

# Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program

The BVOR Program is designed to resettle refugees identified by the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* (UNHCR) and submitted to Canadian visa offices abroad. It is referred to as a “blended” program because it is a cost-sharing arrangement whereby Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) provides up to six months of income support through the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP), while private sponsors will provide another six months of financial support, start up cost and up to year of social and emotional support.

**Refugees identified for BVOR program have already been assessed and have met the Canadian government resettlement Criteria, making them travel ready, they just need to be matched with sponsors**

## What are the sponsor’s settlement responsibilities?

- Reception at the airport.
- Arrange for housing and other basic necessities.
- Help find health care providers.
- Enroll the newcomers in school.
- Connect the newcomers with language classes, job training services, etc.
- Provide emotional and moral support.

## Sponsorship process:

- Contact the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (BVOR Worker) if you’re interested in sponsoring a refugee under the BVOR program.
- We will offer you an orientation regarding the BVOR program and how you can participate and select profiles.
- We will train you and make you ready to choose from available refugee profiles.
- Once the group has decided on a case, you will receive the personal information of the refugees to help you prepare and complete the sponsorship applications and submit them to Resettlement Operation Centre in Ottawa, Immigration, Refugees and citizenship Canada (ROC-O)
- Once the sponsorship is approved by ROC-O, the sponsoring group will then receive detailed information about the refugees’ departure and arrival dates.
- The RSTP will support you through the whole sponsorship process.

**Share the Cost & Save A Life!**

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## Who can Sponsor through the BVOR program?

To sponsor refugees under this program, you must be a:

- Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) or Constituent Group (a group that can sponsor refugees under a SAH agreement)
- Groups of Five
- Community Sponsor

## Why get involved?

- By sponsoring a BVOR refugee, **you enabling the Canadian government to resettle more refugees.**
- These refugees have already been assessed and have met the Canadian government’s resettlement criteria, making them **travel ready** and **less paperwork** for you!
- BVOR refugees have **faster processing times** - They will be able to travel within a few months after sponsorship applications are approved (Currently 1-4 months).
- Sponsoring BVOR families **Costs less!** Refugees will receive **six months** of financial support from the Government of Canada and sponsors will only pay for 6 months plus the start-up costs.

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