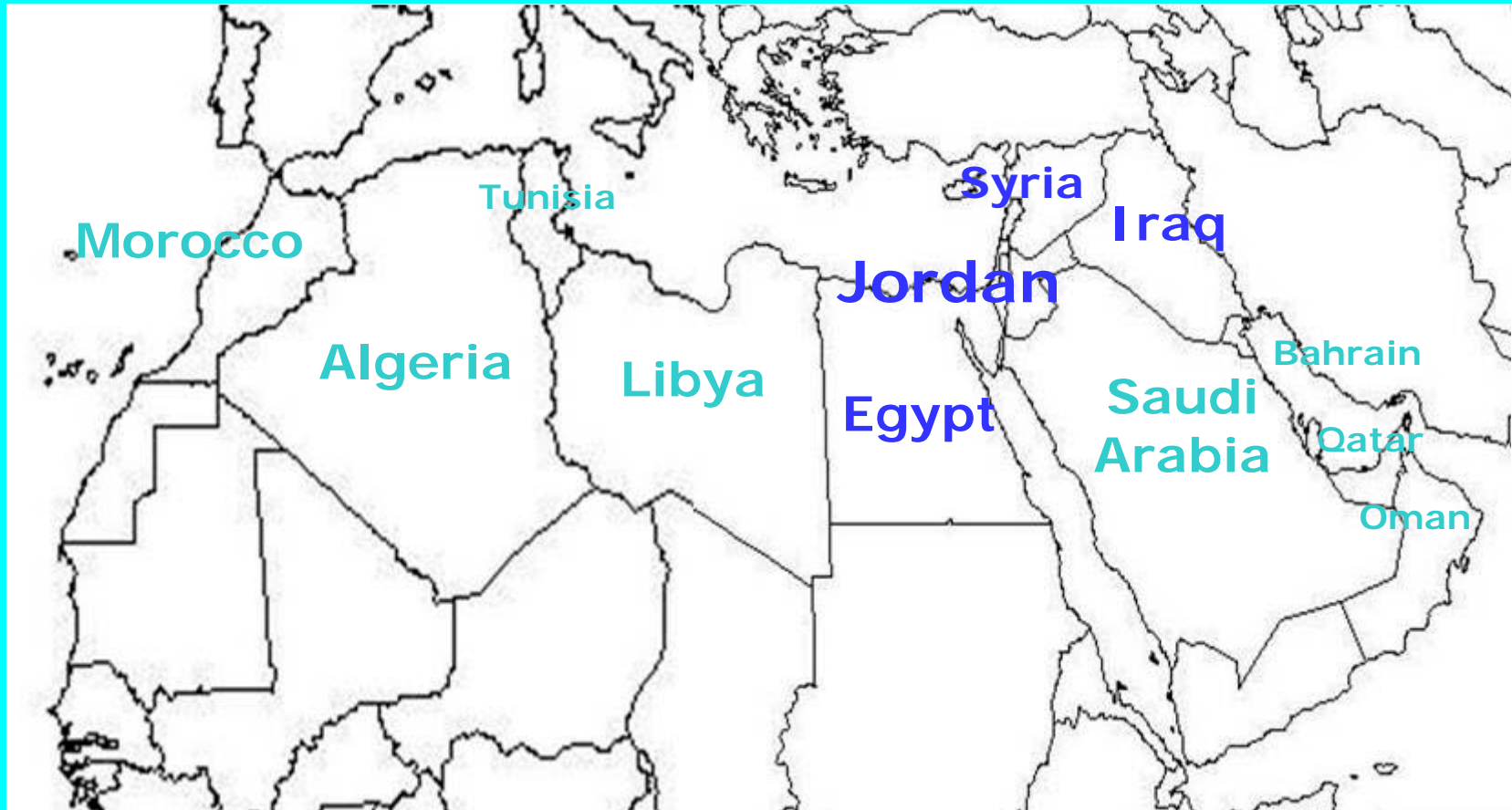




# **International Organization for Migration (IOM) Middle East**

## **Resettlement Support Center (RSC) CO Program**

# RSC Coverage



# USCO FY 2011 numbers

- Amman: 1087 attended USCO
- Baghdad: 2399 attended USCO
- Cairo: 260 attended USCO
- Damascus: 2112 attended USCO
- Other: 155 attended USCO
- ME region totals: **6013**
- ME region Attendance rate is **82%**

