

RSTP Bulletin



November 17, 2017

Resettled Refugees in Manitoba

A LOOK BACK

- Total Syrian refugees resettled in Manitoba from November, 2015 to June 30th, 2017: **1,740**



Manitoba	2015	2016	January 2017 to June 2017
Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs)	695	1, 270	425
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs)	980	2, 070	980
Blended Visa Office Referred Refugees (BVORs)	40	320	55
Total Resettled Refugees	1, 715	3, 660	1, 460

Source: [IRCC](#)

Support & Resources Available for Privately Sponsored Refugees in MB

HEALTH

- [Aurora Family Therapy Centre](#)
- [Family Dynamics](#)
- [Mount Carmel Clinic](#)
- [NorWest Coop Community Health – NISP](#)
- [MFL Occupational Health Centre Inc.](#)
- [Sexuality Education Resource Centre Manitoba](#)
- [Society for Manitobans with Disabilities](#)
- [Counselling, Mental Health and Social Supports](#)

EDUCATION

- [Elmwood Community Resource Centre](#)
- [The Louis Riel School Division](#) - program offering English as an Additional Language instruction to adult newcomers living in the St. Vital area
- [The Peaceful Village Program](#)

EMPLOYMENT

- Employment Agencies in Manitoba:
<http://mansomanitoba.ca/member-category/employment/>

SETTLEMENT

Settlement services in Manitoba:

- **Brandon:** Westman Immigrant Services
- **Cartwright:** Cartwright Killarney Boissevain Settlement Services
- **Dauphin, Roblin and Rosburn:** Parkland Regional Settlement Services
- **Neepawa:** Neepawa and Area Immigrant Settlement Services (NAISS)
- **Portage la Prairie:** Newcomer's Welcome Centre
- **Riverton and Ashern:** Interlake Immigrant Settlement Services
- **Russell:** Asessippi Parkland Settlement Services Inc.
- **Steinbach:** Eastman Immigrant Services
- **Swan River:** Swan Valley Settlement and Immigrant Services Inc.
- **Thompson:** Community Futures North Central Development
- **Virden:** Virden and District Settlement Services
- **Winkler, Morden & Altona:** Regional Connections
- **Winnipeg:** Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc. (MIIC)

Available BVOR Profiles

BVOR PROFILE #: [0678-09-17](#)

Preferred Destination: Saskatoon, SK

The PA is a 26 year old married man with one child. He has 12 years of formal education and experience working as a teacher. He teaches English, Science and History to grades 1 to 8. His spouse has 9 years of formal education and works as a social worker with children and elderly people in the camp. The family would like to resettle in Saskatoon, SK to be close to their friend. They will appreciate the assistance of the sponsor in the country of resettlement.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0687-10-17](#)

(LGBTQ)

Preferred destination: Barrhead, AB

The PA is a single Gambian man with some education and work experience as a Salesperson. He is unable to return to his home country due to fear of persecution based on his sexual orientation. He has a friend in Barrhead, AB. He would greatly benefit from the support of a sponsor in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0710-10-17](#)

Preferred destination: Ottawa, ON

PA is 37 year old married Syrian man with 3 children. The PA has experience as a baker and his wife as a tailor. The family is unable to return to Syria due to the instability and lack of safety for their family. The family would benefit from a sponsor in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0688-10-17](#) (LGBTQ)

Preferred destination: Halifax or Dartmouth.

The PA is a single Gambian man with no education and some work experience as a Merchant. He is unable to return to his home country due to fear of persecution based on his sexual orientation. He has friends in Halifax and Dartmouth. He would greatly benefit from the support of a sponsor in Canada.

BVOR PROFILE #: [0642-09-17](#)

Preferred destination: Brampton, ON

Iraqi family of 4. The PA and his family cannot return to their home country as they fear persecution based on their religion, ethnicity and imputed political opinion. The PA is seeking a better life and would appreciate the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement in Canada.

In addition to these, we have **65** more cases available!

If you are interested in these or the new profiles, log in to the RSTP Matching Database with your username and password: cathcrosscultural.sharepoint.com/rstp

IRCC UPDATE

The November 2017 version of the Sponsorship Undertaking form has been updated to add the following clause to the obligations section:

We have not accepted any funds from the refugees we are sponsoring and will not require the refugee to repay any cost of sponsorship. We understand that any sponsor who attempts to secure or does accept such funds will be considered by IRCC to be in default of this sponsorship undertaking.

ROC-O will be accepting the previous version of the Undertaking (IMM 5373 08/15), until **December 31, 2017**.

All applications submitted after December 31, 2017 must use the new version of the form dated 11-2017.

