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Standing Together
Since 1911



OUR MISSION:

To protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide and support their transition to a dignified life.

WHAT WE DO:

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), established in 1911, is a nongovernmental, not-for-profit international organization dedicated to addressing the needs and rights of refugees and immigrants. USCRI, working with nearly 200 affiliates, provides legal, social, and health services to refugees, unaccompanied migrating children, trafficking survivors, and other immigrants in all 50 states, El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, and Mexico. USCRI advocates for the rights of refugees and immigrants both nationally and globally, helping to drive humanitarian policies, practices, and law.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Dear Friends,

In a year defined by profound change, one thing has remained constant: our resolve.

Across the United States and around the world, shifting policies and reductions in public funding have reshaped the landscape in which we operate. As a former refugee and someone who has dedicated his life to serving others, I have found these changes hard to witness. These policies have impacted newly arrived refugees, victims of human trafficking, unaccompanied minors, asylum seekers, and girls living in protracted refugee camps. Yet, in the face of these challenges, USCRI has persevered, adapted, and led.

For 115 years, USCRI has stood alongside refugees, immigrants, and displaced communities, helping individuals rebuild their lives with dignity and hope. That legacy continues today. USCRI is advancing this work in local communities across the United States and in some of the world's most complex humanitarian settings, including Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, where the need for protection remains urgent, and opportunities to leave the camp are few. In the last fiscal year, we provided services to nearly 120,000 people worldwide on their journeys toward safety, stability, and self-sufficiency.

Global displacement is at record levels. Government support is shrinking. USCRI and those who stand with us are needed more than ever.

Our teams across the country and around the world have stayed focused, delivering critical services, advancing policy solutions, and elevating the voices that are too often unheard.

USCRI's network of partner agencies and the community members who support our field offices are central to our success. We are deeply grateful to the foundations and individual donors who have stepped forward to support our work at a moment of extraordinary need. Simply put, this work would not be possible without you.

The challenges before us are significant, but so are the opportunities. The opportunity to strengthen our programs, deepen our impact, and continue advocating for policies that uphold the rights and dignity of displaced people everywhere. As I sign this, and as we approach World Refugee Day and the 75th anniversary of the Refugee Convention, I am reminded that our mission is part of a broader global movement rooted in solidarity, resilience, and shared humanity.

Thank you for standing up with us. Together, we can meet any challenge with determination and purpose.

With gratitude,
Eskinder Negash
President & CEO

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Our Programs + Impact

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED WORLDWIDE:
119,000+

In a year defined by profound change, USCRI has responded rapidly to evolving needs. Our teams around the world have stayed focused, delivering critical services, advancing policy solutions, and amplifying voices that are often unheard.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

USCRI provides home assessments and case management services to unaccompanied migrating children.

- **11,226 cases served**
(793 Home Studies and 10,433 Post-Release Services)

RESIDENTIAL CARE

USCRI's shelter in Florida provides a safe and welcoming temporary home to girls who have arrived in the U.S. unaccompanied by their parents and without immigration status.

- **224 girls served** at Rinconcito del Sol
(Top 3 countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico)

REFUGEE PROGRAMS

USCRI and its field offices, in addition to national affiliates, assist newcomers in achieving self-sufficiency.

- Reception and Placement: **6,964 resettled**
- Employment Program: **4,313 clients**
- Intensive Case Management: **5,616 clients**

ANTI-TRAFFICKING SERVICES

USCRI serves foreign national adult and child victims of human trafficking, providing comprehensive case management to these populations through a nationwide network of service providers.

- **1,473 adult survivors served** through Trafficking Victims Assistance Program
- **435 minor survivors served** through Aspire

LEGAL PROGRAMS

USCRI provides low-cost and pro bono legal services to low-income refugees and immigrants across the U.S.

- **1,770 cases** entered into representation

REFUGEE HEALTH SERVICES

USCRI supports and develops health and wellness initiatives for refugees.

- Refugee Medical Assistance
USCRI provided coverage to **36,692 clients** and ORR-Funded Medical Assistance (OFMA) coverage to **20 clients**
- Refugee Medical Screening
16,626 newcomers completed their medical screenings across Missouri and Texas
- Refugee Health Promotion
5,459 aggregate enrollments across all three tracks of service in Missouri and Texas

USCRI U.S. FIELD OFFICES

USCRI's field offices directly serve newly arrived clients, in addition to serving clients through programs focusing on intensive case management and economic self-sufficiency.

