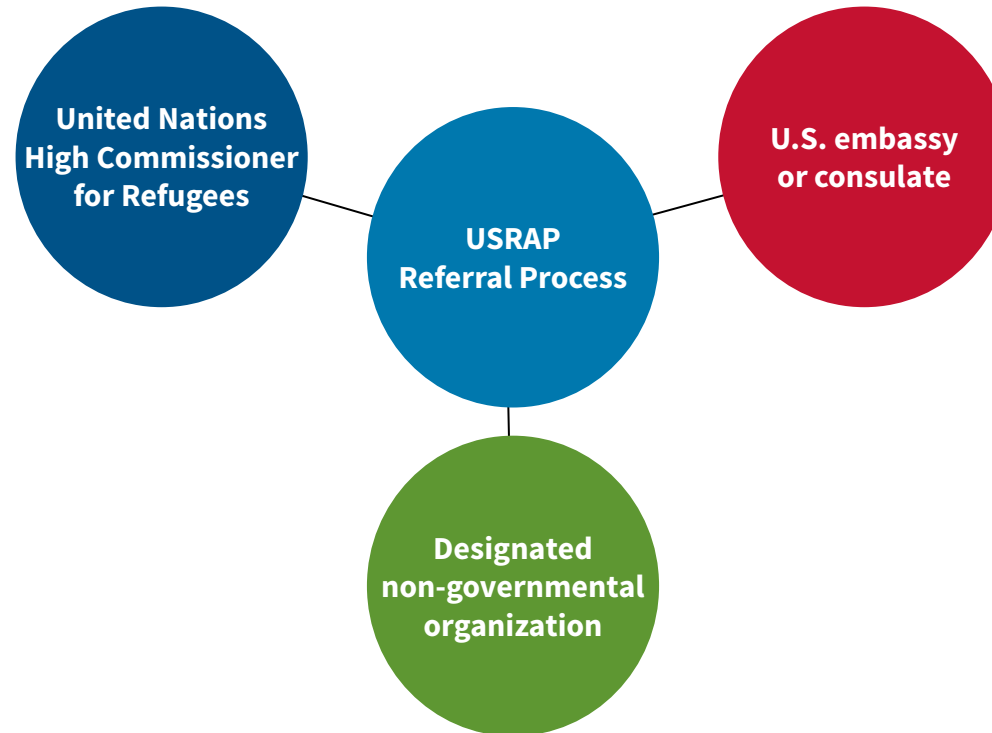


What Is the USRAP?



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Refugees access resettlement through a referral process that is part of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP).



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What Are Priority Categories?



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All refugees admitted to the United States must be designated “of special humanitarian concern” to the U.S. government.

Those who enter the program do so through one of three priority categories: **P-1, P-2, or P-3.**

Note: These priorities allow a refugee applicant to gain access to the USRAP and be referred for an interview with a USCIS officer to determine their eligibility and admissibility.

Once a refugee applicant has access to the USRAP, they go through the same process, regardless of their priority category.



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An Overview of the Priority Categories



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Priority 1

Individual referrals to theUSRAP by UNHCR, a U.S. embassy, or a designated non-governmental organization (NGO).



Priority 2

Specific groups whose members need resettlement as identified by the Department of State in consultation with USCIS, NGOs, UNHCR, and other experts.



Priority 3

Family reunification cases for spouses, children or parents of individuals lawfully admitted to the United States as refugees or asylees, as well as certain Afghan and Iraqi nationals who entered on Special Immigrant Visas.

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The Refugee Interview

Conducted by Highly Trained USCIS Officers



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USCIS Officers Conduct

Extensive overseas and in-person interviews or video telephonic interviews with all applicants

- Confirms basic biographic data of the applicant.
- Verifies the applicant had proper access to the USRAP.
- Determines whether principal applicant has been persecuted or fears persecution based on: race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion in their home country.
- Determines whether applicant is admissible to the United States and has not persecuted others.
- Determines whether principal applicant is firmly resettled in another country. This would cause the applicant to be ineligible for resettlement through the USRAP.
- Determines whether discretion should be used favorably to approve the application.

