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From Harm to Home

Arc of the Refugee Crisis: Global Challenges, Local Solutions

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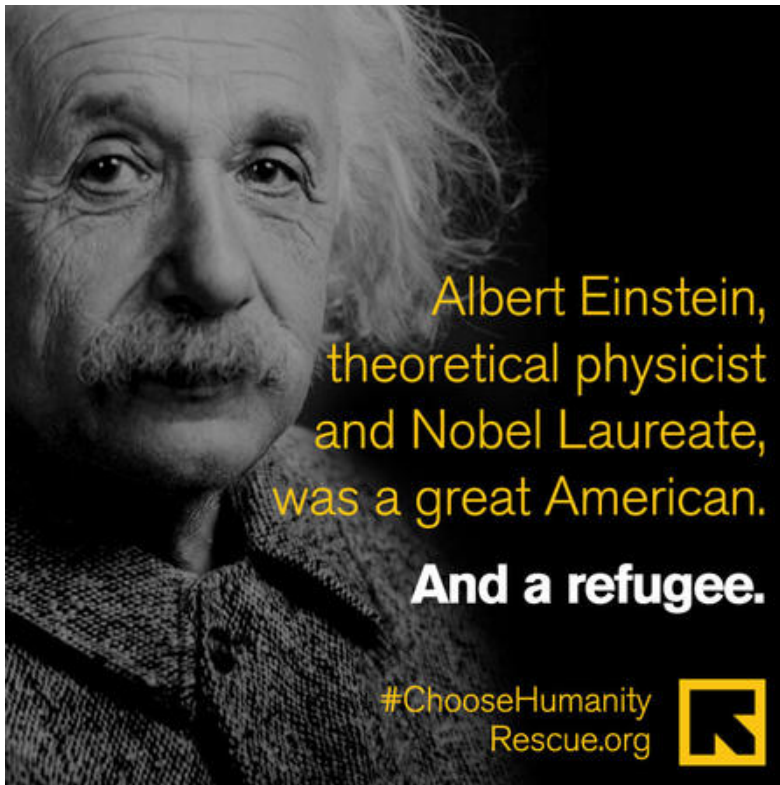




IRC Mission

The **International Rescue Committee** responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and power to people whose lives have been devastated by violence, conflict and disaster.

Historic Roots



IRC founded in 1933 in response to those fleeing Nazi Germany

Albert Einstein put forth initial call to action upon which the International Relief Association, now the International Rescue Committee was formed

Where IRC works today



An Internally Displaced Person is...

An internally displaced person (IDP) is a person who has been forced to flee his or her home due to violence, armed conflict or violation of human rights...



But remains in his or her own country and has not crossed an international border.

A Refugee is...

A person who is forced to flee their home, but leaves leave their country and cannot return because of a legitimate fear of persecution based on:



race, religion, nationality, political activity or membership in certain social groups.

An Asylum Seeker is...

A person who fled their home country because of war or other life-threatening factors, enters another country and applies for asylum, i.e. international protection, in this other country.



What are the options for refugees?



