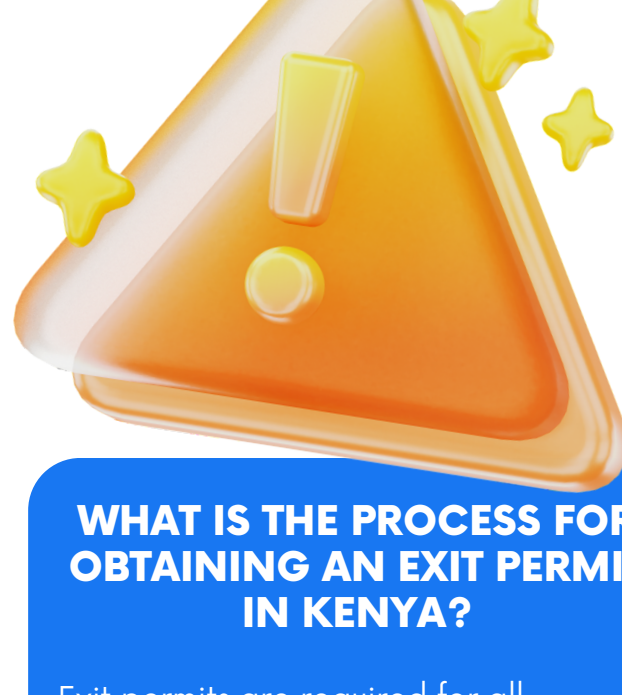


# BULLETIN

The latest news and updates on Canada's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement Programs



## WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING AN EXIT PERMIT IN KENYA?

Exit permits are required for all refugees leaving Kenya. Individuals must be recognized as refugees (i.e., they must have refugee status and valid refugee identity documents) before they can be issued an exit permit by the Kenyan authorities.

The documents listed below are required to initiate the exit permit process in Kenya:

- An Alien Card, Live Capture Unit (LCU) waiting slip and a set of fingerprint forms, or if the individuals are under 18, a Proof of Registration (PoR) document issued by the Government of Kenya;
- A passenger name list, provided by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) that has the travel details for the individual; and,
- Copy of travel documents, typically a Single Journey Travel Document (SJTD) for individuals being resettled to Canada.

## WHAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL BEING RESETTLED TO CANADA DOES NOT HAVE REFUGEE STATUS IN KENYA?

If an individual does not have refugee status in Kenya (i.e., they are an asylum seeker/refugee claimant) and they are not in possession of a valid passport, they cannot obtain an exit permit.

If they are not registered with UNHCR, they should do so immediately at the Department of Refugee Services (DRS)/UNHCR joint reception center on General Mathenge Road, Westlands, Nairobi.

If they have registered with UNHCR but are waiting for a decision on their refugee claim, they can follow up on their refugee status application with the DRS/UNHCR center at General Mathenge Road.

**FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR REFUGEE STATUS IN KENYA IS AVAILABLE HERE**

## NEW HUMANITARIAN PERMANENT RESIDENCE PATHWAY FOR COLOMBIANS, HAITIANS AND VENEZUELAN

A new humanitarian permanent residence pathway for **Colombian, Haitian** and **Venezuelan** nationals will launch in the Fall. The pathway, announced by the Honourable **Marc Miller, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, on October 10, 2023, will allow Canada to welcome up to 11,000** Colombians, Haitians, and Venezuelans.

To qualify, the Principal Applicant must be in **Central** or **South America** or the **Caribbean** and **MUST** be a child (regardless of age), grandchild, spouse, common-law partner, parent, grandparent or sibling of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

**[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PATHWAY](#)**



## IRCC REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS SURVEY: YOUR INPUT MATTERS

The department seeks insights from sponsors in Refugee Resettlement Programs, including PSR and BVOR.

The survey, conducted in September and October 2023, will aid in evaluating program strengths and areas for improvement.

Participation is voluntary, confidential, and won't impact any immigration applications with IRCC.

