

Study Tour to Kenya

Canada and the United States of America
Operational Resettlement Work

March 11-15, 2019



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Facilitating Resettlement
and Refugee Admission
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International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

The EU-FRANK Project

- ▶ European Union Specific Action Facilitating Resettlement and Refugee Admission through New Knowledge - funded by the European Commission through the European Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)
- ▶ Led by Swedish Migration Agency, in partnership with other European countries
- ▶ Launched in October 2016, ending in June 2020
- ▶ Targeted research + development of working materials + resettlement training = training module for European Asylum Support Office (EASO) + New Approaches

The Study Tour

- ▶ March 11-15, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya
- ▶ 34 participants
 - ▶ 24 based in Kenya: IOM, UNHCR, United States (U.S.) and Canadian government representatives
 - ▶ 10 externally-based: Canada, Estonia, Netherlands, Romania, Sweden, UK EASO, UNHCR, and IOM representatives



The Study Tour

- ▶ Observe resettlement work of Canada and U.S., and collaboration with UNHCR and IOM
- ▶ Tours and presentations of UNHCR, IOM, Canadian and U.S. government facilities and operations
- ▶ Visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp and Kalobeyei Settlement



Day 1: UNHCR Admissions Processes and US Operations



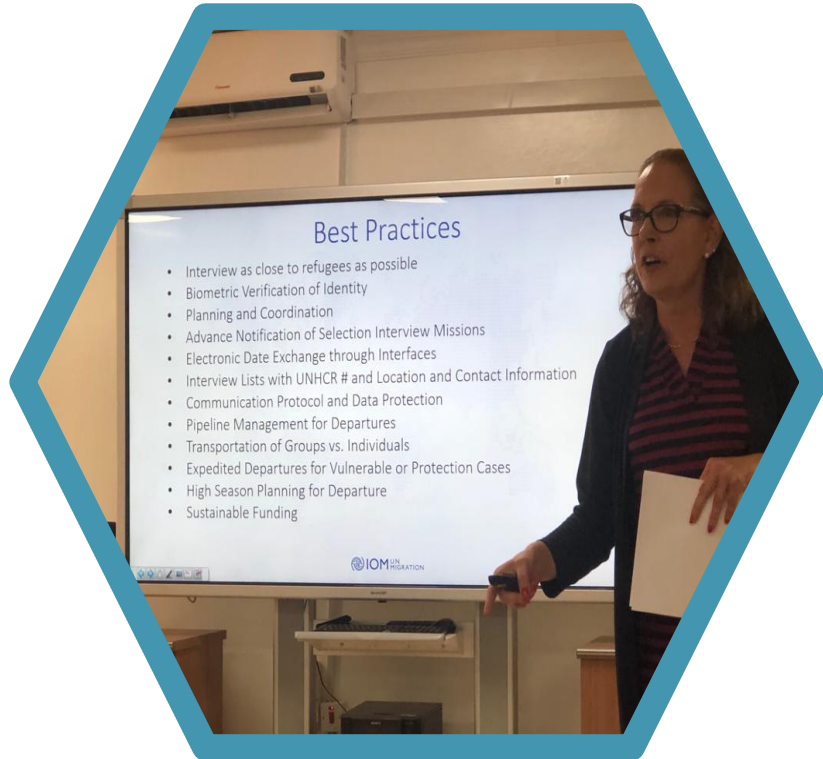
- ▶ UNHCR Regional Service Centre: functions, activities, and resettlement process
- ▶ Approximately 5 million refugees in the East, Horn of Africa, and Great Lakes regions. The RSC currently has 465,000 open cases - of which 10% have special considerations.
- ▶ UNHCR plans resettlement submissions a year in advance. One of the most significant issues that UNHCR faces is the unpredictability of many destination countries' resettlement commitments, which can change from year to year.
- ▶ U.S. Refugee Admissions Program: resettlement process, casework, medical examinations

Day 2: Field Visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp

- ▶ Camp operations and daily life
- ▶ UNHCR innovative tools and resettlement/complementary pathways
- ▶ Visit to Field Post
- ▶ IOM processing center



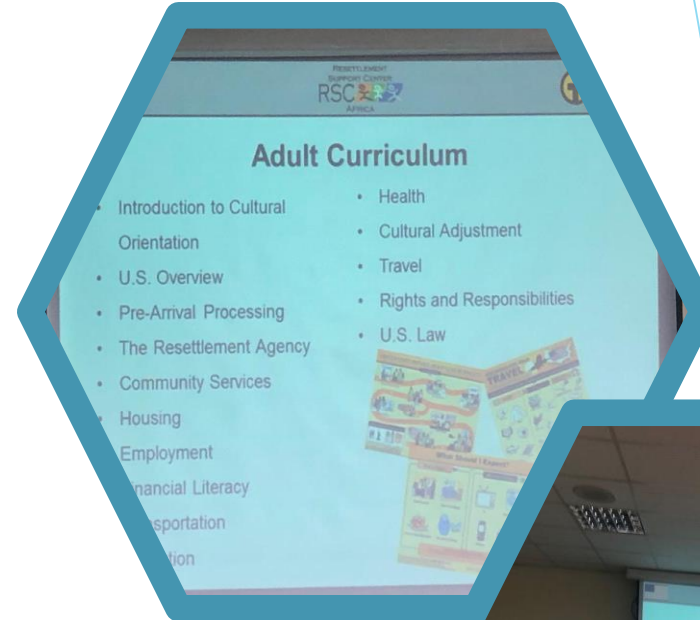
Day 3: Canadian Operations and IOM



- ▶ Canadian Refugee Program and Resettlement process: private sponsorship or referral organizations
- ▶ Complementary pathways: family reunification, education, Economic Mobility Pathways Project
- ▶ IOM operations, resettlement process, best practices

Day 4: Pre-Departure and Cultural Orientation Activities

- ▶ Pre-Departure and Cultural Orientation programs: objectives, curriculum, logistics
 - ▶ U.S. program
 - ▶ Canadian *Cultural Orientation Abroad* program facilitated by IOM



Participant Reflections and Takeaways

- ▶ Field-based knowledge of refugee resettlement programmes, processes and best practices
- ▶ Region-specific knowledge of resettlement operations in Kenya/East Africa
- ▶ Need for better coordination and collaboration within field of refugee resettlement
- ▶ Value of meeting other practitioners to discuss practices, common challenges, and daily work

Next Steps and Recommendations

- 1) Create products to better communicate the knowledge and insights gained during the study tour.
- 2) Explore mechanisms for better coordination of resettlement commitments among states.
- 3) Continue to seek opportunities for and expand the scope of both formal and informal exchanges in the fields of refugee resettlement and integration.

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Questions?



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