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Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Allocations



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Region	Allocation
Africa	40,000
East Asia	15,000
Europe and Central Asia	15,000
Latin America/Caribbean	15,000
Near East/South Asia	35,000
Unallocated Reserve	5,000
Total Admissions Ceiling	125,000

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USCIS REFUGEE PROCESSING



Quarterly Stakeholder Engagement

June 20, 2023

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USCIS Refugee Processing Updates

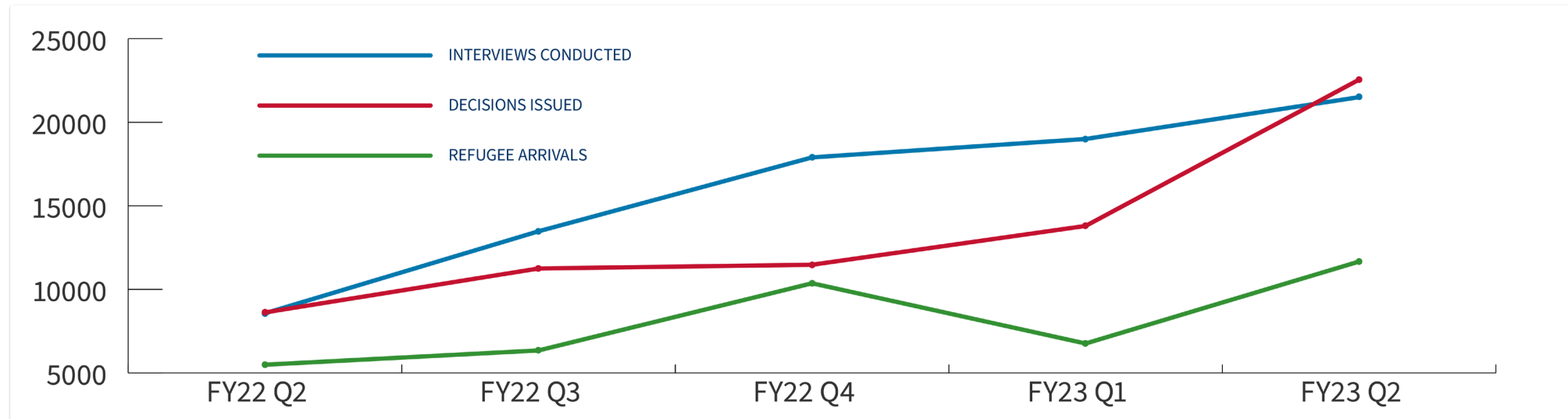
Drew Loizeaux, Acting Chief, International and
Refugee Affairs Division, RAIO

