

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CIC's Message: Global Cap for Applications In 2014

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) is pleased to inform Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) that the global cap for applications in 2014 has been set at 4,000 persons. We wish to thank the sponsorship community for your patience and understanding, as you awaited our decision. These spaces for 4,000 persons are in addition to the 1,000 Ministerial Priority spaces that CIC has already opened up to SAHs in 2014 for sponsoring Syrian nationals.

In the coming days, CIC will be providing additional information with respect to mission sub-caps (for Nairobi, Islamabad, Pretoria and Cairo) as well as for this year's allocation process. Again, we appreciate your patience and we look forward to your continuing collaboration and partnership in the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program.

Le plafond global pour les applications en 2014

Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada (CIC) est heureux d'informer les signataires d'entente de parrainage (SEP) que le plafond global pour les applications en 2014 a été fixé à 4000 personnes. Nous tenons à remercier la communauté de parrainage pour votre patience et votre compréhension en attendant notre décision. Ces espaces pour 4000 personnes sont en plus des 1000 places ministérielles prioritaires que CIC a déjà ouvertes aux SEP en 2014 pour le parrainage de ressortissants syriens.

Dans les prochains jours, CIC fournira des renseignements supplémentaires à l'égard des sous-plafonds des missions (de Nairobi, Islamabad, Pretoria et du Caire), ainsi que sur le processus d'attribution de cette année. Encore une fois, nous avons apprécié votre patience, votre collaboration et votre partenariat continu dans le parrainage privé des réfugiés

BVOR CASES THAT NEED SPONSORS

VOR 010

This family of 3 from Myanmar includes the 30 year old PA his 25 year old wife, and their 3 year old son. The wife is currently expecting their second child. The young couple are from a minority tribe and were subjected to forced labour and portering by the Myanmar military. They managed to escape and travel to Malaysia where they met and married. The PA has been working as a waiter for the last 6 years in a seafood restaurant. The PA and his wife fear that they will be arrested and imprisoned by the Myanmar authorities because they fled from the soldiers and left the country illegally. This family hopes to be sponsored in Toronto where the PA has an uncle.

VOR 015

The PA is a married Eritrean refugee (47 years old) who has experience as a farmer and trader of sugar and coffee. Included in the profile are his wife (28) and their 7 children (11, 9, 6, 5, 3, 2 and 3 months). The PA and his wife fled Eritrea in 2002 fearing arrest, and have not returned. The PA fears that he will be arrested again because of his prior detainment and for illegally fleeing the country. In addition, the PA is of age and would be required to join the national service, indefinitely, rendering him unable to support his family.

Rest in Peace Debra!



You will be missed!

AVAILABLE JAS CASE

In-Canada JAS 019- The PA is a 35 year old divorced mother of four children (16, 12, 9 and 6) who have all been victims of domestic violence. The PA would benefit from emotional support, counseling, and help with parenting skills. The 9 year old son has medical needs, and the PA may need assistance to get the child to specialists or other medical service facilities.

The family is currently living in **London, Ontario** and would benefit greatly from having the support of a sponsoring group in the AREA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Workshop on Private Sponsorship for Refugees

Date: April 14, 2014

Place: Regina, SK

Venue: Regina Open Door, Society, 2550 Broad Street, Regina, SK.

For more information or to register please, click [here](#).

Inquiries & Responses

You asked... Some SAHs were asked to resubmit their applications that were submitted last year with the new undertaking forms. They are wondering how they can make sure that their resubmitted applications are not put at the end of the queue and avoid waiting another five or six months. Please advise.

CPOW's response... The following reply was received from CPOW:

"We have been going back to request the updated Undertaking for applications submitted after the new forms were implemented. We request a copy of the email to be attached so that we can match the new Undertaking up with the rest of the application and it stays in the queue.

For SAHs we do not return the applications unless they are refused – cap space, source country, etc. Only applications that leave our office receive a new queue date once received back.

We email the SAH to correct any errors so that no one loses their place in the queue and for ease of processing. If the SAHs do not respond within an appropriate time period we will return their application. We give them three opportunities to respond which, thus far, has worked effectively. "

You Have A Story To Tell... New UNHCR Project

Please join UNHCR to share your refugee story or encourage resettled refugees to tell their stories as part of the upcoming World Refugee Day Event.

"The 2014 World Refugee Day concept allows individuals to tell stories about refugee courage and survival - as well as success stories of refugees re-starting their lives in a new country. It will allow the public to view the refugee experience through different experiences from people close to home. The testimonials could be from people of any age or nationality in different displacement contexts: current refugees, IDPs, resettled refugees, repatriated refugees or refugees who have integrated locally in their country of asylum. "

You asked... Could this include those who have been resettled through the Canadian Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program?

UNHCR's response... *"It does not matter at all who was involved in the resettlement of a refugee, and it thus does not have to be a UNHCR-referred refugee story only. Resettlement could have happened through any organization, including the Canadian Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. The stories can go back for generations, when UNHCR did not exist yet, so we welcome any resettled refugee story."*

The event wants to show "how refugee stories span generations and are relevant to people living all over the world." Stories of refugees escape, struggle to survive, and arrival in a place of safety or success after emigrating to or being resettled in another country reflecting the courage, heroism, resilience and success of refugees (or IDPs) are welcome.

Friendly reminder! CPOW has recently encountered some instances where SAH contact details have changed, but it was not informed. As you know, it is extremely important for SAHs to notify CIC immediately of any such changes. SAHs need to write to the PSR mailbox (PSR-PPPR@cic.gc.ca) to notify CIC of any contact detail changes.