Migration and Refugee Assistance

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Department of State
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What is Migration and Refugee Assistance?
Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) works to mitigate and resolve conflict-related displacement and support humanitarian action and diplomacy for displaced populations. MRA is administered through the State Department’s Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), USAID’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), and other partners.

What do the funds support?

- Help meet the basic human needs of displaced people, including refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons (IDPs); support sustainable and dignified solutions to their displacement; and assist the countries hosting them.
- **Support displaced populations** in Afghanistan, Burma, Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen, and elsewhere.
- Manage migration in the Western Hemisphere, including irregular migration from Central America to the U.S.
- **Fund contributions** to multilateral international humanitarian organizations including the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as well as other international and non-governmental humanitarian organizations.
- Support and expand the refugee admissions program to resettle refugees in the United States.

Funding History

_Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding._

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Foreign Aid Delivers
MRA supports continued U.S. leadership on refugee and humanitarian issues and plays a critical role in responding to complex humanitarian situations with regional and global impact. Continued investment in MRA enables U.S. leadership to shape international responses to humanitarian crises, maintain the global capacity to respond, and provide support to refugee and migrant host nations. MRA supports durable solutions to migration and displacement including the voluntary return of refugees to their place of origin if the conditions permit, safely remaining in the location of displacement with integration into host communities, or resettlement to a third country.

“The United States continues to promote a coordinated global response to humanitarian crises and encourages responsibility sharing with other governments, organizations, and companies to help meet immediate humanitarian needs so that refugees can live with hope and dignity. No single country can respond alone, and no country is untouched by the impacts of forced displacement.”
- Antony Blinken, Secretary of State