easy and difficult to meet people and to learn new language, when they start feeling independent and why.**

# **No rights for people with disability**

**In many other countries, there is no one is there to speak up and make a law for disability rights.**

**It is so hard to get anywhere you are stuck inside the house and crawling around no wheelchair no ramps or services that could help you.**

# Elderly's Life

How they struggle to survive

**How can Center for Independent Living  
make a difference in their world?**



Where all my dreams seem to be more  
Effective and where all teams supports you!





# Thank you!

- Any Question for me?



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