# KEY CO MESSAGES

- The US resettlement program goal for refugees is **SELF-SUFFICIENCY...**
  - Cash assistance is **NOT** enough to live on
  - Any assistance you may receive is **limited**
  - **Accept your first job offer**
- **Trust your resettlement agency**
- **Lower your expectations regarding: housing, furnishings, employment, etc.**



**Flexible classrooms and furnishings can be quickly rearranged for various learning activities...**



**Training is highly  
interactive and learner-centric...**



**Active involvement in the learning process helps refugees better understand resettlement.**



**The CAL-produced Interviews with Resettled Iraqis DVD keeps participants glued to their seats...**

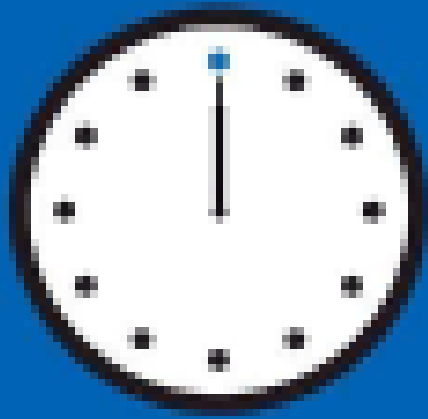


**Much time is devoted to managing expectations about refugee services provided in the US.**

# Participants discover resettlement truths for themselves.



**New training activities & exercises  
are continually being developed. ...  
to help refugees consider some of  
the implications of moving to a  
completely new culture..**



