



International Association for Refugees

## PSALM 107

SOME WANDERED IN DESERT WASTELANDS,  
FINDING NO WAY TO A CITY WHERE THEY COULD SETTLE.  
THEY WERE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY,  
AND THEIR LIVES EBBED AWAY.

THEN THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE,  
AND HE DELIVERED THEM FROM THEIR DISTRESS.

HE LED THEM BY A STRAIGHT WAY  
TO A CITY WHERE THEY COULD SETTLE.

LET THEM GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD  
FOR HIS UNFAILING LOVE  
AND HIS WONDERFUL DEEDS FOR MEN.

FOR HE SATISFIES THE THIRSTY  
AND FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS.



Worship in Kakuma Refugee Camp

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**The work of IAFR is needed now more than ever.**

The number of people forced to flee their homes and homelands because of war and persecution is at historic highs (see adjacent tables).

At the same time, the number of nations willing to offer them refuge is in serious decline as is funding for critical humanitarian services.

Nations are hunting down, detaining, and deporting asylum seekers - even paying unsafe third countries to take them off their hands. Elected officials openly dehumanize and misrepresent them in the public square, calling them *invaders* and *dangerous criminals*, and a threat to public health and safety.

In 46 years of ministry among refugees, I have never witnessed such hostility to people in search of refuge.

**Yet there is still reason to hope.** God is at work in the world. A hallmark of those who follow Jesus is their care for the vulnerable and marginalized in society.\*

The body of Christ is called to be a force of hope in the world as it groans for rescue and restoration.

Refugees are another reason to hope. For they are more than just people in need. When we get behind their efforts, good things happen.

A growing number of local churches are activating in ways that welcome and support refugees and asylum seekers all over the world. Another reason to hope!

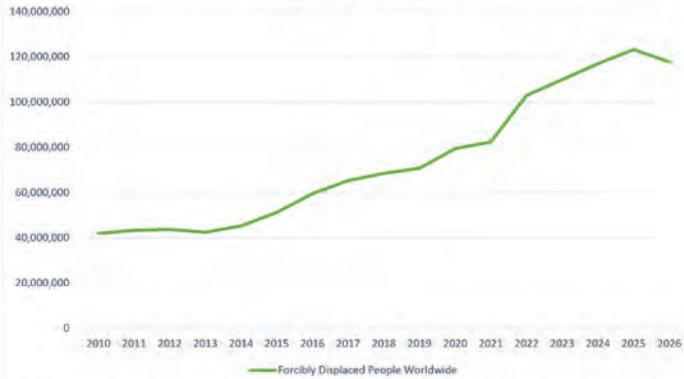
And so we fix our hearts on Jesus Christ and partner with God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, confident that the day is coming when the prayer of Jesus will be answered and the will of God will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**This is our hope.**

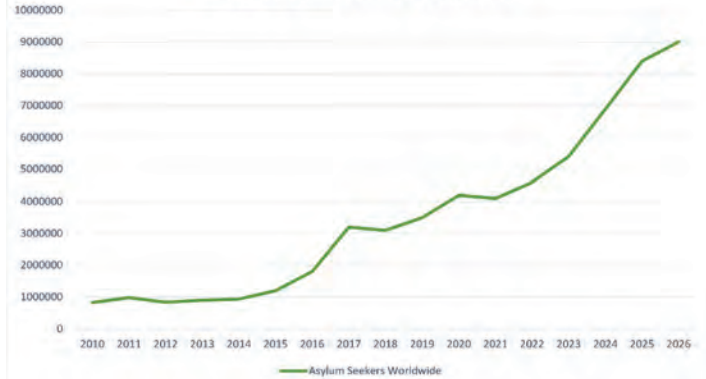
Tom Albinson  
Founder & President  
International Association for Refugees