- **1,555** refugees and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders welcomed
- **3,280** employment support and case management services provided
- **8,630** legal, social integration, stabilization, and community orientation services provided



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

In FY25, our programs supported essential services to refugees, returnees, and displaced communities in El Salvador, Honduras, Kenya, and Mexico.

EL SALVADOR (Locations: San Salvador, Usulután, Chalatenango)

USCRI's **REDII** program equips Salvadoran youth returnees with the tools to rebuild their lives and contribute to their country's economic development. USCRI provides a three-month stipend covering transportation and meals during vocational training, while also building soft skills and facilitating job placement through a three-month, half-salary incentive for local employers. Graduates have gone on to launch and work in a range of businesses, including motorcycle repair shops, cell phone kiosks, cafes, and barber and beauty shops.

- **138 youth returnees** assisted through the REDII program

HONDURAS (Location: San Pedro Sula)

In Honduras, USCRI's **REDII** program supports women returnees in San Pedro Sula, where over a third of people are returned. In partnership with Pro Mujer, USCRI Honduras provides entrepreneurial training in business registration, planning, and branding. This equips women to reintegrate, find jobs, and start businesses based on their skills. Upon completing the program, each cohort receives seed capital to launch new businesses or invest in existing ones.

- **13 women returnees** assisted through the REDII entrepreneurial training program. Eight of these women received seed capital to invest in or improve their existing businesses.

MEXICO (Locations: Aguascalientes, Tijuana)

USCRI Mexico's **Habesha Project** provides academic scholarships at seven universities across six states to refugees from Syria, Somalia, South Sudan, Venezuela, Honduras, and beyond, promoting local integration and international protection. The complementary **Welcoming Communities Program** builds inclusive host communities and advocates for migrant rights through a university alliance network. In Tijuana, our **U.S.-Mexico Border Program** partners with government agencies and shelters to deliver Know Your Rights presentations, up-to-date asylum information, and pro bono legal representation before Mexico's refugee commission (COMAR).

- **Habesha Project:** Eight refugee students from Kenya, Lebanon, and Jordan were resettled to Mexico to pursue their undergraduate studies, 12 undergraduate students were newly enrolled in university, 42 active Habesha Project students received support during their studies. Two refugee students graduated from university, four received official refugee status in Mexico and four obtained permanent residency.
- **Welcoming Communities:** USCRI Mexico supported local student committees made up of a total of 77 students. 3,735 people were mobilized during the Intercultural Mobility Week on university campuses in seven cities throughout Mexico.
- **U.S.-Mexico Border Program:** In Tijuana, 156 migrants received legal advice, 46 received pro bono legal assistance. There were 19 Know Your Rights sessions in 10 migrant shelters for approximately 305 people. Through the multiservice center, 2,958 migrants were assisted by the legal clinic of USCRI Mexico.

KENYA (Locations: Nairobi, Kakuma Refugee Camp)

Since October 2023, USCRI's **Keep Girls Dreaming** initiative has delivered over 1.4 million sanitary pads – a year's supply for 12,000+ refugee girls – keeping them in school and ensuring dignified, safe periods. We're now expanding through a pilot program offering unaccompanied girls case management, menstrual health education, food support, and school supplies, while training youth mentors and hosting stigma-reduction workshops. A partnership with a refugee-led women's center also trains refugee women to make reusable pads, turning a health gap into a livelihood opportunity.

- **872,880 single-use sanitary pads** delivered through Keep Girls Dreaming for the use of **7,274 refugee girls** in Kakuma Refugee Camp



— STORIES —

A New Chapter in Mexico

USCRI's Habesha Project offers refugee youth full university scholarships and comprehensive support services in Mexico, creating a durable pathway out of displacement and toward professional and personal independence.

For Alek, Adau, and Mamer, the journey to safety has been anything but straightforward. Originally from South Sudan, the three young women spent years in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya – where each found ways to contribute through volunteer work – before being selected for the USCRI Habesha Project Scholarship in late 2024. The scholarship brought them to Mexico, where they began a year of Spanish language study and enrolled in university programs to build toward meaningful careers.

