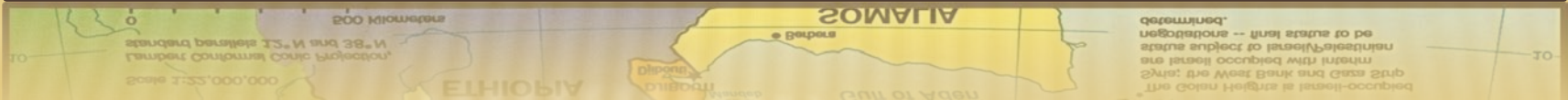


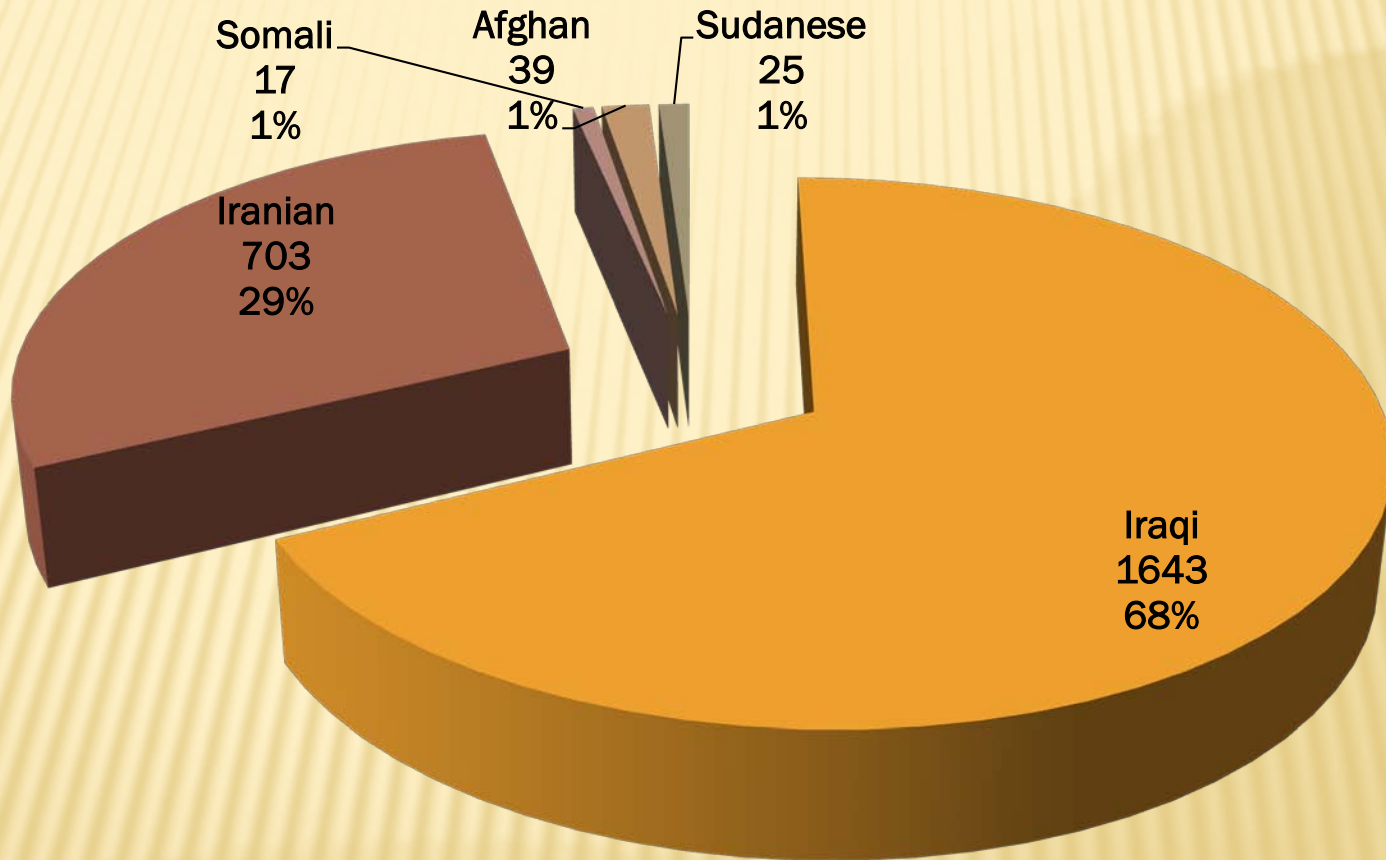
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Refugees' country of origin

- ✘ Caseload in Turkey: largely Iraqis from different ethnic and religious backgrounds (e.g. Assyrian and Chaldean Christians, Shi'a and Sunni Muslims); Iranian Baha'is, Afghanis, Sudanese, Somalis and Eritreans
- ✘ Caseload in Lebanon, Kuwait and UAE: Iraqis

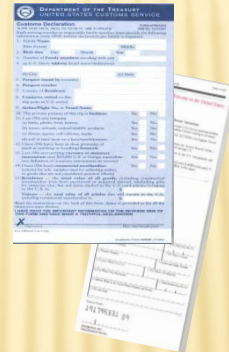
TOTAL CASE PERCENTAGE BY NATIONALITY 2011



- ✘ CO is the last stage of the refugee process in Turkey, before the refugee travels to the US
- ✘ CO training over a 3 day period
- ✘ 15-20 refugees per class
- ✘ Approved refugees over the age of 14
- ✘ Children's CO for those 8 – 13 years

CO OBJECTIVES

- ✘ Main objective of the CO training: provide refugees with realistic expectations of life in the US



- ✘ Different techniques: brainstorming, case studies, critical incidents, discussions, games, grouping, refreshers, role plays, videos, visuals and worksheet exercises
- ✘ ‘U’ shape style or group clusters: learner-centered, interactive and experiential



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WHO IS AN AMERICAN?



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EXPECTATIONS: RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES AND REFUGEES



HOUSING – REFUGEE EXPECTATIONS LANDLORD VS TENANTS



RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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VOCABULARY GAME



- ✘ Managing refugees' expectations in relation to: financial assistance, employment, gender roles, and racial and sexual discrimination.
- ✘ Involving refugees with disabilities.
- ✘ Combating rumors.
- ✘ Comparison of generous benefits offered in other resettlement countries.
- ✘ Childcare for small babies in order for mothers to participate.

QUESTIONS ?