*\*Matthew 25:34-36*

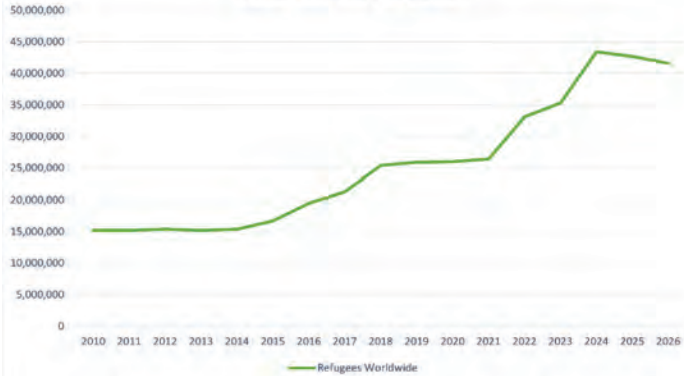
### Global FDP Population



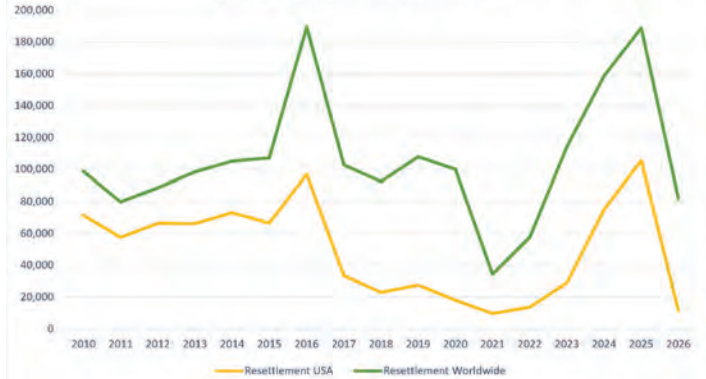
### Global Asylum Seeker Population



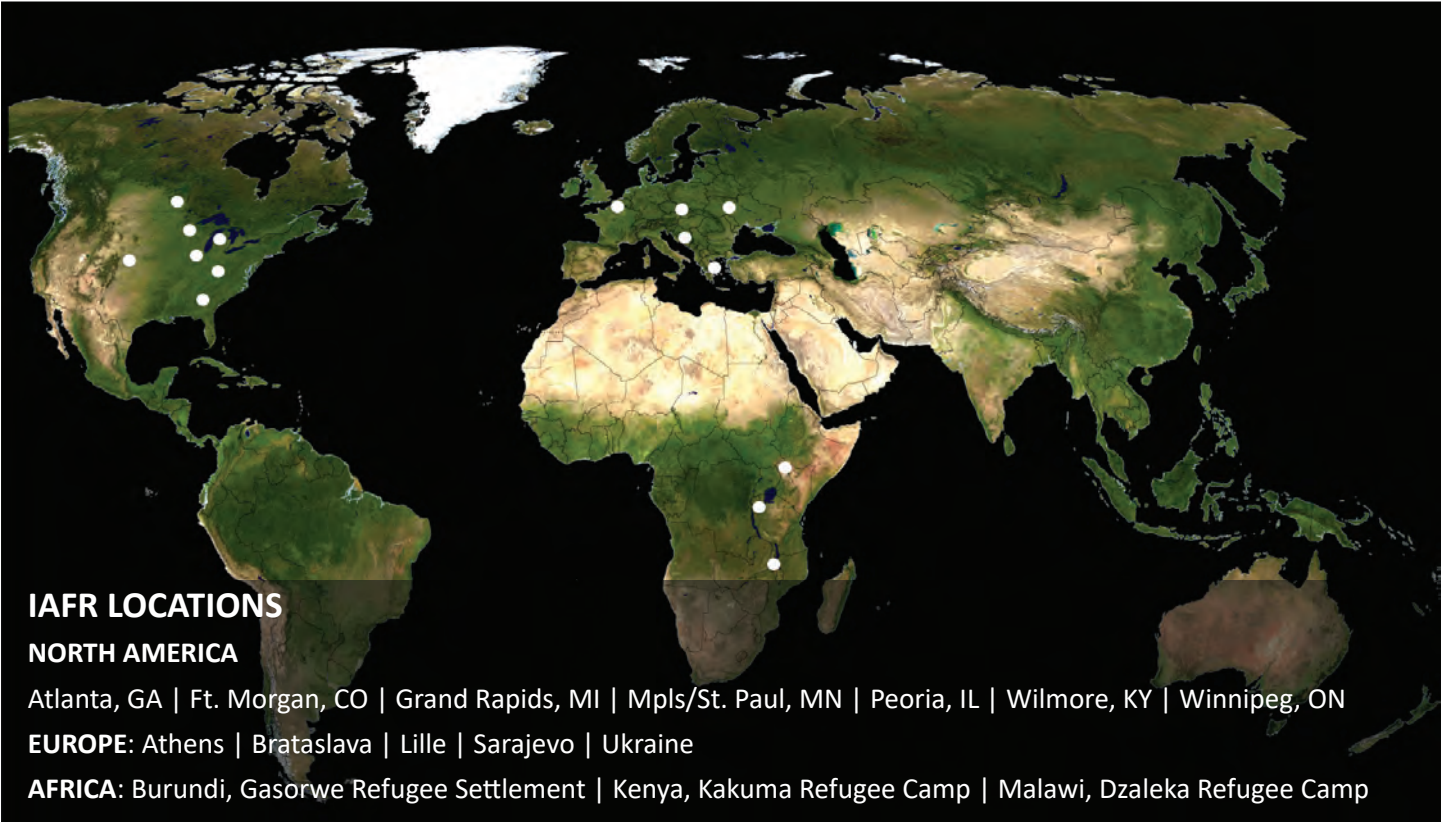
### Global Refugee Population



### Refugee Resettlement Numbers



\*Statistical Source: UNHCR Global Trends.



**IAFR LOCATIONS**

**NORTH AMERICA**

Atlanta, GA | Ft. Morgan, CO | Grand Rapids, MI | Mpls/St. Paul, MN | Peoria, IL | Wilmore, KY | Winnipeg, ON

**EUROPE:** Athens | Bratislava | Lille | Sarajevo | Ukraine

**AFRICA:** Burundi, Gasorwe Refugee Settlement | Kenya, Kakuma Refugee Camp | Malawi, Dzaleka Refugee Camp

# Why We Serve

The love of God compels us to seek the well-being of those who have been stripped of place in the world.

# Who We Serve

We serve people who have been uprooted by war, persecution, and gross violations of human rights.

# What We Do

We help people survive and recover from forced displacement and train others to do the same.

# Where We Serve

We serve wherever forcibly displaced people are found, including refugee camps, urban centers, and rural communities.

Dzaleka refugee camp, Malawi

## BREAKING ISOLATION & STRENGTHENING FAITH

When forced to flee, refugees are often separated from family, friends, and community. Those who survive find themselves in an unfamiliar location facing an uncertain future. Millions find themselves in camps often located in remote locations, physically isolating them from the rest of the world. It is easy to feel forgotten. And the surrounding host community is not always welcoming.

**Isolation can only be overcome through relationships.**

Many of our refugee friends have been stuck in such circumstances for over a decade. It takes more than humanitarian aid to overcome their isolation and strengthen their hope, faith, and resilience.

*“Resilience begins with knowing that you are not alone and that you are not forgotten.”*

- Jacob Tornga, US Regional Leader

Unlike providing food or shelter, strengthening hope

requires welcoming and supportive relationships, knowing each other’s names, listening to one another’s hopes, fears, and sorrows, and praying together.

