LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
National Capital Area

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Refugees Resettled in Virginia by LSS/NCA 2010-2015

IRAQ (528)
Iraqis have fled to escape violence and political upheaval following U.S. intervention and the fall of Saddam Hussein.

IRAN (224)
Religious minorities have fled due to harassment, intimidation, and fear of persecution.

Turkmenistan (5)
Although war and armed conflict have been limited, poverty and human rights violations have caused several to seek greater opportunity and freedom.

Syria (6)
Syrians have been uprooted due to civil war and the occupation of the "Islamic State."

Moldova (4)
Since the break-up of the Soviet Union, Moldova has been in a deep economic and political crisis forcing many to flee civil war and economic distress.

AFGHANISTAN (512)
As a result of a series of wars and political unrest since 1989, fighting between fractions has destroyed cities, towns, and families.

Columbia (1)
The conflict between the Colombian government and armed Marxist guerrillas that began in the mid 1960s has displaced over 3 million people.

RUSSIA (2)
Russian political authorities increased their anti-opposition campaign creating an atmosphere of hatred and intolerance. As a result, civil and political activists have been forced to flee.

SIERRA LEON (2)
Civil war in bordering countries spilled over to Sierra Leon triggering a decade-long insurgency that continues to escalate political and social tensions.

VIETNAM (4)
The Vietnam War forced thousands from their homes; the LSS/NCA Refugee Program began in response to this crisis in 1975. Forty years later, we are still reunifying families.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (2)
Congolese continue to flee from decades of genocide and war; many still live in overcrowded camps.

PAKISTAN (5)
Thousands fled seeking safe haven from the violence and fighting between Pakistani soldiers and Taliban militants.

ERITREA (32)
Eritreans have been uprooted after being victims of torture and enslavement by their government.

SOMALIA (33)
Following the death of Siad Barre, political unrest, violence, and terrorism have driven out Somalis.

ETHIOPIA (7)
Ethiopians opposed to the ruling party have been forced to flee after facing oppression and punishment.

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TOTAL