

REFUGEES INTERNATIONAL

Kenneth Bacon became the President of *Refugees International* in 2001, after serving for more than six years as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and Pentagon spokesman. It was his exposure to refugee issues while dealing with Bosnia and Kosovo that led him to refugee work. Prior to serving in the government, Ken worked at *The Wall Street Journal* for 25 years as a reporter, editor and columnist. His goal is to expand the reach and impact of *RI* by hiring and training more advocates, strengthening advocacy work in Washington, New York, Geneva and other capitals of humanitarian action, expanding the use of the internet for advocacy and work simultaneously for immediate relief and durable solutions to refugee crises.

Lionel Rosenblatt, President Emeritus since 2001, served as President of *Refugees International* for 10 years, expanding the organization's early warning/early action advocacy on humanitarian emergencies. Before working for *RI*, Lionel was a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State for more than twenty years. Much of his State Department experience centered on refugee and humanitarian emergencies, including the exodus of Indochinese refugees and the humanitarian emergency in Cambodia. As President Emeritus, Lionel now focuses on Southeast Asia and strategic advocacy issues such as peacekeeping.

Joel Charny, Vice President, is responsible for overseeing the policy and advocacy programs of *RI*. He assumed this position in July 2000 after working four years in Cambodia as Deputy Program Manager with the CAREERE project of the United Nations Development Program. Previously Joel spent 16 years with Oxfam America. He has been published numerous times and has a Masters degree in international education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.