

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 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. It's important to make sure every available Canadian refugee space 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 members of your 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 to 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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