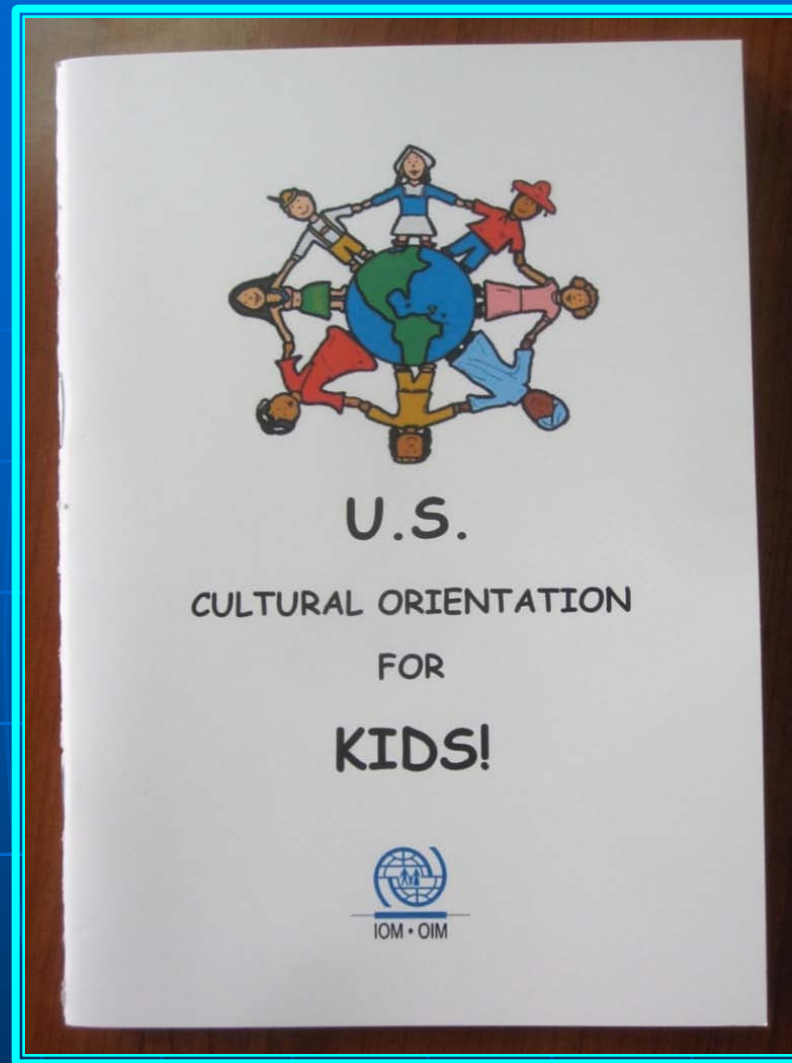
**West vs. East**

# New training location: Baghdad!





**Childcare has a CO component, too!  
Happy future Americans.**

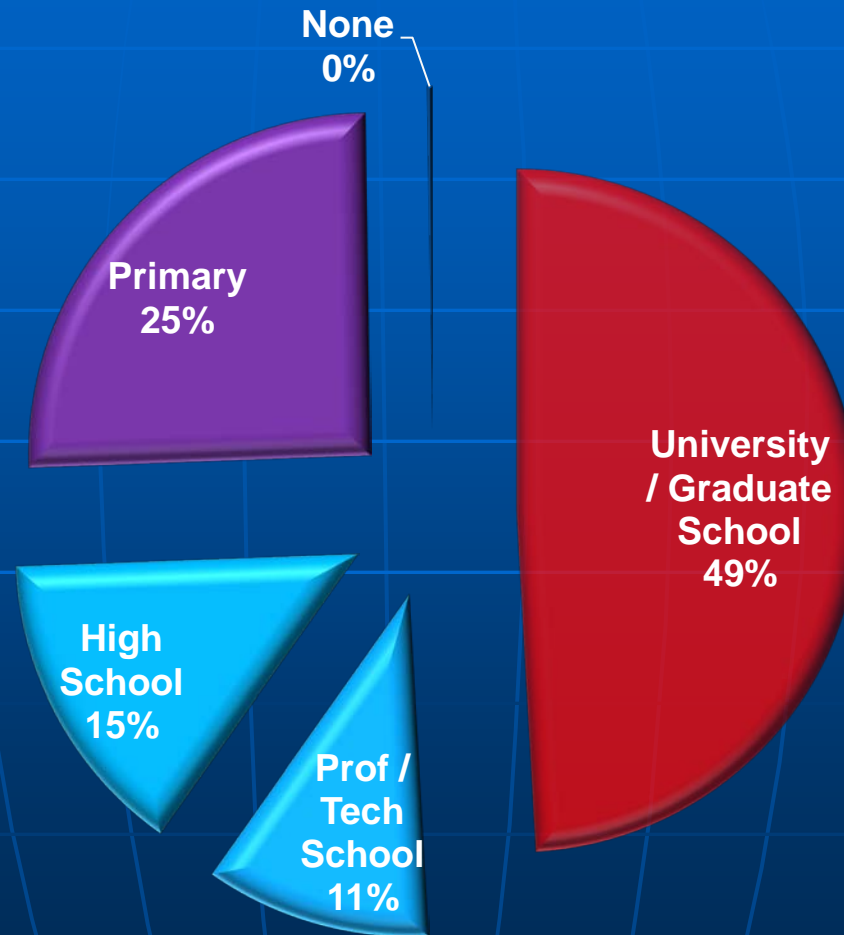


**CO for kids – because adults aren't the only ones starting a new life.**



"My hous in Amrica"

# Education Level for the Region 21 Years Old Up



# Questions?



# IOM Middle East

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