

RSTP Bulletin

UNHCR RESETTLEMENT FIGURES FOR 2014

- **Submissions (resettlement referrals)** – UNHCR referred 103,890 refugees for resettlement in 2014. This was a noticeable increase from the previous two years. UNHCR 's submissions were 75,080 in 2012, and 93,226 in 2013.
- **Departures (actual number of resettled refugees)** – In 2014, 73,008 refugees were resettled, indicating a slight increase from those resettled in 2013 (71,411 persons).
- **Origins:** The top five refugee populations referred for resettlement were refugees from Syrian (21,154), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (18,828), Myanmar (15,170), Iraq (11,778), and Somalia (9,388).

Acceptance Rates by Country of Origin

Country of Origin	Cases Submitted	% Cases Accepted
Myanmar	5,207	97,9%
Syrian Arab Republic	5,040	92,1%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4,676	95,2%
Iraq	4,355	87,2%
Somalia	3,358	82,5%
Afghanistan	1,753	81,3%
Bhutan	1,649	99,4%
Eritrea	1,543	94,4%
Islamic Republic of Iran	1,517	92,4%
Sudan	938	88,2%
All Others	3,065	79,3%
Grand Total	33,101	91,3%

Top ten: UNHCR Resettlement Departures

Country of Resettlement	Persons
United States	48,911
Canada	7,233
Australia	6,162
Germany	3,467
Sweden	1,497
Norway	1,188
Finland	1,011
Netherlands	743
New Zealand	632
United Kingdom	628
All Others	1,536
Total	73,008

Source: UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2016

<http://www.unhcr.org/558019729.html>

Available BVOR cases

VOR 333

The PA is a 40 year old Congolese male accompanied by his wife. They have 4 children who are currently missing. The couple fled the DRC on the grounds of their political opinion and have both been victims of violence. Both the PA and his wife speak French. They would greatly benefit from the support of a sponsoring group. Possible OYW for 3 children.

Urgency: HIGH

VOR 142

The PA is a single, 20 year old Eritrean man. He has been a victim of violence and torture. The PA has 12 years of formal education and speaks English. He cannot return to Eritrea for fear of persecution due to fleeing military service, and leaving the country illegally. He would benefit from counselling services as well as the assistance of a sponsor during his resettlement.

Travel-ready.

VOR 260 & 261

The PA in BVOR 260 is a 35 year old Ethiopian woman. She has been a victim of violence and cannot return to Ethiopia for fear of her safety. She is seeking a better life in Canada. The PA's case is cross-referenced with that of her 28 year old niece on BVOR 261, who has also been a victim of violence. They should be resettled together.

Travel-ready.



INQUIRIES & RESPONSES

YOU ASKED... A de-facto dependent is coming at the same time as the principal applicant (PA). Could you clarify the following questions ?

1. Should the de-facto dependent complete her own IMM 0008 forms?
2. If the de-facto dependent is a minor (14 years old), does she need to complete her own IMM 0008 generic form as this form is normally filled out by applicants who are over 18 yrs ?
3. Who signs the IMM 0008 form of a minor de- facto dependent? It is not clear whether the minor should be signing her own form or if the PA should sign them.

OUR REPLY... The application of a de-facto dependent is considered as a separate application from that of the principal applicant , even though both of them could be linked to each other. As a result, the de-facto dependent needs to complete her own application forms, including Generic Application Form, Schedule A and Schedule 2. Although these forms are normally filled out by the principal applicant (Generic form) and adult family members (Schedules A and 2), a de-facto dependent is required to complete them. In effect, the de-facto dependent is considered as a PA for the purpose of her own application.

Regarding signature, the IM0008 generic form of a minor de-facto dependent is signed by the principal applicant, who will be acting as a legal guardian of the de-facto dependent. According to CIC, " when a de facto dependent is established at the time of the interview, visa offices have a legal guardian sign the [Acknowledgment of Responsible Adult Form \[IMM 5590\]](#) indicating that they understand their responsibilities as a guardian of the minor as per the [PDI instructions](#). Once If a legal guardianship has been established as per the IMM 5590, then the guardian can sign the forms for the de facto dependent. "

Please note that the principal applicant and de-facto dependent should meet the eligibility and admissibility criteria to be resettled as refugees on their own merits. If the later does not qualify as a refugee on her own, a visa officer could use a discretion to consider her application under humanitarian and compassion grounds.

Available BVOR cases ...

[VOR 134 & 135](#)

The PA in BVOR 134 is a divorced 45 year old Eritrean woman with three daughters, ages 19, 17 and 14. The PA is unwilling to return to her home country because she believes she would be arrested for leaving her country illegally. In addition, she fears that her daughters would be forced to serve in the military. Her 31 year old brother is cross-referenced on BVOR 135 and they should be resettled together.

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Upcoming Events

[CCR working group meetings](#)

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST:

9:30am - 5pm: [Overseas Protection & Sponsorship Working Group](#) meeting

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST:

9:30am - 5pm: [Inland Protection Working Group](#) meeting

9:30am - 5pm: [Immigration and Settlement Working Group](#) meeting

Location

St. James United Church
1435, rue City Councillors
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