This year, all three received life-changing news: their applications for refugee status in Mexico had been approved, thanks to the dedicated work of USCRI Mexico's legal team. For each of them, that recognition carries deep meaning. Alek describes it as "both a challenge and an opportunity – it represents a difficult past, but also strength, resilience, and hope," and aspires to use her degree to "create solutions that help people and improve everyday life." Adau sees it as "the chance to find safety, dignity, and a new beginning," with a goal of using her skills to "contribute to building stronger, more inclusive communities." For Mamer, it means "relief and responsibility – the opportunity to start over and demonstrate that, despite the circumstances, [she has] much to contribute."

Their milestones are part of a broader effort: this year, the Habesha Project supported 34 students and graduates – 25 currently enrolled in university and nine navigating graduation fees and processes – across academic, migration, medical, and well-being needs. They represent nine countries of origin: Colombia, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, and Venezuela.

Today, Alek and Adau are studying Programming Engineering at Universidad Carolina, while Mamer is pursuing Audiovisual and Multimedia Communication at Universidad La Salle. Their stories reflect what becomes possible when legal protection and educational opportunity meet determination – and how USCRI changes lives, one at a time.

Frank's Story: Hearing Health, Access, and Belonging

USCRI's Refugee Health Services program was established in 2017 to support and develop health and wellness initiatives for refugees.

Frank arrived in the United States full of hope – and largely unable to communicate. Having lost his hearing suddenly at age 12, he entered a new country with no knowledge of sign language. He was relying on lip-reading a single family member to get by. At home, he was often isolated, left out of family conversations and decisions.

Because his hearing loss had never been formally diagnosed, family members and school staff questioned whether it was real, leading to painful misunderstandings and unmet needs. His family hoped that medical care in the U.S. would restore his hearing, creating additional pressure on Frank to function without support.

That changed when a teacher with experience working with deaf individuals recognized what Frank truly needed. Through collaboration with a local School for the Deaf and Blind, Frank's family received education about his condition, and Frank was connected to appropriate services, sign language instruction, and a peer community for the first time.

Today, Frank is thriving. He is learning rapidly, building friendships, and gaining confidence in his abilities. His family better understands his needs – and his deafness is no longer seen as something to be fixed, but as part of who he is.

Frank's story reflects a truth at the heart of USCRI's refugee health work: barriers to wellbeing are rarely medical alone. With access, culturally responsive support, and community, refugees can flourish.



Standing with Afghan Arrivals: Three Years of Immigration Legal Services

From December 2022 through September 2025, USCRI led the **Immigration Legal Services for Afghan Arrivals (ILSAA)** project in partnership with ICF, delivering free immigration legal services to Eligible Afghan Arrivals (EAAs) across the United States. Funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ILSAA was built on a simple but powerful premise: every Afghan arrival deserves access to quality legal representation, regardless of location, language, or literacy.

For Ahmad*, a former Afghan Air Force pilot, that promise was life-changing. After local resettlement agencies couldn't take his case and private attorneys quoted him \$350 an hour, he tried to file for asylum on his own – only to watch his application stall for 17 months. Separated from his wife and children, every delay meant more time apart from the family he desperately wanted to reunite with. When he found ILSAA, everything changed. His ILSAA attorney refiled his asylum case, accompanied him to his USCIS interview, and his asylum case was finally approved! The same ILSAA attorney continued to support Ahmad with his green card and family reunification applications, all based on his approved asylum case.

Ahmad's story reflects ILSAA's broader impact. Over three years, the program completed 6,920 case consultations and filed 8,352 immigration applications. Interpreters logged over 63,000 hours, and more than 5,000 documents were translated into Dari and Pashto. Afghan subject matter experts shaped every aspect of the program, from legal resources to community outreach.

Though the ILSAA project has concluded, USCRI's commitment to the Afghan community has not. Through the end of Fiscal Year 2026, our legal team continues to support clients with USCIS interview preparation and attendance, drawing on the lessons learned from three years of remote representation. That experience is now being channeled into strengthening our Pro Bono Network – ensuring Afghan arrivals like Ahmad continue to have someone in their corner.

If you are an attorney who would like to join USCRI's Pro Bono Network and help new arrivals navigate their immigration journey, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to ProBonoAttorneys@Refugees.org to get involved.

