Agenda

1. Welcome  
   - Idaho Representative Clark Kauffman
2. Agenda and Presenter Introductions  
   - Genevieve Kessler, Director of State Advocacy IRC
3. The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program  
   - Lindsey Sharp, Processing Director with the IRC
4. Post-Arrival Resettlement  
   - Sandra Vines, Resettlement Director with the IRC
5. Resettlement Field Office Support  
   - Julianne Donnelly Tzul, Executive Director IRC Boise
6. Questions from participants
The International Rescue Committee responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, the IRC is at work in over 40 countries and 27 U.S. cities helping people to reclaim control of their future and strengthen their communities.

As the largest resettlement agency in the U.S., IRC serves thousands of refugees and other eligible newcomers each year, providing assistance they need to rebuild their lives and thrive in their new communities.
Who we are

The International Rescue Committee helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and regain control of their future.

Delivering lasting impact

The IRC helps people to survive, recover and rebuild their lives.

We serve
people whose lives have been upended by war, conflict and natural disasters

We work
in countries where people don’t have the support they need to recover from crisis

We respond
within 72 hours, staying to help countries stabilize and people rebuild their lives

We resettle
refugees welcomed by the United States, helping them to succeed and thrive
The US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)

Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan

Burma

Ukraine, Russia

El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia

Iraq, Iran, Syria, Afghanistan
The US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)
Reception and Placement Program (R&P)

Provides support to refugees during their first 30 to 90 days in the US.

- Administered by the Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)
- Nine resettlement agencies (RA’s) provide R&P services in the US
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• RA’s receive $2,275 in funds per refugee resettled

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• R&P services include:
  • A travel loan to the US
  • Initial housing and furnishings
  • Food and clothing
  • Health screenings
  • English classes
  • Employment services
  • School enrollment
  • Connections to ongoing services.
Local R&P Offices
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Programs

State Refugee Coordinators & State Refugee Health Coordinators (SRCs & SRHCs)
Oversee and coordinate provision of services to refugees.

State Funding and Programs
Vary by state but include employment programming, medical assistance and some limited-term cash assistance.

Matching Grant Program
Alternative to public assistance, focuses on early employment and requires that private contributions “match” public funding.

Preferred Communities Program
Intensive services for especially vulnerable refugees.
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Programs

- Meet your State Refugee Coordinator

- Find list by state here: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/key-state-contacts

In what cities are refugees resettling?
In what industries are they finding work?
How can the state support their resettlement?
Post Arrival Resettlement

• Robert Sebatware & Dave Kurz, Phoenix, AZ
Resettlement Field Office Support in the U.S.

- English
- Casework (AKA Guide)
- Early Employment
- Community Support – Volunteers, Donors
Questions?
July: Cultural Orientation
Pre Arrival & Post Arrival
Thank you