

Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate
Refugee Affairs Division



Barbara Strack is the Chief of the Refugee Affairs Division (RAD) within the Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate. RAD's primary mission is to offer protection to refugees in accordance with the laws of the U.S. and international obligations. In order to achieve this mission, RAD staff:

- o conducts interviews overseas with refugee candidates identified for possible resettlement in the U.S.
 - o produces high-quality and timely adjudications based upon the results of those interviews
 - o conducts protection screening for migrants interdicted by the U.S. Coast Guard in the Caribbean
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- o provides training, policy and procedural guidance to officers who conduct refugee adjudications
 - o works in close cooperation with governmental, non-governmental and international organizations, including the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration at the Department of State and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, in order to support the annual refugee admissions goal determined by the President
 - o ensures the integrity of adjudications, including liaison with law enforcement, intelligence and national security colleagues

Refugee Affairs Division Refugee Officers, supplemented by overseas district staff and detailees from the Asylum Division and other USCIS programs, traveled to 69 different countries and conducted more than 200 overseas circuit rides to interview 67,606 individuals for refugee resettlement in the U.S. during FY2007.

The Refugee Affairs Division (RAD) continually assesses the status of the U.S. refugee resettlement program and keeps abreast of refugee developments worldwide, in close collaboration with the Department of State. RAD is composed of two branches.

The **Programs Branch** develops policies, procedures, and regulations related to the refugee resettlement program; oversees and coordinates training for officers conducting refugee adjudications and works to ensure the quality and consistency of refugee adjudications. In addition, the program branch manages initiatives to detect and deter fraud in the refugee program.

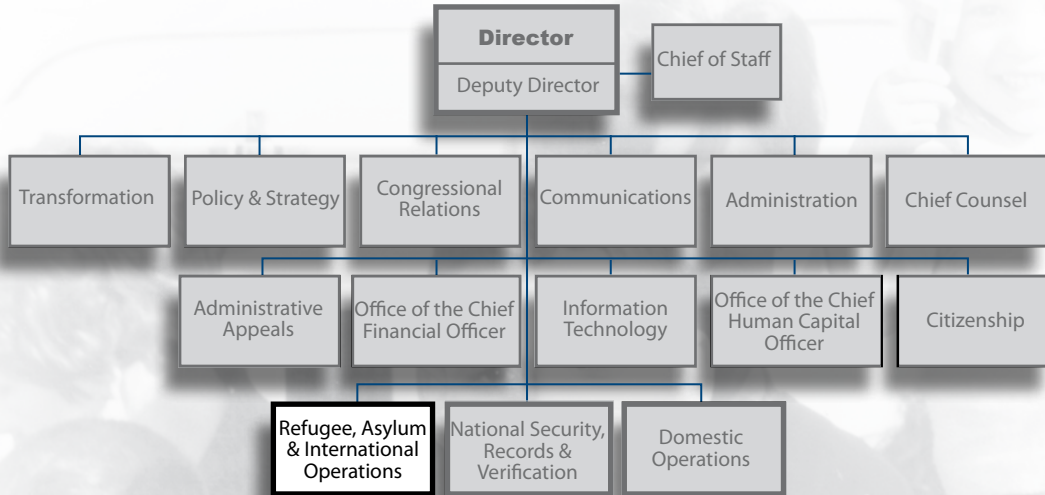
The **Operations Branch** manages the field work to conduct refugee adjudications worldwide, including staffing, training, travel and other coordination necessary to support refugee “circuit ride” trips. The branch oversees the implementation of policy, procedures and regulations related to refugee resettlement.

The Operations Branch coordinates and oversees temporary duty officer activities and works with overseas district offices and partner agencies involved in resettlement activities. This includes supervision of the Refugee Corps, a cadre of officers who spend 50 percent of their time conducting refugee interviews overseas, as well as regional desk officers and a team dedicated to protection screening for interdicted migrants and other Cuba-related responsibilities.



Barbara Strack, Refugee Affairs Chief, addresses audience

USCIS Organizational Chart



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