

# The Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program

The BVOR Program helps resettle refugees identified by the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* (UNHCR) as the most vulnerable. It is called a “blended” program because it is a cost-sharing arrangement. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) provides up to six months of income support for the newcomers, while private sponsors provide another six months of financial support, start-up costs and up to one year of social and emotional support.

**Refugees identified for the BVOR program have been assessed and meet Canadian government resettlement criteria. They are travel-ready, and just need to be matched with sponsors.**

## Why sponsor through BVOR?

- BVOR refugees have been living in insecure and unsafe situations, often for many years, with little hope of a secure future.
- You will help these vulnerable refugees find a safe home in Canada.
- The number of refugees is increasing, yet many countries have reduced the number they will accept. Let's make sure every available Canadian refugee spot is used.

## Who can sponsor a BVOR refugee?

To sponsor BVOR refugees, you must be either a:

- Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) or one of its Constituent Groups (a SAH has a formal agreement with the federal Government);
- Group of Five; or
- Community Sponsor.

Ask us how you can form a group with your neighbours, work colleagues or faith community.



## What are your 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 and settlement services
- Provide emotional and moral support

## How RSTP helps

- We offer an orientation on the BVOR program.
- We help you select suitable refugee profiles.
- We help with the application forms.
- RSTP accompanies you throughout the sponsorship process.
- Contact the BVOR Worker at RSTP, or your local Sponsorship Agreement Holder representative, if you're interested in sponsoring a refugee under the BVOR program.

**Share the costs and save a life!**

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