This is as true for our friends in refugee camps as it is for asylum seekers and resettled refugees in urban centers and rural towns in the US and Europe.

*“Our work has always been about more than projects, programs, and services. It is about breaking isolation and letting our friends know that they are not alone and that they are not forgotten.”*

- Tom Albinson, President

**Pursuing relationships with those we serve is core to everything we do.**

The world is becoming increasingly hostile toward our uprooted friends. It is more important than ever for us to show up in their lives so that they know they are not forgotten or alone. They are valued and loved.



*David was in the desert when he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.  
And Saul's son Jonathan went to David and helped him find strength in God. 1 Samuel 23:16*

## AYANTU'S STORY

One night, Ayantu's husband attacked her in her sleep, throwing acid on her face and arms. He faced no legal consequences. Ayantu was forced to flee her homeland and seek refuge in another country.

Knowing the journey would be dangerous and uncertain, she left her two small children behind with her mom. She was afraid of how others would react to the scars on her face, neck and arms.

She moved into a house IAFR offers asylum seekers with no safe place to live. We call it *Jonathan House*. The other residents welcomed her with open arms. A volunteer dropped by with a gift bag and a friendly embrace. Ayantu was moved to tears.

***"They made me forget my scars."***

A few days later, Ayantu came to a meal, where members of the community are invited to join staff and residents for brunch. She arrived wearing a face mask,

but partway through the brunch, she removed it. Afterwards, she commented, *"They made me forget my scars. I could feel that everybody there loved each other."*

As the months passed, Ayantu took English classes and began to learn the new language rapidly, even helping translate for her housemates. She has formed strong bonds with the other residents and the staff at Jonathan House. She is receiving care from Mayo Clinic. She continues to exhibit joy and hope through her smile and generous spirit.