Voluntary
Repatriation



Local
Integration



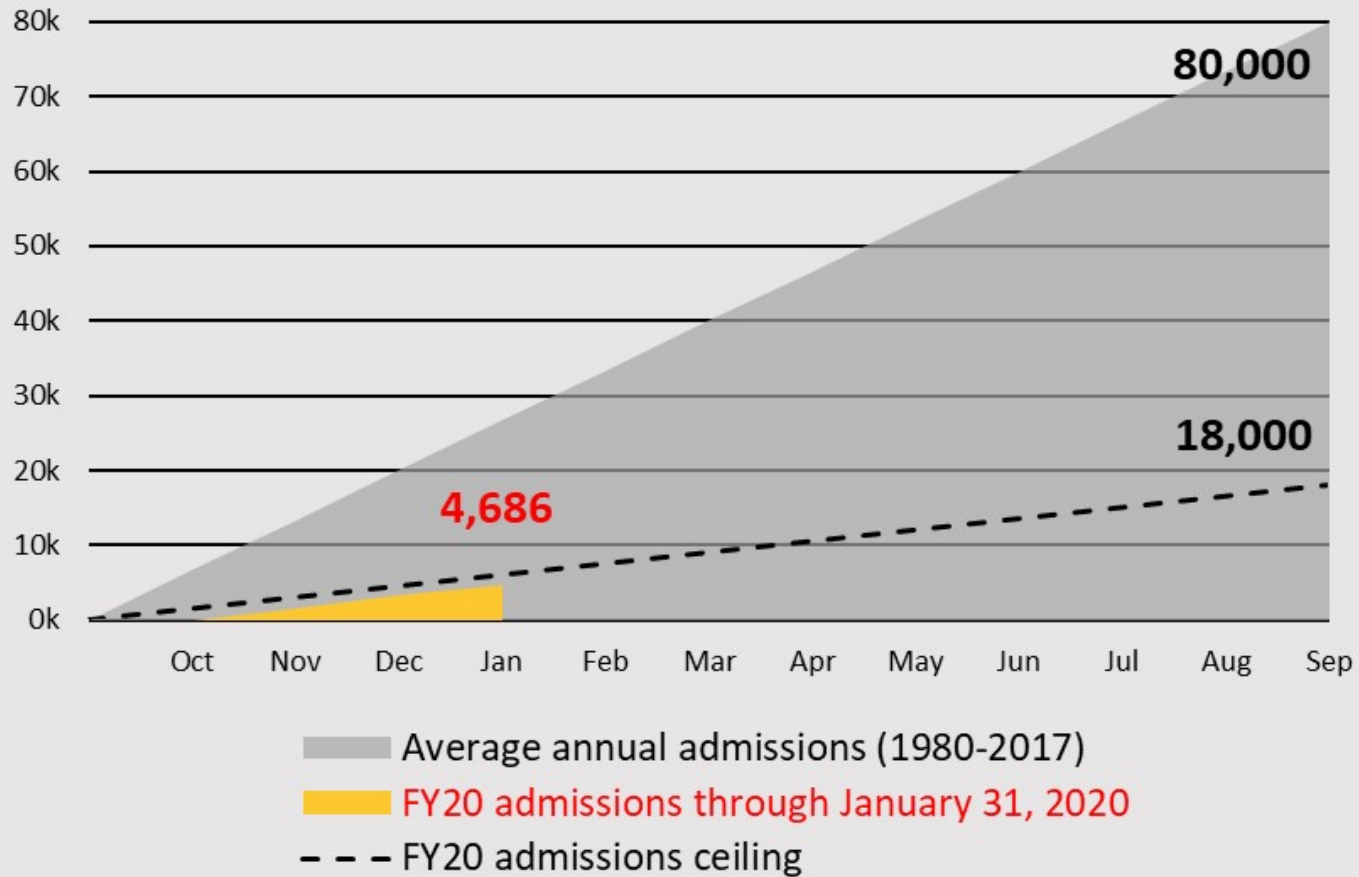
3rd Country
Resettlement

Strong bipartisan record on refugee admissions

HIGHEST ANNUAL ADMISSIONS CEILINGS SET BY PAST PRESIDENTS

Jimmy Carter	231,700
Ronald Reagan	140,000
George H. W. Bush	142,000
Bill Clinton	121,000
George W. Bush	80,000
Barack Obama	110,000

FY20 U.S. refugee admissions update



Source: wrapsnet.org Interactive Reporting

IRC U.S. Programs

Through 26 offices in cities across the United States, the IRC helps refugees resettle in the U.S. and become self-sufficient.

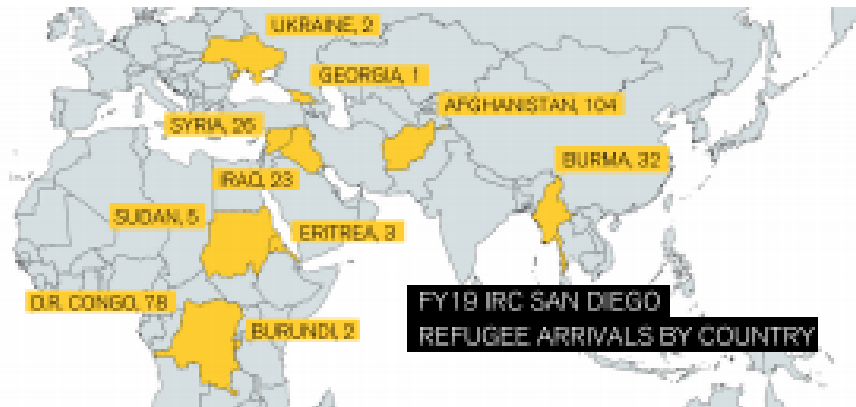
SERVICES:

- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Housing
- Food Security
- Employment
- School Enrollment
- Health Screening
- Cultural Orientation
- English as a Secondary Language
- Economic Development
- Youth Services
- Counseling/Support for Trauma
- Family Reunion & Citizenship



Our Impact: IRC in San Diego 2019

With the generous support of our donors, partners, volunteers and community, the International Rescue Committee continued to provide targeted and essential services to assist refugees, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders, asylum seekers & asylees, immigrants and low-income families thrive in San Diego.



8,024 
 PEOPLE SERVED FROM
124 COUNTRIES
 INCLUDING
276 NEW
 REFUGEE ARRIVALS

2,251 PEOPLE
 RECEIVED HELP WITH
 IMMIGRATION
 INCLUDING **236**
 DACA RENEWALS
 & **661 NEW CITIZENS**



415 people found jobs and **379** earned certificates or credentials.



