

# IRC Phoenix Overview



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

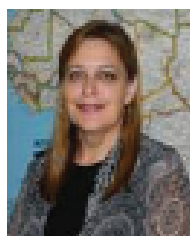
### Civic Integration

- 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.



**Robin Dunn Marcos** has served as the Executive Director since 1996. Prior to joining the IRC in Arizona, Robin worked for over nine years in the fields of refugee resettlement and relief in various countries in Africa. Robin has a Masters degree in Intercultural Administration from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida. Robin is an accredited representative for the Board of Immigration Appeals and has designed and taught Introduction to Humanitarian Work at ASU's School of Global Studies. Robin actively volunteers in her community.

# IRC Phoenix **Fast Facts**



## **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)