



ADMINISTRATION FOR  
**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

# **“Refugee Resettlement 101”**

## **Resettlement in the United States**

Office of Refugee Resettlement

June 2013

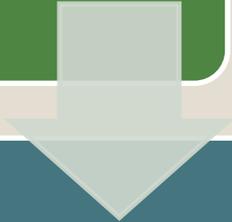
# Presidential Determination

Each year, the President submits the Proposed Refugee Admissions Report to the Congress, in compliance with Sections 207(d)(1) and (e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Populations are categorized in three main priority groups:

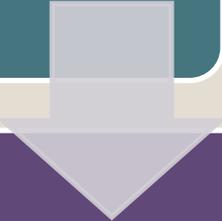
- **Priority 1: Individual cases**
- **Priority 2: Key designated groups**
- **Priority 3: Family reunification for designated nationalities (reinstated in FY2013)**

# Overseas Refugee Processing

## UNHCR:

- Refugee Registration
  - Refugee Status Determination (RSD)
  - Resettlement Assessment/Referral
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## US Resettlement Program (USRP):

- Pre-Screening by Resettlement Support Center (RSC) staff
  - On-site interview by DHS/USCIS (Circuit Rides)
  - Fingerprinting and security checks
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## Once Approved for US Resettlement:

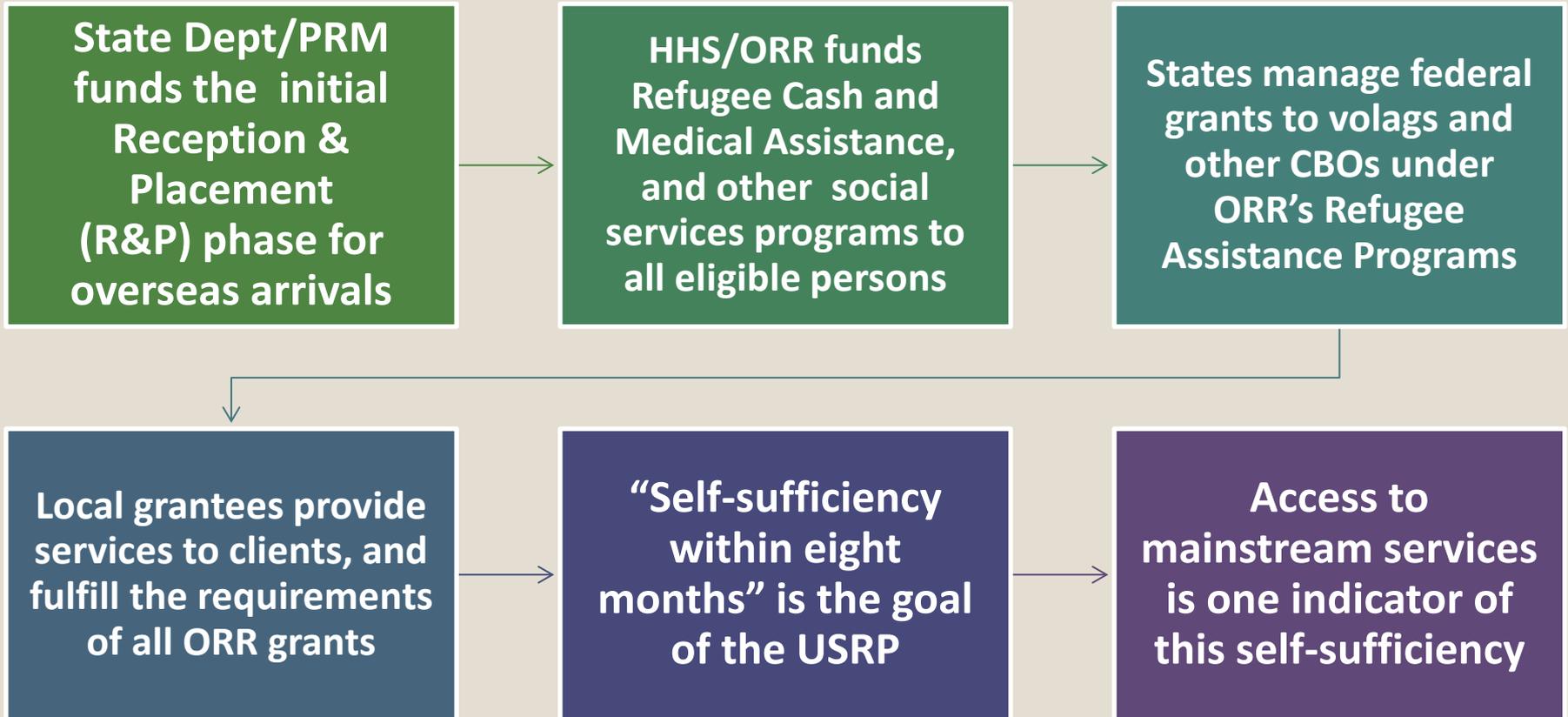
- Referrals for medical screening; allocations by Volags
- Travel facilitated by the Int'l Organization on Migration (IOM)
- Final document checks and departure

# FY2013 Reception and Placement Program Affiliate Sites



Source: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, US Department of State

# US Resettlement Program



# Who Does ORR Serve?

**Refugees**

**Unaccompanied  
Refugee Minors  
(URM)**

**Cuban/Haitian  
Entrants**

**U.S.  
Repatriates**

**Survivors of  
Torture**

**Asylees**

**Certified Victims  
of Human  
Trafficking**

**Unaccompanied  
Alien Children  
(UAC)**

**Special  
Immigrant Visa  
(SIV) holders**

**Special  
Immigrant  
Juveniles**

# Brief History of ORR

1980

- The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) establishes the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) through the 1980 Refugee Act

2000

- ORR expands its service provision to cover three new categories: persons granted asylum; Survivors of Torture, and Certified adult Victims of Human Trafficking

2003

- Oversight of services to Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) is given to ORR following the breakup of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

2008

- The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 grants ORR the authority to confer Eligibility and services to trafficked children

# ORR State-Administered Services

Each State has a State Refugee Coordinator (SRC) and often a State Refugee Health Coordinator (SRHC).

The State Refugee Coordinator's office oversees services and refugee benefits to eligible clients in State and coordinates services within the State. Eligible clients are usually referred to State programs by voluntary agencies (volags).

# ORR's Partnership Network

9 national voluntary agencies

350 affiliated resettlement agencies

Several hundred community-based orgs

49 SRCs plus 49 SRHCs

Several affinity groups (ARHC, SCORR, RCUSA, etc.)

Plus, Mayors; Governors; local City Councils; public schools systems; Human Services offices; members of the business community; health care workers, and of course, volunteers.

**For more information,  
visit ORR's website at:**

**[www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/)**