146 people completed the Vocational ESL program.

\$145

Average increase in monthly net income.

\$525,000 in small business, auto, and credit building loans disbursed to 145 borrowers.

3,333 

Tax returns filed through the VITA program, resulting in \$5,324,372 in refunds for low income families

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Asylum seekers received assistance with housing, accessing legal aid, and basic needs through IRC's comprehensive case management program.

280

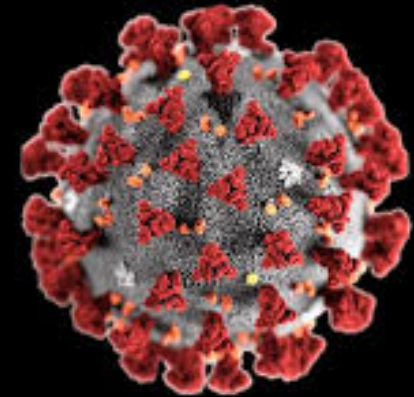
Refugee youth participated in academic and social-emotional programs at City Heights and El Cajon middle and high schools

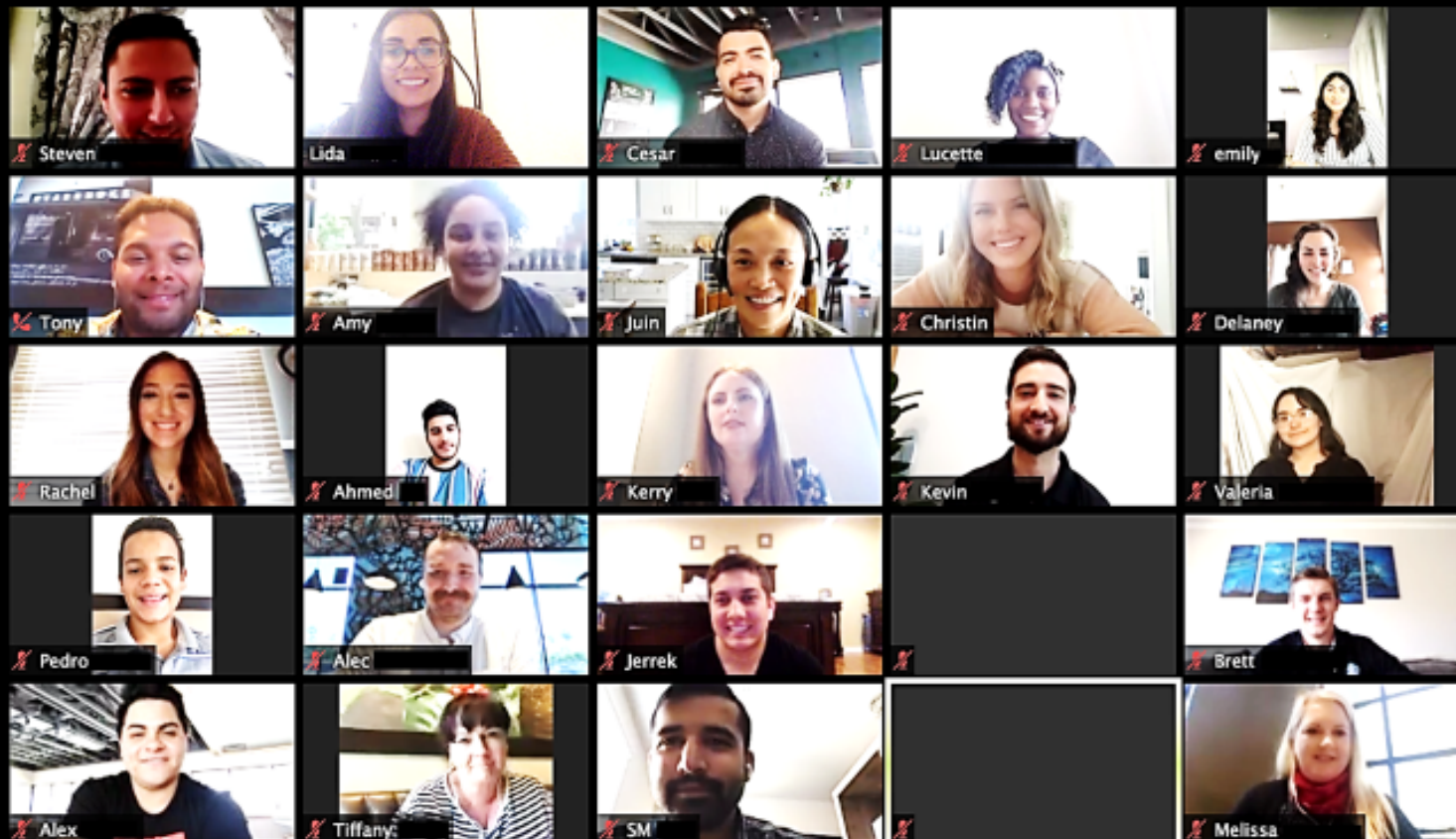
2020 Priorities

- Focus on Gender Equity – Launch of Women’s Center
- Asylum Seeker Protection and Support
- Anti-Human Trafficking
- Programs Built Upon Client Feedback
- Measuring and Assuring Program Effectiveness