Interview Data

Quarter 1 and 2 Progress Updates

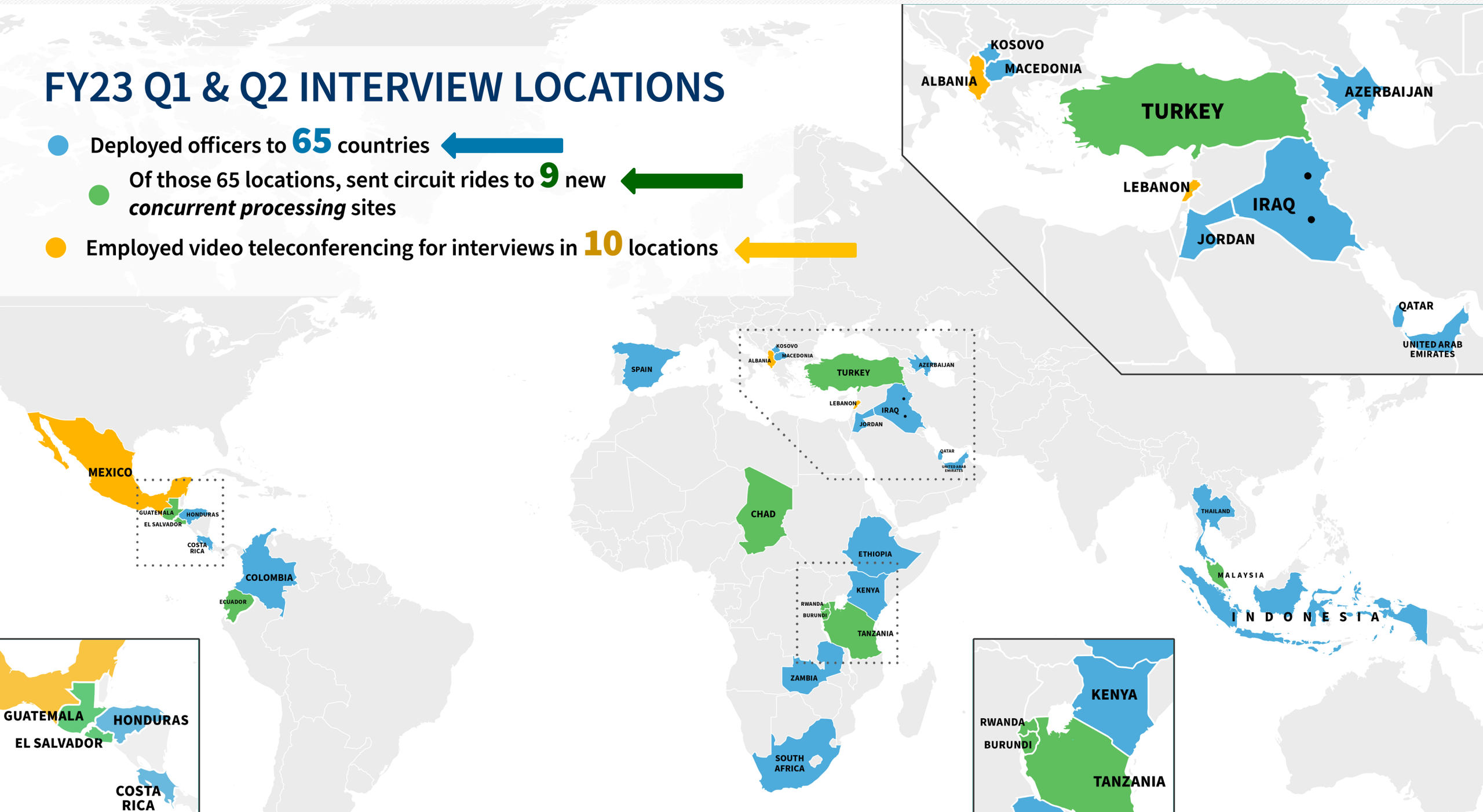


- In Q1 and Q2 of FY 2023, USCIS completed nearly 41,000 initial interviews and more than 3,000 reinterviews of applicants.
 - Compared to 44,000 total initial interviews in FY 2022.
- Approved over 35,000 individuals for refugee status; denied approximately 800 individuals.
- Over 18,000 refugees admitted to the United States through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for the first half of the year. As of today, the number is nearly **29,000**.



FY23 Q1 & Q2 INTERVIEW LOCATIONS

- Deployed officers to **65** countries ←
- Of those 65 locations, sent circuit rides to **9** new *concurrent processing* sites ←
- Employed video teleconferencing for interviews in **10** locations ←



Specific Populations: Afghan Nationals



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To date, USCIS
HAS INTERVIEWED OVER

2,900

AFGHAN
NATIONALS
in Qatar at
Camp As
Sayliyah
(CAS).



Approximately

700

Afghans in the
refugee
pathway at
CAS.



SINCE FY 2022

USCIS has interviewed
nearly **12,000**
Afghan refugee applicants.

APPROXIMATELY **18,000**
Afghans referred for initial
USCIS INTERVIEW

- For cases outside of CAS, we continue processing Afghan nationals in countries worldwide, primarily in United Arab Emirates, Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Turkey, Tajikistan, Poland, as well as other locations.

Specific Populations: Central American Minors (CAM) Protection Transfer Arrangement (PTA)



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To date this fiscal year,
INTERVIEWED OVER

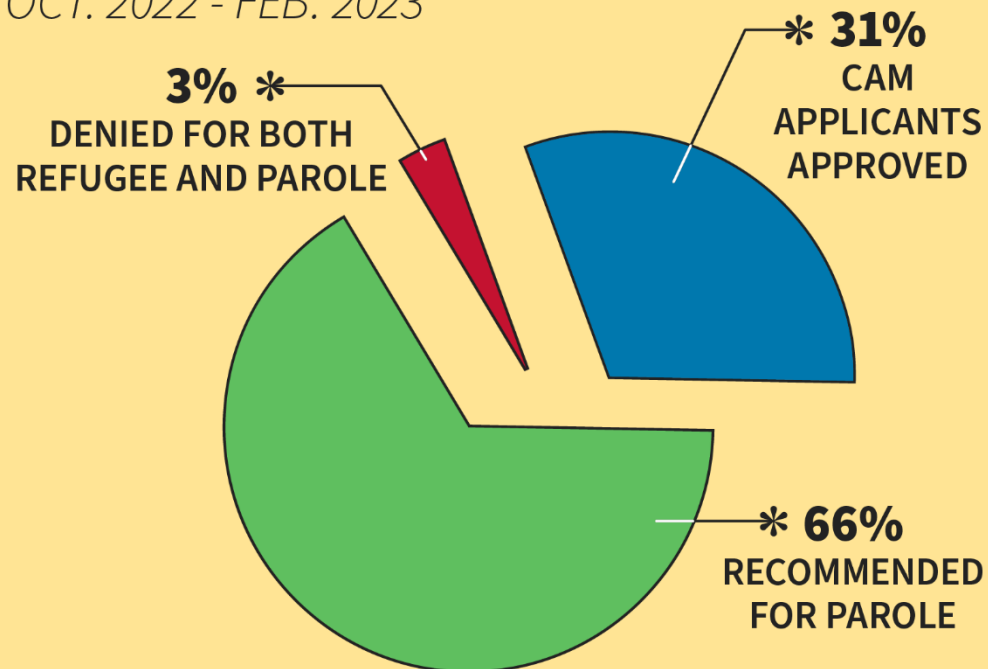
430 NEW CAM
APPLICANTS.
and more than
2,900 new PTA applicants.



