

Refugee Health Program Goals

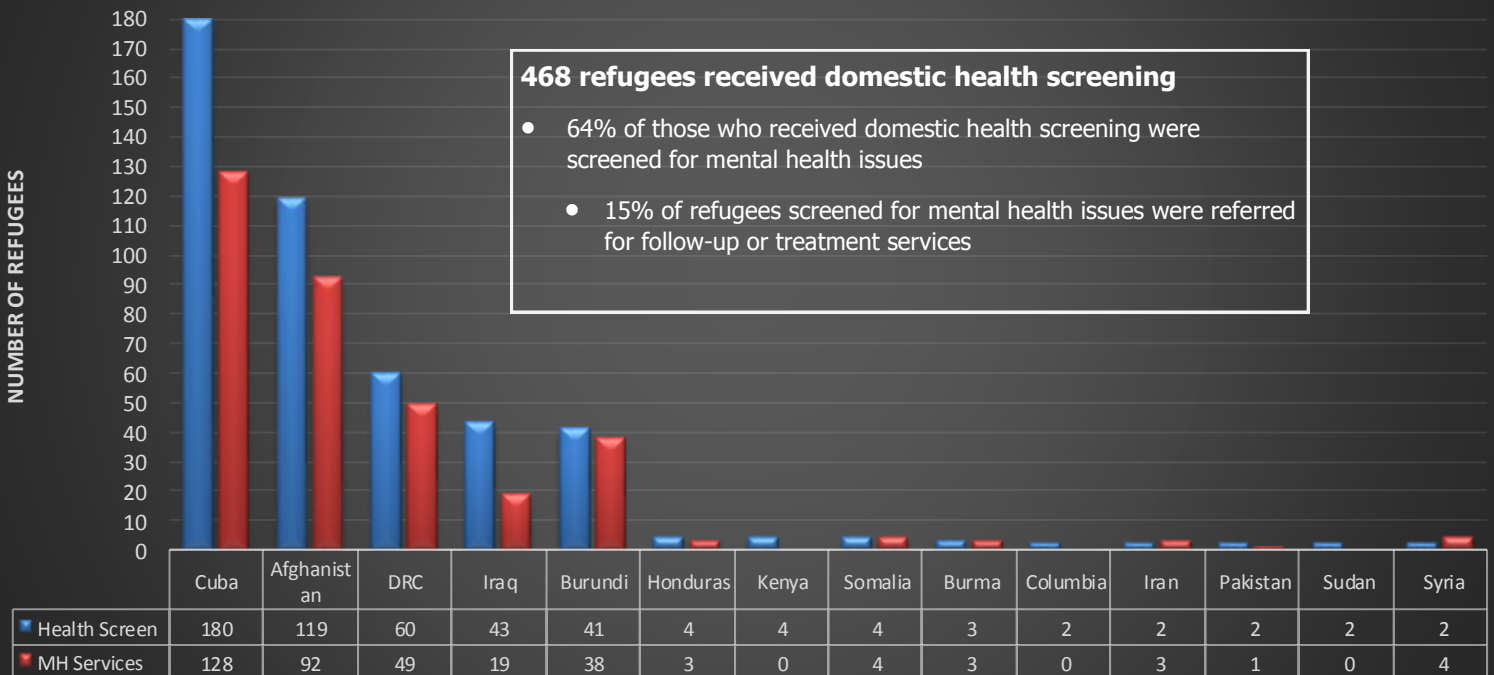
- **Health screenings and mental health assessments** serve as an entry point into the U.S. health system, preventing unnecessary emergency room visits.
- **Prevent transmission** of communicable diseases to the public.
- **Ensure follow-up** for conditions affecting personal well-being or impeding a refugee's ability to effectively resettle and function in the U.S. society (economic self-sufficiency and/or unnecessary admin/clinical costs).

The **DOH Refugee Health Program** is funded through a federal Office of Refugee Resettlement grant and a General Services Agreement with the NM Human Services Department. There are no state general funds supporting this program.

Refugee Health Primary Functions

- **Domestic health screenings** are provided to all newly-arrived refugees within 90 days of arrival in NM. Services include:
 - Screening for TB, sexually transmitted infections, HIV, hepatitis B and C, Sickle Cell, Malaria, and chronic conditions
 - Vaccinations
 - Referrals for medical, dental, and vision care
- **Mental health services** are offered to all newly-arrived refugees. Services may include screening, assessment, case management, and referrals for mental health treatment services.
- **Refugee health and mental health education and training**
 - For refugees: Stress management and self care education, which includes coping with physical, social, psychological and spiritual changes associated with relocation.
 - For Providers: Skills to assess and treat social and health/mental health problems that can exist among people displaced by extreme hardship, war and human rights abuses.
- **Interpreter and translation services (86% of clients required interpretation during domestic health screening)**

Fiscal Year 2016 Refugee Health and Mental Health Services



468 refugees received domestic health screening

- 64% of those who received domestic health screening were screened for mental health issues
- 15% of refugees screened for mental health issues were referred for follow-up or treatment services