***"Coming to Jonathan House has changed my life."***

When she speaks of her time at Jonathan House, she says, *"I feel an indescribable peace when I am at home [Jonathan House]. Coming to Jonathan House has changed my life... Before coming here, I used to regret living life, and now I'm loving life, because of the love you show me."*



*Ayantu at an IAFR Jonathan House community meal.*

## RED AND GREEN LINES

We frame a lot of what we do in terms of red and green lines.

The **red line** represents things needed to keep people alive and breathing - food, water, shelter, medical care, and safety. So, we constantly assess whether the refugees and asylum seekers we serve have access to these basic provisions.

Due to the severe reduction of foreign aid in 2025, humanitarian agencies that specialize in providing red line solutions have been forced to cut back on services. This has dramatically increased the vulnerability of asylum seekers and refugees. In response, IAFR is working with our refugee partners to step into the gaps in critical services.

We are getting critical medical supplies to Dzaleka refugee camp. We are sponsoring emergency food distributions in Kakuma refugee camp. We are getting Ukrainians out of conflict zones to safety.

**Green line** work focuses on strengthening hope and resilience. Hope is strongest when people have supportive community, life-giving faith, emotional well-being, useful skills for their new context, and opportunities to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Such work requires relationships of trust and cannot be accomplished through transactional services and programs alone.

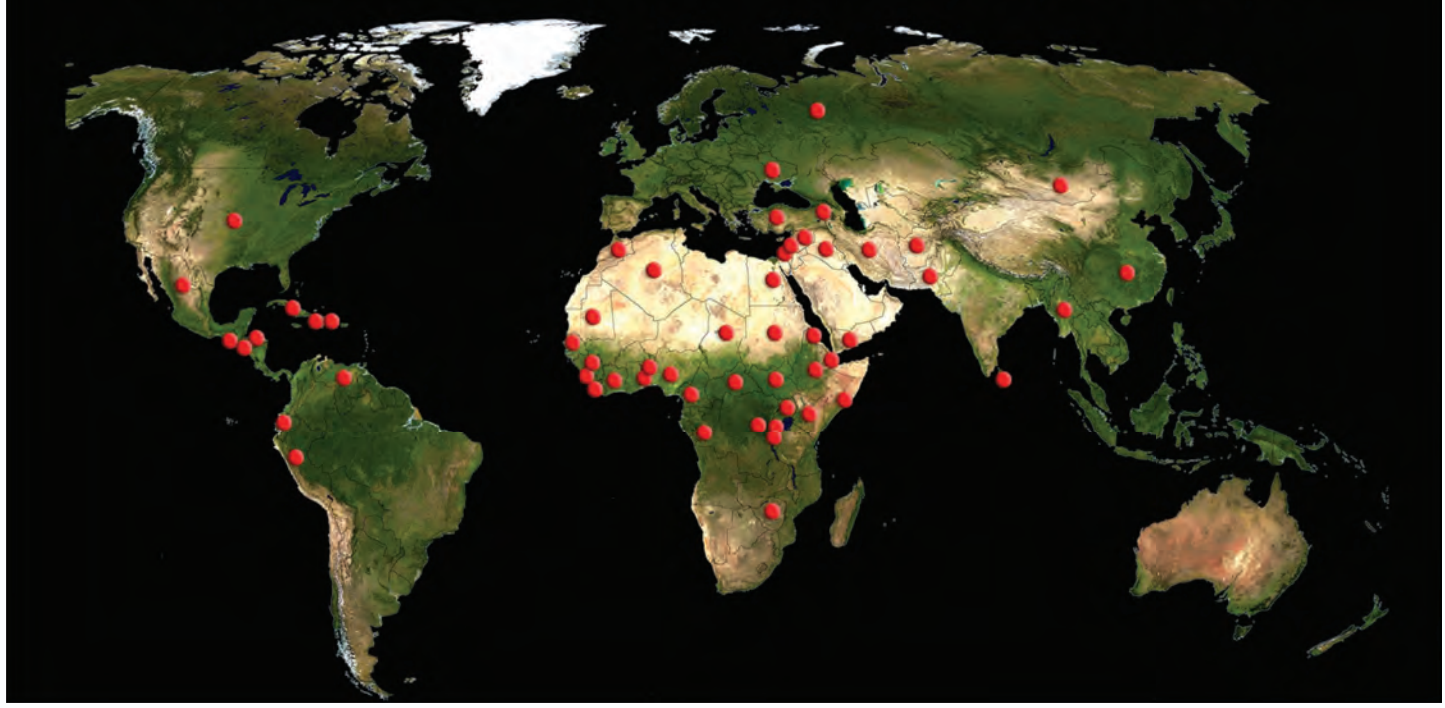
Refugee church support, pastoral care, youth ministries, theological training, Bibles in their languages, church buildings, community centers, school buildings and educational opportunities, employment support, are some of the ways we are strengthening hope.

