



COA *Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers*

Emergency Resettlement Explained:

The Dutch Experience

COA (Central Organization for Reception of Refugees)

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Responsibilities COA

- Participation in selection procedure
- Provide Cultural Orientation
- Allocation refugees to municipalities
- Centre of Expertise for chainpartners
- Guidance refugees during arrival procedures

Allocation to municipalities

- 500 resettled refugees in group of 11.000 refugees (2013)
- Legal framework of quota
- Till 1-1-2013: municipalities provide COA houses
- As from 1-1-2013: COA provides municipalities refugees
- No obligation to receive resettled refugees
- More then 100 municipalities receive resettled refugees

Procedure (6 months)

- Selection of refugee
- Collect information important to determine municipality
- Approach municipality/municipalities
- Find a municipality
- Share information about the house with refugee
- Share information about the refugee with municipality
- Arrival of refugee



Experience with urgent/emergency cases

- Since 1-1-2013 we don't have a reservoir of houses
- Hard to find a municipality on short term
- Emergent cases have to be evacuated to ETC

Suggestion

- Pool of municipalities for emergency cases