Updated versions of all the application forms can be found here: <http://www.rstp.ca/en/processing/the-refugee-sponsorship-application-forms/>



November 20th, on the occasion of
Universal Children's Day,
sponsor refugee families with
children through the
**Blended Visa Office-Referred
(BVOR) Program**

A fair chance for every child

Photo: UNICEF

BVOR Workshops

Ontario:

Information session on BVOR program in English

Date: Tuesday, November 21st, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm EST

Location: Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization, 945 Wellington Street West. Ottawa ON. K1Y2X5

Register by clicking the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/become-a-refugee-sponsor-tickets-39664088356>

Information session on BVOR program in English for businesses

Date: Wednesday, November 22nd, 2017

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Impact Hub Ottawa, 1 23 Slater St, 6th Floor, Ottawa, ON K1P 5H2

Register by clicking the following link:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/your-business-could-sponsor-a-refugee-tickets-39657123524>

Available JAS Profiles

In-Canada JAS

PROFILE #: 0153-04-17- London, ON
Yazidi Survivor of Daesh

Family Composition: The PA is a 32 year old Iraqi single mother with 8 young children, ages ranging from 1 to 12 years of age.

Support Needed: The family would benefit from emotional support for both the PA and her children as the PA is, at times, unable to properly look after her children due to her own emotional state. The children have all shown some signs of behavioural problems making it increasingly more difficult for the PA to manage on her own. Extra emotional, physical and social supports would enable the family to feel more secure and safe, allowing them to better heal and thrive during their resettlement in Canada.



PROFILE #: 0154-04-17 – London, ON
Yazidi Survivor of Daesh

Family Composition: A 32 years old Iraqi single mother with 3 young children, the oldest being 12 years old and the youngest being 3 years old.

Support Needed: The mother could use support in caring for her children as they are extremely hyperactive and require supervision. The sponsor's support will help the family physically, emotionally, and socially.

In addition to these cases we have 10 more Yazidi Survivor of Daesh cases in London, ON.

PROFILE #: 0384-05-17 Victoria, BC

Family Composition: Syrian family of 6 including 4 young children between 2 and 7 years old. The family experienced violence due to past events that happened in their home country, which have caused serious injuries to some of the family members. The spouse and the 7 years old son were victims of violence and trauma in the country of refuge.

Support Needed: Due to the experiences of violence faced, counselling is required. The family will gain much needed support while they work through their health challenges and significant traumas. This sponsorship would also provide the time necessary to continue redeveloping how to be a mother while practicing self-care and providing the attention necessary to the high-needs children. This family is struggling with transition into Canada and additional time to be supported and go through stages of settlement, would be vital.

In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 0595-08-17 Toronto, ON

Family Composition: The PA is a 41 year old Syrian male accompanied by his spouse and 6 children (ages 4 to 17). Three of their children have developmental disabilities and are awaiting more specific diagnosis based on assessment. Two of their children with disabilities have not started school yet and require total care.

Support Needed: The family would benefit from support in managing their mail and scheduling appointments, helping with applying to various private funding organizations for children with disabilities and finding childcare. Also, they would benefit from a sponsor who could provide assistance in navigating respite, financial and emotional, challenges in living in a new country. In addition, assistance with education, attending medical appointments and life skills coaching will enhance the family's ability to settle in Canada.

In addition to these cases we have eight more in-Canada JAS cases available!

For more information on the JAS or the BVOR Program contact our Refugee Resettlement Project Worker at bvor@rstp.ca or click this link: http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Blended-VOR-FAQ_2017-1-1.pdf

Upcoming RSTP Workshops & Webinars

Workshops

Alberta:

Understanding Pre-Migration Context and Trauma for Refugee Sponsors

Date: Saturday, November 18th, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm MDT

Location: St. John's Anglican Church, 11111 57 Avenue Northwest, Edmonton, AB T6H 0Z6

Register by clicking the following link:

https://rstp_nov18.eventbrite.com.

Ontario:

Information session on private sponsorship in Arabic

Date: Monday, November 20th, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm EST

Location: Taggart Family YMCA-YWCA, 180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, ON K2P 1B7

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/information-session-on-the-private-sponsorship-of-refugees-arabic-tickets-39664347130>

General information session on private sponsorship in French & Legal clinic

Date: Thursday, November 23rd, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm EST

Location: Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre, 300 Pères-Blancs Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1L

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/parrainage-prive-de-refugies-101-clinique-juridique-tickets-39663599895>

Webinars

Private Sponsorship of Refugees: Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: Tuesday November 21, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM EST

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6681462068556903681>

Webinar Series

On Refugee Sponsorship Processing at Visa Offices

Processing at Visa Offices – Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Date: Monday November 27, 2017

Time: 1 PM - 2 PM EST

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8524937348725305858>

Processing at Visa Offices – Asia

Date: Tuesday November 28, 2017

Time: 1 PM - 2 PM EST

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1156575568347251202>

Processing at Sub-Saharan Africa Visa Offices

Date: Wednesday November 29, 2017

Time: 1 PM - 2 PM EST

Register by clicking the following link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6748748881820645122>

Please visit:

<http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/> for more information!

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