Local communities of faith in both the refugee and surrounding host community are well-suited to green-line work, so we partner with them whenever possible.

# IAFR CONTINUUM OF RESPONSE



DISPLACED PEOPLE SERVED ~ 54 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN





Kalobeyei refugee settlement, Kenya

## TRAINING AND CONSULTING

Our vision and mission are bigger than anything we can accomplish on our own. That's why we are eager to share what we are learning to equip others for life-giving ministry among people seeking refuge. We count it a privilege to help Christians around the world show up along the refugee highway in ways that are fruitful, sustainable, and faithfully reflect the welcome we have received in Christ.

**Ministry among forcibly displaced people is not missions-as-usual.** People forced to flee war and violence represent an incredible array of ethnic and religious backgrounds, but they share a common struggle to survive in exceptionally vulnerable circumstances. Because of this complexity, those who wish to help must resist making assumptions and adapt their approach to each unique ministry context.

IAFR's training offers a practical framework for understanding the needs of people who are displaced while equipping ministry leaders with tools to navigate

common challenges. Our training also makes room for participants to reflect on their motivations and postures; something particularly hard to do when your work is marked by relentless and urgent need.

People, agencies, networks, and churches have sought out IAFR training from all over the world. Our input and resources are highly valued by ministry leaders working in refugee camps, transit zones, and in places where those who have survived displacement are looking to integrate into a new country and be allowed to thrive again.

We also offer resources from our website, designed to help raise awareness and inform others of global refugee realities and God's concern for displaced people.

*You can find IAFR ministry resources at [www.IAFR.org](http://www.IAFR.org).*

NATIONALITIES TRAINED ~ 46 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



## WORDS THAT SHAPE OUR MINISTRY

DIGNITY HOSPITALITY HUMILITY PARTNERSHIP

HOPE PLACE STEP INTO THE GAPS REFUGE PRAYER MUTUAL TRANSFORMATION

JOURNEY OF FAITH FRUITFUL ETHICAL SUSTAINABLE

DIVERSITY FRIENDSHIP RESILIENCE FAITHFULLY

CHRISTIAN MUTUALITY INTEGRATION TABLES

RELATIONSHIPS RESPECT TOGETHER

RECIPROCITY RE-HUMANIZATION CHURCH EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

CONTEXTUALIZATION SURVIVAL RECOVERY FIELD-DRIVEN COURAGE

LIFE-GIVING FAITH SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY PEACE



*The IAFR team in 2025*

## BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

From the displacement of Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23,24) to the final book of the Bible penned by John while in exile on the island of Patmos, stories of forced displacement run throughout Scripture.

The foreigner is often mentioned in the Bible together with the fatherless and the widow - vulnerable people for whom God deeply cares.

***What foreigner is most like the widow and the fatherless, if not the refugee?***

God's word repeatedly calls us to love and care for refugees in tangible ways. We are to ensure that their needs for shelter, food, and clothing are met. We are to offer hospitality

and seek justice on their behalf as well.

When Jesus was a young child, political persecution forced his family to flee in the night to Egypt. Upon their return, they did not feel it was safe to go back to their hometown in Judea and settled elsewhere (in Nazareth).

***Jesus personally identifies with refugees. They can also identify with him.***

Forced displacement is among the defining issues of the 21st Century. Followers of Jesus Christ will do well to embrace our God-given privilege and responsibility to welcome refugees into our communities and to help them survive and recover from forced displacement.