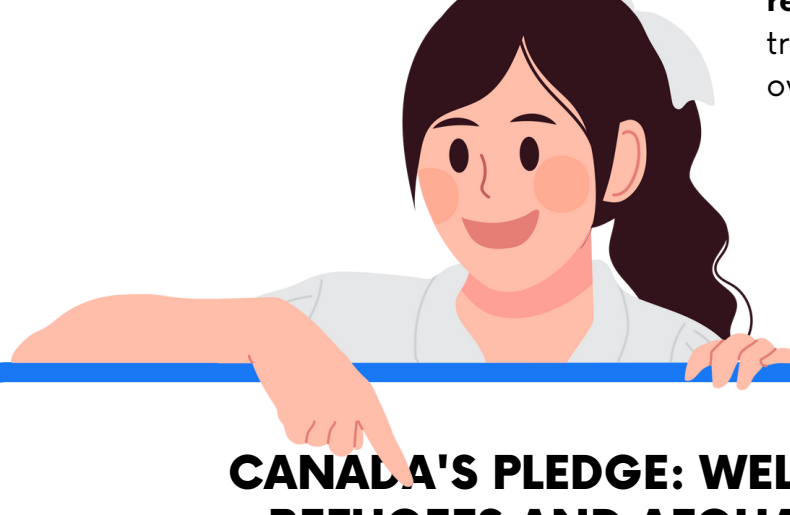
**[CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY](#)**

## SUSTAINING WELCOME: LONGITUDINAL RESEARCH ON INTEGRATION WITH RESETTLED SYRIAN REFUGEES

A new research report, **Sustaining Welcome: Longitudinal Research on Integration with Resettled Syrian Refugees**, has been published by ISS of BC.

The report used an interview-based approach and interviewed over **200 resettled Syrian refugees** each year between **2017 and 2020** to track changes in their integration experiences over time.

**[THE FULL REPORT AND THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ARE AVAILABLE HERE](#)**



## CANADA'S PLEDGE: WELCOMING 40,000 REFUGEES AND AFGHANS WITH OPEN ARMS

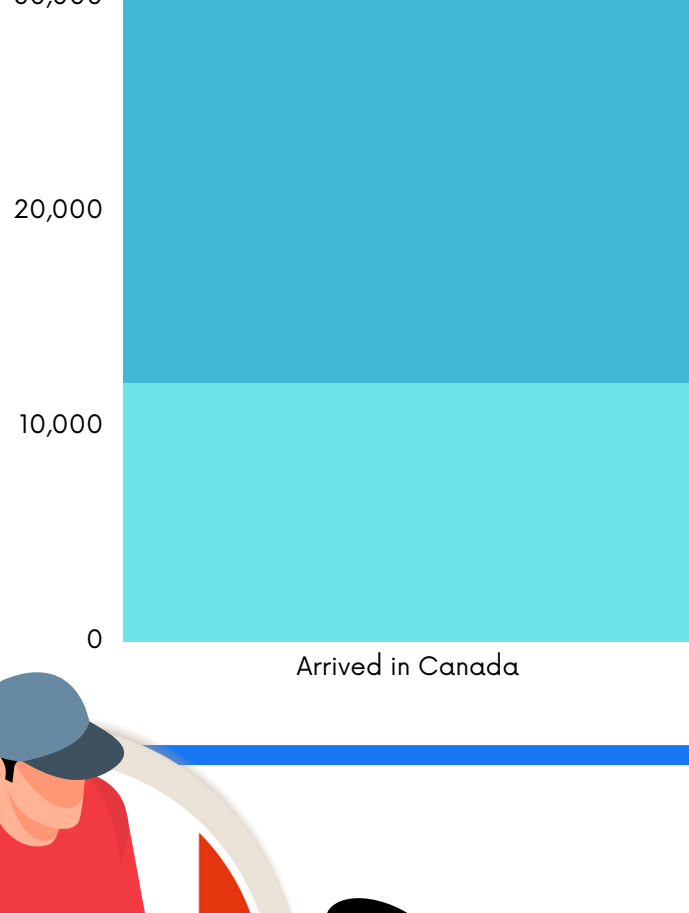
**We would like to share statistics on the Government of Canada's commitment to welcoming at least 40,000 refugees and vulnerable Afghans to Canada.**

**39,730 people have arrived since August 2021 via several streams. This includes a special immigration measures program for Afghans who assisted the Government of Canada, a humanitarian stream (via the Private Sponsorship of Refugees and Government Assisted Refugee programs) and a pathway for the extended family members of former interpreters.**

**Here is the visual proof – Canada's progress captured on a graph. As of October 13, 2023, this data is accurate, though subject to change.**

**[FOR THE LATEST STATS, INCLUDING A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS FOR EACH STREAM, PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)**

40,000



## UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

### EMPOWERING SPONSORSHIP: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS OF PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP

Dive into the basics of the Private Sponsorship Program! Join us for a comprehensive session where you'll explore the who, what, and how of refugee sponsorship. Learn about who can sponsor, who can be sponsored, financial considerations, and settlement responsibilities.

