



Every year, the IRC helps thousands of refugees resettle in the United States. As a leading advocate for refugees around the world, we develop and implement programs that enable them to become self-sufficient and regain control of their lives.



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**93%** of funds are spent on programs and services  
**4%** spent on administration  
**3%** spent on fundraising  
(Fiscal Year 2015)



**You may not know a lot about us.  
But neither did many of the  
23 million people we helped last year.**

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More than 80 years after Albert Einstein helped create the International Rescue Committee, the number and intensity of humanitarian crises across the globe warrant a dose of Einstein-inspired innovation.

“Never before has the world needed the IRC as it does today. Meeting those needs will require not only new thinking and approaches, but new partners.”

—David Miliband  
IRC PRESIDENT AND CEO

The world's more than 60 million displaced people, the highest number ever recorded, require more than “aid as usual.” Their growing and increasingly complex needs mandate a transformation—a creative rethinking—in the global humanitarian response.

The IRC’s new strategic plan—**IRC 2020**—answers that call.

The beneficiaries of our programs deserve evidence-based interventions that bring real change to their lives. That is what we are determined to deliver.

The IRC has grown because our teams have gone to the toughest places, done cutting-edge research, developed in-depth knowledge, and forged vital relationships with local governments. Today our 191 field offices in over 30 crisis-torn countries are helping communities to survive conflict and rebuild and recover from war and natural disaster. From health care to education to protection for women and girls, the IRC is there.

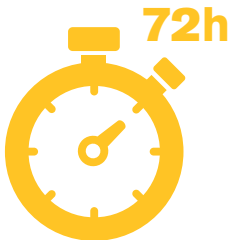
The IRC also works in 26 cities in the United States, helping newly arrived refugees adjust to life in America and make a contribution to their new country.

IRC 2020 is:



Building programs that rebuild lives

The foundation of all successful, high-impact programs is a body of evidence detailing how those programs work. That is why the IRC has pledged to be the first NGO to ensure that every program is either based on world-class appropriate evidence, or is contributing to the creation of that evidence base.



More and faster rescue and relief

The impact of our programs depends on speed as well as quality of delivery. Within 72 hours of a disaster, we are pledged to deliver services such as health care, clean water and cash support. That means new ways of working, new preparations in advance of disaster striking, and new partnerships with the private sector. And we are expanding our response teams in order to respond to as many as four concurrent emergencies.



Big steps forward

IRC staff work every day to build better programs. But we also know that some of the major changes in the lives of our beneficiaries will come from big leaps, not just small steps, forward. That means creating the capacity for systematic research.

Our commitment to research is pioneering changes in products and processes that, in turn, are improving lives. By borrowing from other sectors, and developing our own innovative approaches to crisis situations, we will address the questions that stifled the humanitarian response for many decades: how to deliver vaccinations in war zones; how to tackle the upsurge in domestic and sexual violence that accompanies war; how to deliver cash into emergency settings quickly and cheaply.



A call for collaboration

If you care about the plight of millions of fellow human beings and want to do something about it, we hope you will join us—as a supporter, a partner, a volunteer or a donor. We are determined to work in an open way that builds collaboration with the public, private and nonprofit sectors—in short, with all those ready to meet the daunting challenges we face.

The ultimate beneficiaries of IRC 2020 will be the most vulnerable among us—those left behind in a world of flux. Our strategy aims to honor their courage and resilience by expanding our impact and reach, ultimately enabling tens of millions of men, women and children to reclaim their lives.

**We hope you will join our journey.**

“No matter how dangerous the territory or how difficult the work, the IRC is already on the ground rescuing refugees caught in crisis.”

—Tom Brokaw  
FORMER ANCHOR AND MANAGING EDITOR  
OF NBC NIGHTLY NEWS



In the Democratic Republic of Congo alone, 60,000 girls were enrolled in school and showed improvements in reading and math as a result of IRC programs. Last year, we reached over 1.3 million children worldwide through education programs.



The IRC’s Emergency Response Team includes doctors, engineers and social workers on constant standby to launch emergency response activities anywhere in the world within 72 hours.