

UNITED STATES REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

IOM SUPPORT TO THE UNITED STATES REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM (USRAP)

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Since 1980, IOM has provided orderly, safe, and dignified resettlement support to refugees and other designated migrants resettling in the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP). The USRAP is a dynamic, interagency program that adjusts in size and criteria according to U.S. government needs and priorities. The refugee admissions target is set each U.S. fiscal year (FY) by Presidential Determination.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Based on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), U.S. Department of State, IOM supports USRAP operations through the dedicated work of its staff, providing a continuum of support and coordination among the four IOM pillars, implementing partners and other stakeholders around the globe.

In support of the USRAP, which falls under IOM's Department of Operations and Emergencies, Resettlement and Movement Management Division, IOM works in **112 countries**, providing:

- **Resettlement assistance**, including managing Resettlement Support Center (RSC) operations in several countries;
- Migration health assessments and travel health assistance;
- U.S. cultural orientation classes (at IOM operated RSCs);
- Facilitation of ground movements during resettlement processing;
- **Transport** to the United States;
- A no-interest **travel loan** program.

IOM PILLARS

IOM support to the USRAP includes four pillars: Resettlement Assistance, Migration Health, Movement Assistance and the Travel Loan Program. OVERVIEW DATA

75,544 USRAP arrivals to the United States assisted by IOM 128,973 Health Assessment exams conducted or facilitated

(U.S. Fiscal Year 2023)



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Resettlement Assistance

On behalf of PRM, IOM manages RSC operations in three regions. RSC operations include the collection of biographic and other information from refugees and other designated migrants referred by the

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), U.S. Embassies and U.S. designated NGOs. In close coordination with PRM's Refugee Processing Center (RPC), IOM helps prepare cases for security screening, interview, and adjudication by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). If a refugee claim is approved, IOM requests assurance through the RPC and in coordination with ten non-profit domestic resettlement agencies. Before departure, IOM provides cultural orientation classes to help prepare beneficiaries for resettlement in the U.S.

Movement Assistance

IOM movement staff tailor assistance to meet individual and stakeholder needs in departure countries and receiving communities. IOM facilitates ground movement assistance during resettlement processing at all RSCs. Following receipt of assurance, IOM arranges ground and air transportation and provides logistical assistance from the overseas point of embarkation to arrival at designated USRAP Ports of Entry in the U.S. and onward to final U.S. resettlement destinations. IOM provides interpretations services and ensures that all beneficiaries have proper documentation readily available as required by federal, security and airline entities. IOM facilitates processing formalities upon arrival in the U.S. in partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the U.S. CDC and others. If needed, IOM arranges for ongoing or emergency medical support during travel and upon arrival.

Migration Health

IOM migration health support ensures that the resettlement process does not endanger the health of the beneficiary or resettlement community. IOM provides health screenings and medical treatment to conditionally approved refugees with technical guidance from the U.S. CDC. Pre-departure treatment, vaccinations and other public health interventions are tailored to meet the needs of beneficiaries and comply with U.S. CDC requirements. Migration health support provided by IOM includes pre-embarkation checks, pre-departure medical screenings and, when needed, coordination of medical assistance and care during travel and post-arrival at the U.S. resettlement destination.

Travel Loan Program

IOM administers a no-interest loan program on behalf of PRM, covering the cost of international

air transportation. Refugees are responsible for repaying the cost of their travel loan over time which helps them build a positive credit profile towards sustainable economic integration in the U.S.

USRAP PORTS OF ENTRY:

- Los Angeles International Airport
 Seattle-Tacoma International (LAX) - Los Angeles, California
- George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) - Houston, Texas
- O'Hare International Airport (ORD) - Chicago, Illinois
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) -Atlanta, Georgia
- Airport (SEA) SeaTac, Washington
- Dulles International Airport (IAD) - Washington, D.C
- John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK) -New York, New York

+ La Guardia Airport - New York, New York - Point of Domestic Embarkation Only

PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

In its support of the USRAP, IOM works closely with a number of public and private entities along the resettlement continuum. These include:

- Airlines
- Airport Authorities
- CBP
- CDC
- Credit Agencies
- DOD
- DOS (PRM, RPC)
- Host Government
- Authorities NGOs
- Non-IOM Panel Physicians
- Non-IOM RSCs
- ORR/HHS
- RAs
- RPC
- TSA • UNHCR
 - USCIS



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