Welcome to today's refugee resettlement webinar.

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PLANNING FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.: WHAT FUNDERS NEED TO KNOW

PHILANTHROPY, REFUGEES, AND THE GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN CRISIS WEBINAR SERIES

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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WEBINAR GOALS (4)

- Hear the latest on how national security concerns and the volatile political environment may affect U.S. efforts to protect and resettle refugee families fleeing violence in Syria and other parts of the world;

- Understand how the U.S. refugee resettlement program works, its screening process, supports it provides refugees, and lessons from different waves of resettlement over the years;

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WEBINAR GOALS

- Learn about the process and timeline for resettling Syrian and other refugees, in which U.S. regions they will be placed, and how the backlash may affect these plans; and

- Discuss what funders can do to plan for resettlement efforts, address anticipated challenges, and support the integration of refugees into local communities.
AGENDA

- **Context-Setting: Latest Developments and Responses to Refugee Resettlement**
  Anna Greene, Director, Policy and Advocacy, U.S. Programs
  International Rescue Committee

- **Overview of Resettlement Process**
  Anne-Marie McGranaghan, Associate Resettlement Officer
  United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

- **Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.**
  Ngoan Le, Chief, Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services
  Illinois Department of Human Services
AGENDA

- Funding Opportunities and Recommendations
  
  *John Slocum, Director, Migration*
  
  *John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation*
  
  *Daranee Petsod, President*
  
  *Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees*

- Discussion and Q & A

- Closing Remarks & Wrap Up
POLLING QUESTIONS: PARTICIPANT FUNDING AREAS:

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Q: HAVE YOU FUNDED REFUGEE ISSUES BEFORE?

A: YES/NO
Q: DOES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT INTERSECT WITH YOUR FUNDING PRIORITIES ON:

A: MULTIPLE CHOICE:

(A) IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION
(B) EDUCATION
(C) COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
(D) HEALTH
(E) CHILDREN/FAMILIES
(F) ASSET-BUILDING
(G) OTHER
(H) N/A
THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CONTEXT
POLLING QUESTIONS: REFUGEE ISSUES

#1
Q: HOW MANY REFUGEES DOES THE U.S. RESETTLE ANNUALLY?

A: MULTIPLE CHOICE:
(A) 700,000
(B) 500,000
(C) 100,000
(D) 70,000
(E) 50,000
Q: AT THE HEIGHT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (1980) HOW MANY REFUGEES DID THE U.S. RESETTLE ANNUALLY?

A: MULTIPLE CHOICE:
(A) 84,000
(B) 106,000
(C) 207,000
(D) 311,000
Q: Which country resettles the most refugees in the world?

A: Multiple Choice:
(A) Germany
(B) Turkey
(C) United Kingdom
(D) United States
CONTEXT-SETTING:
DEVELOPMENTS & RESPONSES TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

ANNA GREENE
INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE
Anna Greene is the director for policy and advocacy for U.S. programs at the International Rescue Committee (IRC), where she advocates for federal policies that strengthen the U.S. refugee resettlement program. She also provides policy and advocacy support to the IRC’s 26 field offices around the U.S., as they work to support the integration of around 10,000 newly-arrived refugees each year.
CLARIFYING QUESTIONS

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THANK YOU
Anne-Marie McGranaghan is the associate resettlement officer in the UNHCR Regional Office in Washington, DC. She has had extensive experience in refugee work at the domestic and international levels. Since joining UNHCR, Anne-Marie has assisted in policy and program coordination between UNHCR and key US government and NGO counterparts. She is the focal point in the UNHCR regional office for resettlement issues concerning Africa and the Caribbean.
Steps for Refugee Resettlement

Registration

Refugee status determination

Identification of a need for resettlement

Submission

Resettlement country refugee status determination and admissibility procedures

Clearances

Travel Reception & Integration
Why resettlement?

- Particular protection concerns and vulnerabilities in host country
- No prospect for repatriation and local integration
- Burden sharing among countries
There is one resettlement place for every 200 refugees. Who to choose?

Thousands of Syrians streamed across a bridge over the Tigris River and into Iraq’s Kurdistan region.
How refugees are identified for resettlement

- Enhanced registration
- Looking for vulnerable profiles
- Referral by UNHCR protection or community service staff
- Through a best interest determination (BID)
- Referral by NGO or implementing partner
- Group identification
- Self-referral
UNHCR Proposed Submissions 2015

Submissions by Region of First Asylum*

- Africa: 45.3
- Asia: 23.8
- Americas: 30.1
- Europe: 26
- Middle East: 1.4

Total Resettlement Submissions – 126,600

* In thousands
Syrian Resettlement

- There are more than 4 million Syrian refugees.
- Resettlement needs – 400,000 over 4-5 years.
- 29 countries have pledged 160,000 places.
- US planning target for Syrian resettlement is 10,000 persons in FY 2016.
5 myths and facts about Syrian resettlement

- Myth #1: Syrian resettlement is not secure
  - Syrians undergo the most stringent vetting and security procedures of any persons entering the US.

