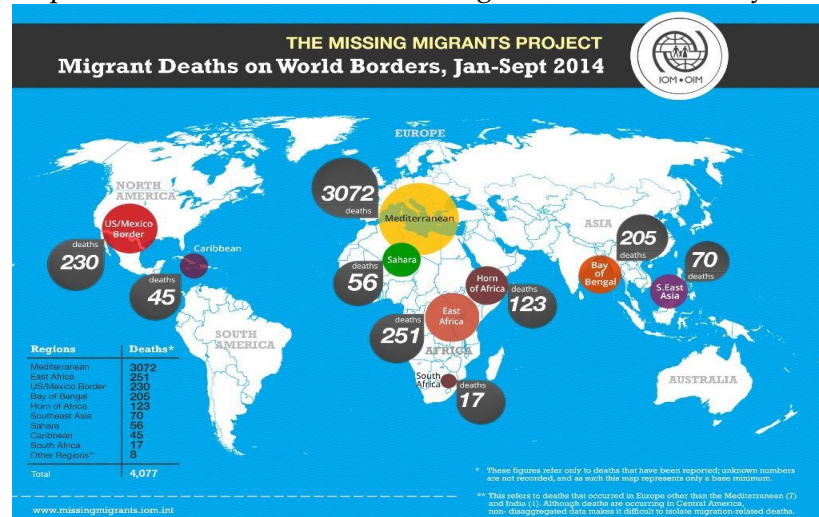


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Asylum claims from Syria, Iraq and other conflict zones rise in 2014 - A half year report of Global Asylum Trends, released by UNHCR on Sept 26 revealed that “the number of people seeking refugee status in industrialized countries continued to climb in the first half of 2014, driven by the wars in Syria and Iraq as well as conflict and instability in countries such as Afghanistan, Eritrea.” Prepared based on data of asylum seekers collected from 44 countries, the report indicates a rise by 24% compared to the same period last year. Click [here](#) to read the report.

Migrant Deaths on World Borders - On Sept 29, 2014, IOM released a report called “Fatal Journeys Tracking Lives Lost during Migration” which documented the death of migrants while fleeing persecution and/or on their ways to safer and prosperous countries. According to IOM, in this year alone (Jan –Sept 2014) about 4077 migrants died, and since 2000, about 40,000 migrants are estimated to have died. As groups who engage in saving the lives of refugees fleeing persecution, the report is a constant reminder that your work means a lot. Despite the various ups and downs in the PSR program, the sponsorship work gives hope and saves many refugees who otherwise would have died in hazardous journeys en-route to safer destinations. To read the whole report, click [here](#). The map below shows the number of migrants who died this year..



Upcoming Events

WEBINAR

Topic- Assessing local integration as a durable solution: – rules and sharing of experiences

Date: TBC

Time: 2 pm (Toronto time)

WORKSHOPS

Topic: *Workshop on Private Sponsorship of Refugees and Blended VOR Program*

Date: Oct 23 , 2014

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Location: St. John’s, NFL

Venue - TBC

For more information, please contact Yosief Araya yara@rstp.ca

Topic: *Private Refugee Sponsorship, including sponsoring refugees from the Middle East*

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Calgary, AB

Venue: Centre for Newcomers (1010-999, 36 Street, NE Calgary, AB)

OTHER EVENTS

Topic: *Connecting communities, saving lives, CCR Fall Consultation,*

Date: 27-29 November 2014

Location- Gatineau, QC

Venue : Crowne Plaza Gatineau-Ottawa, 2 Montcalm Street

For more information, click [HERE](#)

INQUIRIES & RESPONSES

YOU ASKED... To what extent are sponsors liable for all of the non-accompanying dependants listed?

CIC REPLY... “Sponsors are liable for providing support to all family members listed on the IMM0008, whether accompanying or not. The period of sponsorship to be provided to the non-accompanying family member will be the same as that provided to the rest of the family (12 months or until they become self-sufficient) and will begin when that family member arrives in Canada. If the sponsor no longer has adequate financial means or is otherwise unable or unwilling to fulfil the sponsorship commitment, and the PA cannot support the non-accompanying family member, the application is likely to be refused unless another sponsor can be found. The sponsoring group would be expected to locate a replacement sponsoring group to take on the non-accompanying family member (NAF) in this case. “

YOU ASKED... What are the limitations to this liability, if any?

CIC REPLY... “If CPO-W determines that the PA is financially self-sufficient, the OYW request may be made without sponsor support, however sponsors are still ultimately liable for providing support to the NAFs if required at some point in the sponsorship period.”

YOU ASKED... Can a sponsoring group refuse to approve/participate in a OYW application? If so, what are some of the consequences for the sponsors and the PA?

CIC REPLY... “The sponsoring group can refuse a OYW, but there may be consequences depending on circumstances. In most cases, any NAFs recorded on the original IMM0008 OR added to the application (for example, declared at overseas selection interview) will be reflected in the sponsorship – either in the original undertaking or through the add dependant form. In such cases, the sponsor is liable for supporting the person coming under OYW. Consequences for a group refusing to support a OYW that they are liable for could include suspension or termination of the SAH Agreement, again, depending on factors involved. If the sponsoring group is able to locate a replacement sponsor to take on the case, there will be no consequences to the sponsor.

There are some rare instances where a NAF was listed in the original IMM0008 or declared at overseas information, but for various reasons, this NAF was not recorded in the undertaking (or added through add dep form). In such instances, SAHs are not liable, but it is still expected that they would make an effort to locate a replacement sponsor if they are unable or unwilling to take on the NAF themselves.”

YOU ASKED... If the PA is already self-sufficient, can the sponsoring group press the PA to submit under Family Class instead? (still within period of PA’s sponsorship)

CIC REPLY... “This is not recommended. FC applications are very expensive and this may prohibit the PA from being able to bring their family member to Canada. If the sponsor has indicated their support of the NAF by recording the person on the undertaking or submitting an add dependant request on their behalf, then they are liable for supporting the NAF under the PSR program, regardless of whether or not the PA is self-sufficient. If the sponsor has not indicated their support and is not liable, then there is nothing prohibiting them from advising the PA to explore the FC option. However, in such instances it would be preferable for the SAH to try to locate another sponsor to take on this case, rather than transfer responsibility to the PA.”

YOU ASKED... If it was understood that the listed un-accompanying family members did not intend to follow the PA to Canada, can the sponsors’ refuse a OYW (even if PA is not self-sufficient)?

CIC REPLY... “No, all non-accompanying family members listed on the IMM0008 or declared at overseas interview must be recorded in the sponsorship undertaking (or added to undertaking via add dependant form). It does not matter whether or not the NAF intends on following the PA to Canada. This helps to safeguard against the family being split up permanently should circumstances change. The NAF must be added to the sponsorship and the sponsor assume/plan for their arrival at some point or the entire application will be refused. “