**Date:** October 23, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 PM EST

**Virtual:** via Zoom

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### SPONSORS RESPONSIBILITIES: BEFORE & AFTER ARRIVAL WORKSHOP

Get ready to fulfill your sponsorship responsibilities with confidence!

Tailored for Community Sponsors and a Group of Five Sponsors. Discover the ins and outs of financial and settlement responsibilities, and learn how settlement agencies can assist you in making a positive impact.

**Date:** October 24th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**In-Person:** Catholic Centre for Immigrants, Room 113 & 114, 219 Argyle Avenue Ottawa, Ontario, K2P2H4, Canada

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## NEW ARRIVAL

### POST-ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

In order to facilitate sponsor interaction with this document, RSTP is extending an invitation to members of **Groups of Five and Community Sponsor Organizations** to participate in one of the forthcoming webinars, available in both English and French.

These webinars will focus on showcasing essential elements and offer sponsors a review of their post-arrival duties.

#### ENGLISH SESSIONS

**October 27th**

**November 29th**

#### FRENCH SESSIONS

**October 24th**

**November 30th**

**THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND HERE**



## OCTOBER MONTHLY WEBINAR

**25th COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP YEAR**

Join us for our **October Monthly Webinar: "Completing a Successful Sponsorship Year."** Be a part of an engaging session where you'll follow Aliya's team and Samuel's family as they share their journey to support Samuel and Estelle's path to independence and a successful completion of their 12-month sponsorship period.

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### EMPOWERING SPONSORS: PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

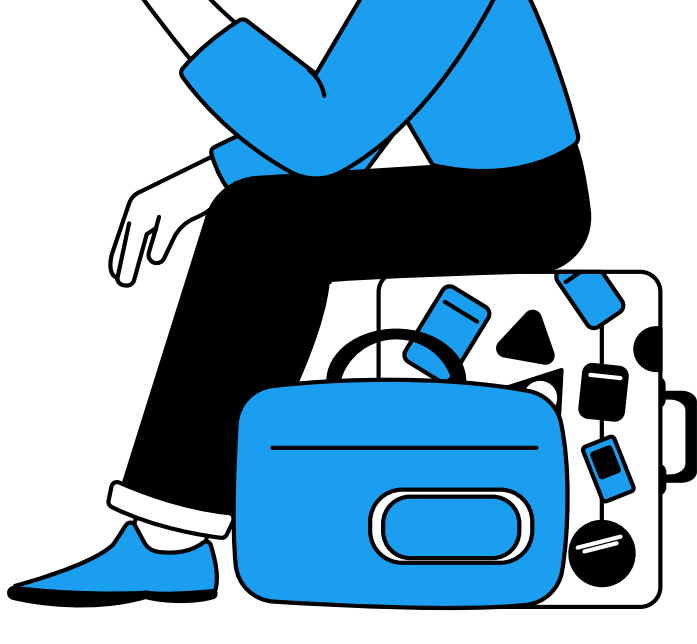
Want to be a successful sponsor? Join our training on preparing a winning application. Learn what documents are essential, how to complete forms, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to make a lasting impact!

**Date:** October 24, 2023

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### EMPOWERING SPONSORS: FINANCIAL CALCULATIONS WORKSHOP

Unlock the financial prowess needed for successful sponsorship! Join us and dive into sponsorship costs, minimum financial requirements, legal responsibilities, and obligations. Empower yourself to make a positive impact.

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### EMPOWERING NEWCOMERS: INSIGHT FROM HELEN SMITH-MCINTYRE WORKSHOP SERIES

**Filling out the Forms:** Learn the intricacies of completing sponsorship forms accurately and efficiently. From application forms to settlement plans, gain the confidence to navigate the paperwork with ease.

**What to do Between the Application and Arrival:** Explore the crucial actions and preparations needed during the waiting period between submitting your application and the refugees' arrival. Maximize your time and ensure a smooth transition.

**How to Prepare for Pre-arrival:** Get ready to welcome the sponsored refugees by understanding the pre-arrival process. From logistics to cultural orientation, you'll learn how to create a supportive environment for their arrival.

**After the Refugees Arrive to Month Thirteen:** Discover the essential post-arrival responsibilities and strategies for effective integration during the first year of sponsorship. Empower the newcomers and foster their successful settlement.

**NOTE: THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE CLB 4+ LEVEL**

**Date:** October 31st to December 12th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM CST

Hybrid Sessions

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