

HAMSA

2016, 20 minutes

SYNOPSIS

Interviewed by the BBC towards the end of her family's perilous four-year journey from war-torn Syria to Germany, Hamsa's spirited determination caught the attention of two filmmakers. Beginning a new life in the small German village of Schnega, Hamsa welcomes the filmmakers into her family's home to tell them their story, revealing how they have adapted to their new surroundings and how the village have worked to welcome them into their community. Hamsa's radiant smile and boundless love for her children shows the untold story of Syrian refugees searching for a safe place to call home.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

1. What is your initial response to the film?
2. How does the interweaving of news footage and personal testimony support your understanding of the experience of seeking asylum?
3. Which scene from the documentary do you remember the most and why?
4. In what ways can your community or group support newly arrived communities and individuals?

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/159275035>



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