OVER **1,800**
CAM and PTA arrivals from
El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala

FY 2023 CAM Decisions

OCT. 2022 - FEB. 2023



Regional Processing Centers Secure Mobility Offices FY 2023 Plans



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- United States and other countries to establish multiple Secure Mobility Offices in key locations.
- First center in Guatemala.
- Stay tuned for more information.



Q1 & Q2 Accomplishments



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Backlog Efforts

- Ongoing initiatives in the Africa and Middle East regions.
- As of May 2023, approximately 13,095 cases in the backlog have been closed.



Technological Improvements

- Developed a fully paperless processing system.



Staffing

- Filled 90% of Refugee Officer jobs.
- Filled 95% of Supervisory Refugee Officer positions (including Section Chief).
- Apply at [USAJOBS.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov).



Office of Refugee Resettlement Updates



Ken Tota, Refugee Programs Director, Refugee
Admissions Office, ORR

ORR's Creation and Mission



The Office of Refugee Resettlement was created by order of the Refugee Act of 1980.

Mission:

“Founded on the belief that newly arriving populations have inherent capabilities when given opportunities, ORR provides people in need with critical resources to assist them in becoming integrated members of the American society.”

ORR Service Priorities



- **Cash and medical assistance** to support refugees as they enter the workforce and integrate into their new communities up to 12 months after arrival.
- **Early employment** as a path to self-sufficiency and longer-term integration; **economic mobility**.
- Intensive strengths-based **case management** for vulnerable populations.
- **Health, mental health and well-being** assessments and services.
- Services for children and youth to ensure successful transition to adulthood, as well as integration for the elderly; **whole-family approach**.
- **Foster care** for unaccompanied minors.

Four Key ORR Program Areas



Program Goals	Outcome
Support Health & Behavioral Health	Refugees achieve well-being and self-sufficiency through appropriate physical and behavioral health services and support.
Support Employment & Economic/Social Stability	Refugees are economically self-sufficient, connected to sustainable forms of income and economic mobility, and progressing toward their personal and professional goals.
Support Children & Youth	Refugee children and youth achieve English language proficiency, access education to reach their academic and professional goals, and receive support to promote their social adjustment and integration in U.S. communities.
Support Social Adjustment & Integration	Refugees build successful new lives in the U.S. by becoming actively engaged in their communities and gaining equitable access to and participation in social and economic systems.

Office of Refugee Resettlement Resources



Resettlement Services

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees)

Fact Sheets: Eligibility & Benefits

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/factsheets](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/factsheets)

State Contacts

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/key-state-contacts](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/key-state-contacts)

State Programs Directory

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/map/find-resources-and-contacts-your-state](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/map/find-resources-and-contacts-your-state)

Afghan Resources

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/afghan-assistance-resources](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/afghan-assistance-resources)

Ukrainian Resources

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/ukrainian-assistance-resources](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/ukrainian-assistance-resources)

Funding Opportunities

[grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=%22orr%22](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=%22orr%22)

Training & Technical Assistance Providers

[acf.hhs.gov/orr/training-technical-assistance/training-and-technical-assistance-providers](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/training-technical-assistance/training-and-technical-assistance-providers)



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Refugees

uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-and-asylum/refugees

Form I-131, Application for Travel Document

uscis.gov/i-131

Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition

uscis.gov/i-730

Refugee Processing Data

uscis.gov/tools/reports-and-studies/refugee-processing-data/refugee-processing-data

Exploring Refugee Officer Careers

uscis.gov/about-us/careers/career-opportunities/exploring-refugee-officer-careers

Upcoming USCIS National Engagements

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Department of State Resources



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Department of State Refugee Processing Center

wrapsnet.org

Admission & Arrivals Report

wrapsnet.org/admissions-and-arrivals

Welcome Corps

welcomecorps.org



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