

# **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** Number of Refugees Resettled in Maryland 2010-2015

#### MAURITANIA (2)

Due to ethnic cleansing following a border conflict with Senegal, Mauritanian removed thousands of ethnic minorities

#### SIERRA LEON (1)

Civil war in bordering countries spilled over to Sierra Leon triggering a decade-long insurgency that continues to escalate political and social tensions



#### Belarus (4)

Political activists have fled Belarus after being targeted as political opposition by the ruling party

#### IRAQ (199)

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

## **IRAN (31)**

Religious minorities have fled due to harassment, intimidation, and fear of persecution

# AFGHANISTAN (237)

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

#### Syria (1)

Syrians have been uprooted due to civil war and the occupation of the "Islamic State"

# ERITREA (25)

Eritreans have been uprooted after being victims of torture and enslavement by their government

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (18)

Congolese continue to flee from decades of genocide and war; many still live in overcrowded camps

### SUDAN (5)

Since the mid-20th century, the Sudanese have suffered through periods of forced migration as a result of genocide

## ETHIOPIA (28)

Ethiopians opposed to the ruling party have been forced to flee after facing oppression and punishment

#### SOMALIA (9)

Political unrest following the death of Siad Barre, violence, and terrorism have driven out Somalis

# PAKISTAN (16)

Thousands fled seeking safe haven from the violence and fighting between Pakistani soldiers and Taliban militants

## VIETNAM (1)

The Vietnam War forced thousands from their homes; the LSS/NCA Refugee Program began in response to this crisis in 1975

# **BURMA/MYANMAR (137)**

Violent civil war and "ethnic cleansing" have forced ethnic and religious minorities out of Burma

### BHUTAN (41)

Bhutanese have fled or been expelled from their country because of ethnic persecution

# NEPAL (1)

Nepal has been a generous host to thousands of refugees over the past 50 years. In 2015, Nepal was struck by a devastating earthquake, leaving thousands without homes or means to rebuild

## RUSSIA (15)

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