

Hi All,

Happy New Year!!!

We'd like to provide a quick update on the Burmese Refugee Health Assessment Pilot Project.

We are happy to announce that **overseas enrollment is now complete** and ended in November 2013.

The total number of enrolled participants is **2004**.

By the end of 2013, **1,079 (53.8%)** of enrolled participants had arrived in the U.S.

We will continue to work with you to provide project-specific arrival information as well as serum and stool collection kits. CDC will continue to send state Refugee Health Coordinators individual reports containing overseas clinical information and laboratory test results for project participants. ***Please provide these overseas results to clinicians promptly*** in order to ensure good continuity of care for the patients.

We will also continue to contact you with follow up questions about specific project participants.

As of December 17th, 2013, ***preliminary*** data suggests that--

- 31% of participants had pathogenic parasites on stool O&P at overseas initial medical exam
- 56% had eosinophilia (absolute eosinophil count of 400 or greater) at initial exam
- 28% had anemia at initial exam (with prevalence nearing 40% among children <5 yrs of age)
- 10% had hepatitis B virus infection (positive HBsAg)

Preliminary serologic data on a small proportion of participants suggests that the prevalence of strongyloides infection may be around 20% at initial exam; however, further testing is in progress and these numbers are subject to change.

We're very grateful for everyone's encouragement and partnership!

If there are any questions, suggestions, concerns, or other comments, please contact me directly by email at DLEE1@cdc.gov or phone at 404-639-0439.

Sincerely,

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Arrivals by State as of December 2013

STATE	ARRIVALS	
	n	%
AZ	32	3.0
CA	8	0.7
CO	38	3.5
CT	10	0.9
FL	11	1.0
GA	49	4.5
IA	22	2.0
ID	3	0.3
IL	16	1.5
IN	14	1.3
KS	5	0.5
KY	37	3.4
MA	11	1.0
MD	1	0.1
MI	1	0.1
MN	144	13.3

MO	28	2.6
NC	46	4.3
NE	79	7.3
NY	167	15.5
OH	3	0.3
OK	1	0.1
OR	22	2.0
PA	41	3.8
SC	12	1.1
SD	40	3.7
TN	11	1.0
TX	123	11.4
UT	9	0.8
VA	1	0.1
WA	40	3.7
WI	54	5.0
TOTAL	1,079	100

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