Since opening in 1994, the International Rescue Committee in Phoenix has helped resettle over 11,000 refugees. The Phoenix office is the largest resettlement program in the state of Arizona and offers a holistic approach to resettlement through the provision of diverse programming. Staff members represent more than 20 different ethnic backgrounds and language capacity includes Amharic, Bemba, Bhutanese, Bisa, Bosnian, Burmese, Farsi, French, Fula, German, Hausa, Italian, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Kissi, Krio, Lingala, Mandarin, Mandingo, Mendi, Nyanja, Oromo, Portuguese, Russian, Somali, Swahili, Thai, Turkish, Turkmen, Twi, Uzbek, Wolof, Yagba and Yourba. The IRC also maintains a pool of on-call interpreters who speak Spanish, French and Arabic as well as more than 40 languages of lesser diffusion such as Americ, Hindi, Karen, Farsi, Mandingo, Nepali, Somali, and Tigrinya among others.

MAJOR POPULATIONS
Resettled in FY10: 854 resettled – Bhutan, Burma, Burundi, Cuba, Iraq, Somalia
Projected for FY11: 808 expected – Bhutan, Burma, Cuba, Eritrea, Iraq, Somalia

MAJOR PROGRAMS
Resettlement
Reception and Placement
MATCH Grant
Extended Case Management

Economic Empowerment
Employment Services
Microenterprise Development
IDA-Asset Building
Financial Literacy Training
Tax Services
New Roots Farm Program & Food Security

Protection
Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives

Health & Well-Being
Well Being Center
Early Childhood Care Coordination
Health Insurance Outreach
Pre & Post-Natal Services
Survivors of Torture Program
Emergency Preparedness

Civic Integration
Fee-for-service Immigration Services
Fee-for-service Contract Interpretation
Title VI Outreach & Training
Professional Interpreter Training Programs
Refugee Grassroots Capacity Building
ESL/Civics classes

OPERATIONS
Staff: 50 full time; 1 part time.
Budget and Major Funding Sources: Projected FY11: $6.6 million – USPRM, USDHS, USDOJ, USDA, USCIS, state government, private foundations, corporations, individual donors and other community support.

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**Mission Statement**
The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the suggestion of Albert Einstein, we offer lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster. At work today in over 40 countries and 22 US cities, the IRC restores safety, dignity, and hope to millions who are uprooted and struggling to endure. The IRC leads the way from harm to home.

**Refugee Definition**
Any person who is outside any country of such person's nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside any country in which such person last habitually resided, and who is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of, that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

**Global Refugee Population**: 12 million

Top 6 countries that accept refugees for permanent resettlement:
1. United States
2. Australia
3. Canada
4. Sweden
5. Norway
6. Finland

½ of 1% of refugees are resettled in the US each year.

**US Resettlement:**
- FY 08: 60,192
- FY 09: 74,694
- FY 10: Projected 80,000
  (75,000 + 5,000 funded unallocated)

9 agencies resettle refugees in the U.S.

**IRC Operations**
- International - 42 Countries
- Domestic – 22 U.S. Communities

IRC Staff
- Global: 7,500
- U.S. Programs: 550

**IRC Budget (Global)**
- 2007: $250 Million
- 2008: $248 Million
- 2009: $261 Million
- 2010: $275 Million (Projected)