***For by serving them, we serve Jesus.***

A photograph of two women walking away from the camera on a sandy beach towards the ocean. The woman on the left is wearing a purple hijab and a light purple long-sleeved shirt. The woman on the right is wearing a light blue t-shirt and light blue jeans. The ocean is in the background with a few people swimming. The sky is overcast.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Amen.

## Statement of Financial Position

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>Dec. 31, 2025</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 1,116,393	\$ 1,197,117	\$ - 80,724
Other receivable	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ - 30
Operating lease right of use asset	\$ <u>696</u>	\$ <u>2,303</u>	\$ - <u>1,607</u>
Total current assets	\$ <u>1,117,089</u>	\$ <u>1,199,450</u>	\$ - <u>82,361</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ <u><b>1,117,089</b></u>	\$ <u><b>1,199,450</b></u>	
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 27,809	\$ 14,820	\$ 12,989
Operating lease liability	\$ <u>696</u>	\$ <u>2,303</u>	\$ - <u>1,607</u>
Total current liabilities	\$ <u><b>28,505</b></u>	\$ <u><b>17,123</b></u>	\$ <u><b>11,382</b></u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Without donor restrictions	\$ 384,461	\$ 256,175	\$ 128,286
With donor restrictions	\$ 704,123	\$ 926,152	\$ - 222,029
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>1,088,584</u>	\$ <u>1,182,327</u>	\$ - <u>93,743</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	\$ <u><b>1,117,089</b></u>	\$ <u><b>1,199,450</b></u>	\$ - <u><b>187,486</b></u>

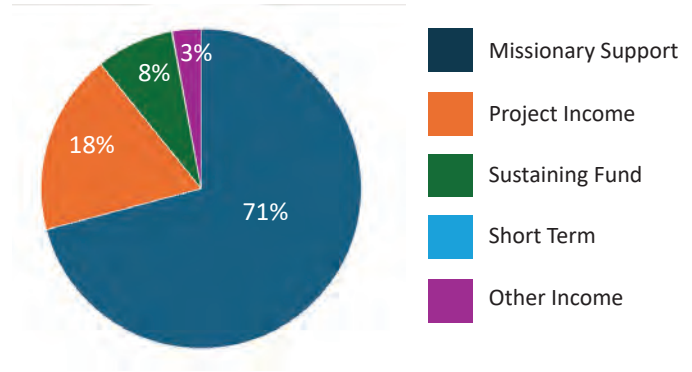
# 2025 Financial Overview

## IAFR INCOME 2025

### INCOME TYPE

Missionary Support	\$1,627,731
Project Contributions	\$ 421,301
Sustaining Fund	\$ 180,217
Short Term	\$ 1,119
Other Income	\$ 66,844

**Total Contributions** **\$2,297,212**

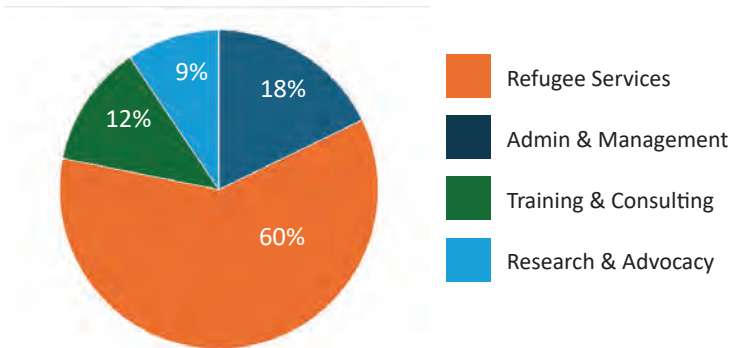


## IAFR EXPENSES 2025

### MINISTRY AREA

Refugee Services	\$1,442,730
Administration and Management	\$ 425,657
Training and Consulting	\$ 296,660
Research and Advocacy	\$ 225,908

**Total Expenses** **\$2,390,955**





International Association for Refugees  
*Helping people survive and recover from forced displacement*

[www.IAFR.org](http://www.IAFR.org)

Send IAFR donations to:

IAFR  
P.O. Box 1405  
Wheaton, IL 60187

or give online at [www.IAFR.org/donate](http://www.IAFR.org/donate)

[finance@iafr.org](mailto:finance@iafr.org)

IAFR Office:

IAFR  
1400 Van Buren St NE, Ste 200-244  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

USA

[info@iafr.org](mailto:info@iafr.org) | 612.200.0321