Refugee: A person forced to flee their home country to escape persecution, war, or violence.

Resettlement: The careful selection by governments – for purposes of lawful and secure admission – of the most vulnerable refugees who can neither return to their home country nor live safely in their current host country.

- 25 million refugees globally
- Less than 1% of refugees are referred for resettlement
- UN begins screening by collecting biographic and biometric data

- U.S. Government: Solely decides admission
  - 8 Government agencies
  - 5 Background checks
  - 6 Security Databases
  - 3 In-person interviews

- Resettlement Agencies: Assigned accepted cases
  - U.S. Dept of State coordinates with 9 national Resettlement Agencies (RA)
  - LIRS is the only RA in ND
BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR WELLBEING

LIRS - Reception & Placement
- Airport pickup
- Housing
- School Enrollment
- Cultural Orientation
- Collaborates locally and nationally to determine the ND refugee resettlement number

NORTH Dakota Human Services

NDDHS - Refugee Support Services (RSS)
Offered in partnership with 20 community organizations
- Goal — Economic Self-Sufficiency and Integration
- Temp Cash and Medical Assistance — 8 months max
- Services Include:
  - Employment Services
  - Skills/Vocational Training
  - English Language Learning (ELL)
  - Immigration Services
  - Youth Mentorship
  - Refugee Health Promotion
  - Services to Older Refugees
Estimate for FFY 22

- 250 Refugees
- Avg = 364
- 95% Joining Family
BUILDING THE LABOR FORCE

Employer Success: Cardinal IG

Addressing Barriers
- Underemployment
  - Certifying overseas credentials
- Ongoing English Language Learning

ND Economic Impact (2019)
- Foreign-Born Taxes Paid: $197M *
- Foreign-Born Spending Power: $639M *
- 13% of refugees are entrepreneurs *
- Refugees fill labor shortages

Strong History of:
- Career advancement
- Long-term employment
- Loyalty, respect, and hard work
- Building collective prosperity

* American Community Survey – U.S. Census Bureau
### Overseas Security Screening
- Conducted on military bases in Europe and the Middle East
- Completed prior to U.S. bound flights
- Same screening required for refugees
- 7,000 remain in processing

### Processing on U.S. Soil
- 54,000 housed on 8 U.S. military bases
- Medical screenings
- Vaccinations (COVID, MMR)
- Authorization to Work
- Assigned to a RA

### Anticipated ND Arrivals
- 49 Total
- Family-ties cases
- 8 scheduled arrivals
Contact Information

Holly Triska-Dally, State Refugee Coordinator
600 E Boulevard Ave,
3rd Floor, Judicial Wing
Bismarck, ND 58505
Phone: 701-328-4725
E-mail: htriskadally@nd.gov