In the Wake of COVID

- Recreated all programs for remote service delivery
- Outreached to over 2000 clients served in last 2 years
- Health and economic wellbeing of clients most impacted
- Need to address digital





Skype File Edit View Window Help

OneNote

9-10 to pump Ca^{2+} out of cell → use Ca^{2+}/Na^{+} antiporter (NCX)

★ (need ATP to pump out Na^{+} later) ★

does NOT use ATP directly

Diagram illustrating ion transport across the plasma membrane:

- Mechanism 9:** antiport NCX. Ca^{2+} goes out (↑ gradient), Na^{+} goes in (↓ gradient). Na^{+} is more concentrated inside. Ca^{2+} is more concentrated outside.
- Mechanism 10:** Na⁺/K⁺ pump. Uses ATP. Na^{+} goes out (↑ gradient), K^{+} goes in (↑ gradient). K^{+} is more concentrated inside.

Legend:

- ↓ [] to ↑ [] → goes up gradient
- ↑ [] to ↓ [] → goes down gradient
- ↳ need more energy (ATP)
- ↳ No additional energy needed



Job Readiness, Employment, Career Development

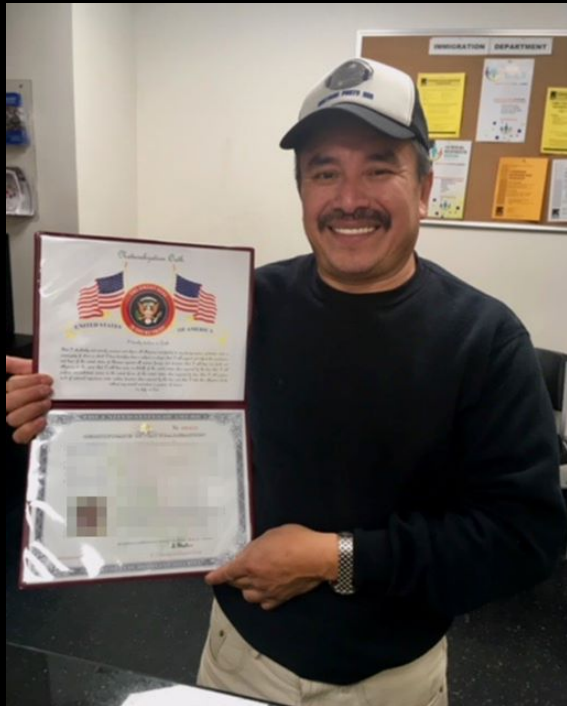


**THANK
YOU
REFUGEE
ESSENTIAL
WORKERS**





Citizenship Prep to Drive-thru Oath & Naturalization Ceremony





COVID-19 RESPONSE IRC in San Diego

Since going remote on 3/16/2020 through 7/31/2020:



474 Unemployment Insurance & financial relief applications filed

62 Job placements and 615 individuals provided with job search support



689 Small businesses received application support and/or business counseling services

\$1.4M Grant and loan funds secured for 73 small businesses



598 Clients served in remote immigration legal service appointments and citizenship instruction classes

320 Youth supported through virtual tutoring or mentorships

1162 Individuals participated in one of 117 virtual trainings



3020 Volunteer hours given by 65 existing and 47 new volunteers

\$36K Emergency cash assistance distributed to families

Today's Work at the IRC...

Challenging,
Inspiring,
Purposeful

...a fight for
vital humanitarian
protections for vulnerable families



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Get the facts
- Spread the word
- Get involved (Rescue.org)
 - Volunteer
 - Take Action ([Rescue.org/take-action](https://www.rescue.org/take-action))
- Attend an event...



Welcome to Pop on 30th



mock set-up on 6/18/20

REFUGEE

FILM

FESTIVAL

4/8 Paradise Without People
4/15 Torn Apart
4/22 The Cave
6:30pm

Museum of Photographic Arts
Presented by the IRC in San Diego
More information & tickets at Rescue.org/films

APRIL 8-22, 2020



September 12 - 21, 2020

10 DAYS OF
TASTE
IRC

JOIN US
ONLINE

September
12 - 21

Come join us!



Thank you!

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