- Myth #2: Syrian refugees are mostly single adult men
  - 75% of Syrian refugees are women and children

- Myth #3: Syrian refugees decide where they want to be resettled.
  - Refugees don’t choose where they are resettled.
5 myths and facts about Syrian resettlement

• Myth #4: Syrian refugees are being resettled from Europe
  • *Syrians are resettled from countries neighboring Syria not Europe.*

• Myth #5: We know little about Syrians being resettled.
  • *We have extensive information on Syrian refugees*
  • *99% of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR have iris scans.*
**CLARIFYING QUESTIONS**

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**Thank you**
REFUGEES RESSETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.

NGOAN LE

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Ngoan Le is the Illinois refugee state coordinator and chief of the bureau of refugee and immigrant services at the Illinois Department of Human Services. Prior to this position, Ngoan held leadership positions at the Chicago Community Trust, in the office of former Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, and in the Chicago Department of Human Services, among others.
From 1975 to now, the U.S. resettled a total of 3,261,561 refugees.

- 45% from Asia
- 18% from the former Soviet Union
- 12% from Near East/South Asia
- 10% from Africa
- 10% from Europe
- 4% from Latin America

While refugees in the 1980’s and 1990’s came from just a few countries, today’s refugees come from more than 60 countries.
STATES WITH LARGEST REFUGEE POPULATION

From 2008 – 2013, 55% of 393,000 refugees were resettled in ten states

- 12% in California
- 10% in Texas
- 6% in New York
- 5% in Florida
- 5% in Michigan

- 5% in Arizona
- 4% in Georgia
- 4% in Pennsylvania
- 4% in Washington
- 4% in Illinois
REFUGEE SCREENING AND ADMISSION PROCESS is handled by:

- U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)

REFUGEE EARLY EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES AND BASIC ASSISTANCE is handled by the U.S. Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
REFUGEE SCREENING AND ADMISSION PROCESS

- **Key entities/agencies:** Countries of Origin, Countries of First Asylum, Refugee Camps, UNHCR, PRM, USCIS/Homeland Security.

- Five international or nongovernmental organizations operating Resettlement Support Centers around the world under the supervision and funding of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) of the U.S. Department of State.

- Does not include ORR, State Government or local Resettlement Agencies.
## REFUGEE RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT (R & P) PROGRAM

### NINE NATIONAL RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES WITH 350 LOCAL AFFILIATES

1. Church World Service (CWS)
2. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)
3. Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)
4. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
5. International Rescue Committee (IRC)
6. Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS)
7. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
8. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
9. World Relief (WR)

### R & P SERVICES PROVIDED

- Matching refugees from overseas with local affiliates
- Setting up housing and providing refugees with basic necessities
- Providing community orientation and linking refugees with local services, including health and employment services
LOCAL PARTNERS

- State and County Refugee Programs
- Local Resettlement Agencies
- Community Colleges
- Community Social Service Agencies

KEY SERVICES

- Short-term (8 month) cash and medical assistance for those refugees not eligible for Federal benefits (i.e. TANF, Medicaid)
- Employment, English language class, case management services
- Education orientation and assistance for refugee youth
ROLE OF STATE GOVERNMENT

- Administers ORR funding to: a) provide short-term cash/medical benefits, and b) contracts with local agencies to deliver employment, case management, English language training and health screening services.

- Coordinates refugee-funded services with other state-administered programs, such as TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, education, workforce development, etc.

- Serves as refugee information clearinghouse, and addresses inquiries and problems associated with refugee resettlement in the state.
CURRENT CHALLENGES

- Consultation/agreement between federal and state governments on refugee admission policies.

- States are also expected to serve asylees and Cuban/Haitian entrants whose number has increased significantly over the last five years.

- ORR funding to states to provide refugee services has not kept up with the eligible population.

- Cultural and linguistic capacity to serve refugees from more than 60 nationalities speaking 162 primary languages.

- Capacity to serve refugees with complex medical and mental health conditions.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

JOHN SLOCUM, MACARTHUR FOUNDATION & DARANEE PETSOD, GCIR
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (6)

- **Underwrite community outreach, education, and communications efforts** that address misinformation and misperceptions about refugees; highlight their contributions; and promote a welcoming environment. Support efforts to address anti-Muslim sentiment.

- **Fund policy and advocacy related work** to ensure protection of rights and adequate government resources for successful resettlement and to lay the foundation for long-term successful integration.

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FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Enhance state and local programs to meet basic needs of refugees** during the initial phase of resettlement, as well as long-term integration programs.

  → Top priority: early housing support, mental health services, employment training, English language classes, mutual support networks, and capacity to provide translation services to non-English speaking refugees.

- **Address the particular needs of women and children** who represent the majority of refugee admissions, as well as other populations with unique needs including people with disabilities and LGBT refugees.

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FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fund training for teachers, healthcare staff, and other professionals to help them understand and respond to the needs of resettled refugees.

- **Support short-term evaluations** to identify effective program models and **longitudinal research** to assess the effectiveness of resettlement programs, track long-term integration outcomes, and evaluate the impact the refugees on receiving communities.
DISCUSSION AND Q & A
CLOSING REMARKS AND WRAP UP
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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**Polling Questions:**

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**Q:** How would you rate the overall webinar, with 5 being the highest rating?

**A:**
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#2

**Q:** What other issues related to refugees and global migration would you like to see included in future webinars? And, what resources would be useful?

**A:** *Text/Comments Box*
Q: WE WELCOME ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

A: *TEXT/COMMENTS BOX*
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