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Resettlement Impact

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USCCB/MRS By the Numbers

• Resettles the largest number of refugees of the nine agencies (24% of all cases)
• Resettles 21% of all Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) cases
• Receives and places approximately 21% of medical cases allocated to USRAP
• Welcomed over 57,000 refugees between 2014-2016
Starting Anew

- USCCB/MRS has identified homes for refugees in over 100 cities nationwide, including:
  - Detroit, MI (Iraqi and Syrian)
  - San Antonio, TX (Burmese)
  - San Diego, CA (Afghan)
  - Buffalo, NY (Congolese, Somali)

- USCCB/MRS is seeding new communities for incoming refugees, including:
  - Lexington, KY
  - Newark, NY
  - Chester, PA
  - Yonkers, NY
  - Youngstown, OH
Resettlement Landscape

- Executive Order has proposed reduction of FY17 arrivals from 110,000 to 50,000
- Uncertainty regarding the FY17 and FY18 Presidential Determination—impact on RSCs and local resettlement affiliates
- Approximately 40,000 refugees arrived in U.S. to date (largest number of arrivals from Africa and Near East/South Asia)
  - Africa region: 28,000 refugees approved by DHS; 4,302 travel ready
  - Near East/South Asia region: 21,000 refugees approved by DHS; 6,700 travel ready
Resettlement Landscape (continued)

• US Tie Cases: approximately 17,800 individuals have relatives and friends in the U.S. (largest states: Ohio, California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Texas, Washington)
• Central American Minors: only 25-30% approved as refugees
• Special Immigrant Visa (SIV): FY17 18,000 arrivals anticipated; FY18 7,000 arrivals projected
World Refugee Day

Why do we have it?

Theme?
World Refugee Day Toolkit

• Talking Points

• Engaging the Media
  • Letters to the Editor
  • Social Media

• Prayer Resources
  • Sample Intentions

• Community Engagement
  • Reach out to your member of Congress
  • Become Active in your community
Sample Community Engagement Idea:

Become involved in the MRS sponsored POWR Program
Celebrate a Mass or Prayer Service in your community
Organize or Participate in an In-District Visit
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Be a part of Catholics Confront Global Poverty. Take action to protect the life and dignity of all of God's people.

WRITE A LETTER
MEET WITH CONGRESS
ENGAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
VIEW HELPFUL RESOURCES

WRITE A LETTER

While it's quicker to email your members of Congress, a handwritten letter goes much farther. Not only will it not get lost in an inbox, but it will stand out in our era of overwhelming electronic communication.

Here is a sample handwritten letter to a member of Congress that has tips for how to send a clear, effective message about confronting global poverty.

DOWNLOAD SAMPLE LETTER ➤
MEET WITH CONGRESS

In our democracy, you have a right to speak out and to meet with your members of Congress. As a Catholic, you have a mission to advocate on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are poor and vulnerable people worldwide. Meeting with your elected officials is a powerful way for Catholics in the U.S. to make a real difference in leading our nation to confront global poverty. These tools make it easy. Just click the FIND button to figure out who are your members of Congress, review tips on how to set up a meeting, and see how empowering speaking out for justice (or raising your voice) can be.

How to set up a meeting
Tips for a successful meeting
Human Trafficking Issue Overview & Talking Points
Read-Ahead/Leave Behind - Human Trafficking
Climate Change Issue Overview & Talking Points
Read-Ahead/Leave Behind - Climate Change
Syrian Refugees Issue Overview & Talking Points
Read-Ahead/Leave Behind - Syrian Refugees
Tell Us About Your Visit

FIND YOUR DISTRICT

FIND

SOCIAL MEDIA

“The Internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God.”

—Pope Francis

Even Pope Francis uses social media as a megaphone for our brothers and sisters who are poor. This modern medium spreads the word with lightning speed, grabbing the attention of legislators, fellow Catholics, the media and organizations dedicated to ending global poverty. Here are tips on effectively using a variety of platforms to connect with the world, from whom to follow to creating your own content.

DOWNLOAD SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE
Publicizing World Refugee Day

Mark Priceman, Communications Manager MRS
Getting the Media Involved

• Let the local media know about events that you are planning.
• Media alerts, Press releases or calling the newsroom are always advised.
• Refugee will be top of mind around this time and have a good chance of making news.
Let us know about your events

• We want to highlight as many of the events as possible

• Send information to Mark Priceman (mpriceman@usccb.org)

• Date, location and a little about the event
Sharing on Social Media

• If you are not follow us, please follow Justice of Immigrants on Facebook (facebook.com/justiceforimmigrants) and Twitter (@usccbjfi) and MRS on twitter @mrsserves

• We will be posting about events we are involved in as well as others around the country

• Great way to connect with others and gain ideas

• Use #WRD2017 to enter be a part of the conversation