*Name has been changed for privacy purposes

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

USCRI assesses federal laws and international agreements, develops policy positions, and advocates for humanitarian practices to protect the rights of refugees and immigrants nationally and globally.

In FY2025, USCRI's Policy & Advocacy team delivered sustained, high-impact advocacy during a period of significant shifts in U.S. immigration and refugee policy – ensuring policymakers remained engaged on refugee protection and humanitarian priorities.

Through 65 bipartisan meetings with congressional offices across nearly 30 states, USCRI elevated urgent policy concerns, informed legislative and oversight efforts, and strengthened relationships critical to advancing refugee admissions, asylum access, and Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

The team produced nearly 100 publications – including in-depth research and rapid-response analyses, equipping policymakers, partners, and media with timely, credible information to respond to evolving policy changes. Through statements, op-eds, webinars, and calls to action, USCRI maintained a consistent public voice – shaping narratives and keeping displaced communities visible amid a rapidly shifting landscape.

USCRI also expanded its influence through coalition leadership – launching the "Partners in Advocacy" initiative, strengthening coordination across its national network, and advancing key issues including climate displacement, statelessness, and protections for unaccompanied children.

IMPACT AND LOOKING AHEAD

In a challenging environment, USCRI helped inform policy decisions, sustain congressional engagement, and coordinate advocacy across a broad network of partners. The relationships, policy expertise, and institutional infrastructure built in FY2025 position USCRI to move quickly in FY2026 – scaling targeted advocacy, deepening coalition alignment, and driving collective impact for displaced communities.

FINANCIALS

EXPENSES

Major Programs:

Refugee Health	\$ 98,761,553
Children's Services	80,705,217
Refugee Programs	59,189,006
US Field Offices	26,438,841
Legal Services	16,519,874
Other	3,991,661
Total Program Services	285,606,152

Supporting:

Management and General	13,955,683
Fundraising	937,447

Total Supporting Services	14,893,130
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Total Expenses	\$ 300,499,282
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REVENUE

Federal and State Grants and Contracts	\$ 305,693,129
Foundation and Individual Contributions	4,582,639
In-Kind Goods and Services	350,384
Investments	652,179
Other	3,162,602
Total Revenue	314,440,933

Net Assets:

Net Assets FY 24	35,428,307
Net Assets FY 25	49,369,958

Net Change in Net Assets	\$ 13,941,651
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OUR DONORS

Gifts from 4,000 donors totaled nearly \$3.5 million in cash and in-kind gifts during FY25. This support provided a personal welcome to the refugees and immigrants we serve. Space allows us to recognize only a small number of you on these pages, but please know that every act of kindness is greatly appreciated. You have changed lives. Thank you.

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We are grateful for the partnership of the foundations listed below, whose generous strategic investment strengthens our mission and expands our impact.

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Members of our Legacy Society have made a lasting commitment to our mission by including our organization in their estate plans. Through this forward-looking generosity, Legacy Society members ensure that our work will continue to serve and uplift communities for generations to come. We are deeply grateful for their vision, trust, and enduring support.

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SPOTLIGHT:
CARINA BLACK**

*"Participating in the trip to Kakuma in November was a life-changing and deeply moving event for me. It altered everything for me, including how I view the U.S. role in the world and what my mission is moving forward. Like you, **I see the future of supporting refugees as an international mission**, as our own country turns its back on such a significant number of people. For making me see this, I thank you!"*

After returning home from Kenya, where she helped deliver menstrual pads, Carina felt inspired to do more. She launched a small #Giving Tuesday campaign to support USCRI's Keep Girls Dreaming efforts, raising funds for sewing machines and other resources for the women she met.

Thanks to generous donors like Carina, USCRI delivered nearly 900,000 menstrual pads to girls in Kakuma Refugee Camp. To learn more about our work in Kenya or to donate, visit Refugees.org/KeepGirlsDreaming

Thank you

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who serve our refugee communities in our offices across the country and world. Your support helps refugees and immigrants from their first moments in the United States to years beyond. You are food providers, English teachers, pro bono attorneys, interns, advocates, advisory council and board members, to name a few. Your dedication affirms USCRI's mission. Thank you!

There are several ways to get involved with USCRI



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