WHO ARE REFUGEES?
The 1951 Refugee Convention spells out that a refugee is someone who...
“owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country.”

WHO MORA SERVES
MORA contracts with program partners throughout the state to provide services to the following populations:

“Humanitarian Immigrants“ including:
• Refugees
• Asylees
• Afghan or Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders
• Cuban or Haitian Entrants/Parolees
• Certified Victims of Trafficking
• Certain Amerasians
• Afghan SI/SQ Parolees and Humanitarian Parolees
• Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees

Baltimore Metropolitan Area (BMA): Baltimore City and surrounding counties (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Hartford, and Howard counties)

Suburban Washington Area (SWA): Montgomery and Prince George’s counties

Frederick Area

Eligible humanitarian immigrants outside the BMA and SWA, and Frederick jurisdictions can access services at local DSS offices.

WHO MORA DOES NOT SERVE
• Asylum Seekers
• Central American Minors (CAM paroleses)
• Lawful Permanent Residents who were not previously humanitarian immigrants
• Naturalized U.S citizens
• Unaccompanied Minors
• Undocumented immigrants
• Visa holders (work, student, visitors, etc)

MORA has helped more than 40,000 refugees make Maryland their home, aiding their transition from “displaced persons“ to independent, contributing members of the national economy and the local communities. We work through a network of public and private service providers, to plan, administer, and coordinate transitional services aimed at helping refugees become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. Key areas for aiding refugees in adjusting to American life include financial assistance, job placement, community orientation, English language and vocational training, academic support for youth, case management, and other support services.

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MORA PROGRAM PARTNERS

MORA contracts service providers throughout Maryland as part of a Public-Private-Partnership model.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS | AOP | ECMP | ESOL | RMS | RFEPE | RSIG | RSS | RTCA | RTEP | RYMP | SOR | VTES | RHP
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Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Mayor's Office Immigrant Affairs | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Ethiopian Community Development Council | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
HIAS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
International Rescue Committee, Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
International Rescue Committee, Silver Spring | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Solutions in Hometown Connections | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Maryland Department of Health | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Montgomery College | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Prince George’s Community College | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Please note MORA does not provide direct services to eligible clients.