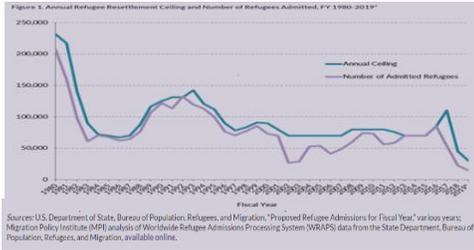


# Protect Refugee Resettlement

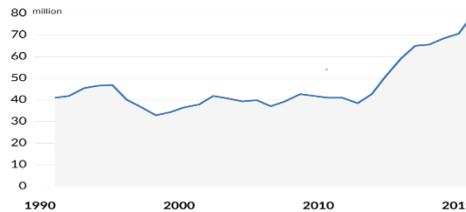
## Honor 40 Years of the Refugee Act of 1980



**US Resettlement Numbers Have Been Reduced by 80% of our Historic Average!!  
Yet There are More Refugees in the World Than Ever Before**



**79.5 MILLION** forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2019



**Figure at Left Showing Reductions in US Refugee Numbers v. at Right Showing Increasing Refugee Needs**

**This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Refugee Act of 1980, which:**

- Formally created the U.S. resettlement program,
- Established the legal basis for asylum, calling the U.S. "to respond to the urgent needs of persons subject to persecution in their homelands," &
- Was adopted with strong bipartisan support

Congress understood that the U.S. resettlement program advanced our foreign policy priorities, supported U.S. national security, and stabilized host countries that bear the brunt of refugee crises around the world.

## TOP 4 WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

**Refugee Resettlement Has Been One of the Most Bi-Partisan of All US Programs!**

1. **Follow Our Disciples RIM #40for40 Refugees Social Media Posts on weekdays, July 27-Sept. 18**, to be posted Monday-Friday on [Facebook](#), @StanleyRea on Twitter, and on Instagram. Re-tweet & Re-post to share! Tag @StanleyRea on Twitter and Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries on FB <http://bit.ly/RIMFacebook>. Use #40for40, #RefugeesWelcome, and #RiseforRefuge. Go [HERE](#) for even more resources & a Toolkit for how you can raise your voices for refugees!
2. **Call Your National Congress leaders through the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121, or with direct numbers for your Senators and Representatives, and urge them to:**
  - Provide a supplemental \$642 million for the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in FY2020 for the Refugee and Entrant Assistance account through the COVID Relief package to ensure vulnerable populations like refugees don't fall through the cracks and can receive housing, food, and needed care;
  - Cosponsor the bipartisan resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Refugee Act of 1980 (H.Res.902 / S.Res.545);
  - Support & co-sponsor the Refugee Protection Act (RPA) (S.2936 / H.R.5210)
  - Ensure the U.S. fulfills our commitment to refugees by resettling the approved 18,000 refugees this year, and restoring our heritage of resettling an average of at least 85,000 refugees per year.
3. **Hold In-District Meetings with your National Members & Staff During August Recess (Aug. 10-Sept. 4):** Set meetings with your U.S. Senators & Representatives, using district office information also listed at above links. Use the asks above.
4. **Call Your State & Local Members.** Find contact info. at: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials> and <https://www.contactingcongress.org/local>. Tell them your community welcomes refugees, urge they support refugee work programs, and see this State Action Toolkit for Responses to COVID-19: [bit.ly/StateCOVIDToolkit](http://bit.ly/StateCOVIDToolkit).

*How can Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries help? Follow us on Twitter @StanleyRea & on FB at: <http://bit.ly/RIMFacebook>. Call Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Director, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries, with questions: 202-957-7826. See our website at: [bit.ly/DisciplesRIM](http://bit.ly/DisciplesRIM), & go to: <http://bit.ly/RIMWRAPSignUp> to receive our refugee & immigration "RIM WRAP" Alerts!*