

BULLETIN

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



NEW HUMANITARIAN PATHWAY FOR PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN

On December 28, 2023, [the Government of Canada announced](#) a new family-based humanitarian pathway to permanent residence for persons who resided in Sudan when the conflict began on April 15, 2023.

To be eligible, the Principal Applicant must:

- Have been living in Sudan since April 15, 2023.
- Be outside of Canada the time the application is submitted or in Canada when the application for permanent residence is made.*
- Intend to live in a province or territory other than Quebec.
- Not have a **durable solution** available to them within a reasonable period of time.
- Be a child (of any age), grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is living in Canada.
- Have their family member in Canada agree to support them for one year after arrival and have provided a statutory declaration from the family member that attests to this.

***Note: If the applicant is in Canada, they must have valid temporary resident status.**

The family member in Canada must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is 18 years or older.
- Live in Canada outside of Quebec.
- Be eligible (i.e., is not subject of a removal order, not detained, have no criminal convictions, not in default of any sponsorship undertakings or support payments and is not receiving social assistance other than disability).
- Meets the financial requirements and agrees to support the Principal Applicant and any accompanying family members for one year after their arrival in Canada.
- Has not, and will not, accept any financial compensation from the applicant.

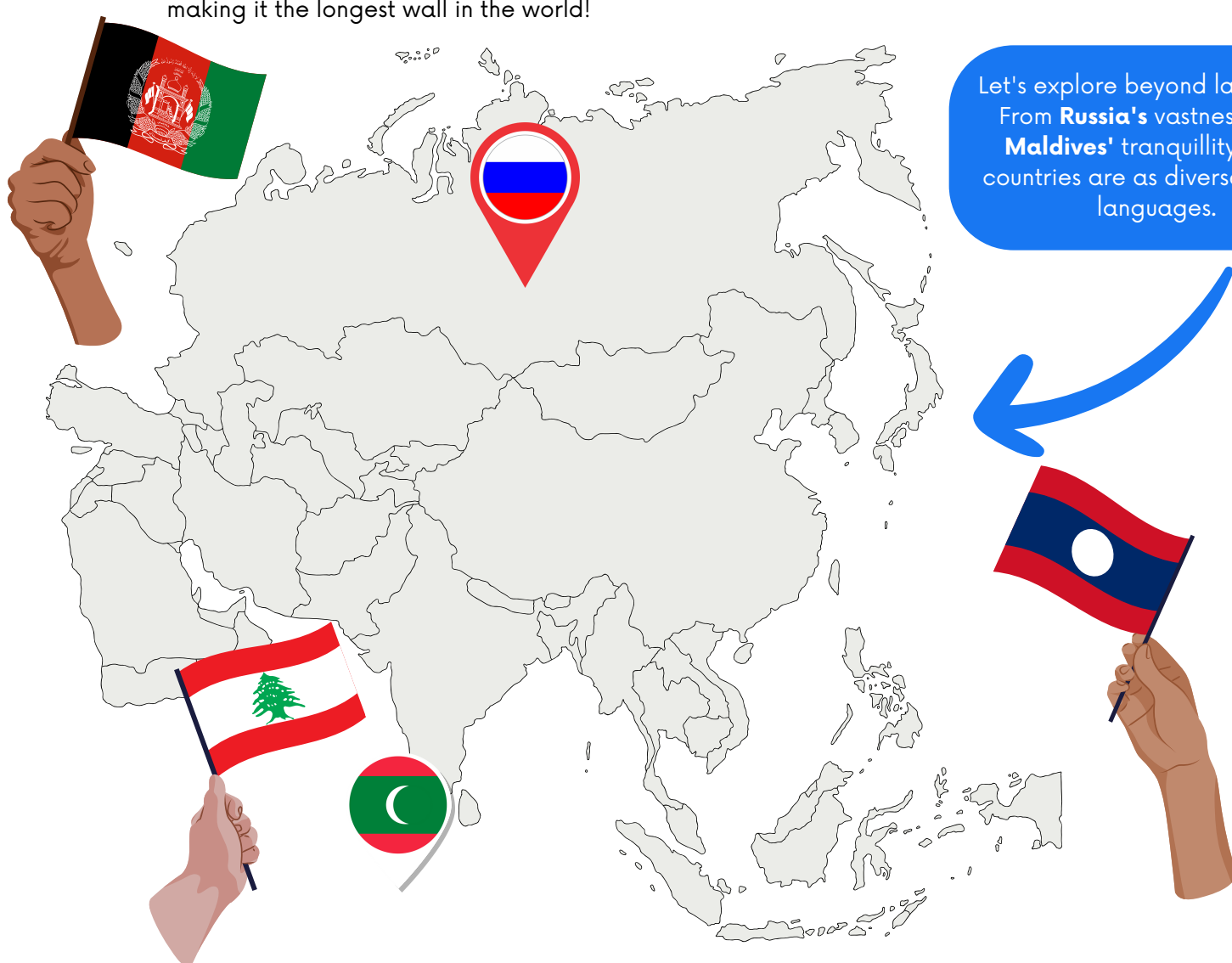
Further details about the requirements for both the Principal Applicant and the family member in Canada, including the financial requirements for family members and their financial and non-financial support responsibilities, are available [here](#).

INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY WILL BE POSTED ON IRCC'S WEBSITE SHORTLY.

The temporary public policy that enables this new pathway will come into effect on February 27, 2024, and will end when 3,250 applications have been received for processing or one year after taking effect.

Did you know that the **Great Wall of China** is not just a single continuous wall but a series of walls and fortifications built by different dynasties over centuries? The total length, including all its branches and sections, stretches over **13,000 miles (21,000 kilometers)**. It's a remarkable testament to ancient engineering and defensive prowess, making it the longest wall in the world!

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA



Let's explore beyond languages! From **Russia's** vastness to the **Maldives'** tranquility, Asia's countries are as diverse as their languages.

IMMIGRATION MEASURES TO HELP PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE ISRAEL-HAMAS CONFLICT

On December 21, 2023, [the Government of Canada announced](#) the following temporary immigration measures to support people affected by the conflict:

Fee-exempt study or open work permits for family members of Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have left Israel, the West Bank or Gaza since the start of the current conflict, and for Israeli and Palestinians already in Canada who feel unsafe returning to the region.

Prioritizing the processing of all existing and new permanent residence applications for Palestinians within family-based streams.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MEASURES IS AVAILABLE HERE



JOURNEYS BEYOND BORDERS

Welcome to our **"Journeys Beyond Borders"** segment, where we explore fascinating facts about the diverse and vibrant world of refugee sponsorship. Today, let's take a linguistic journey through the vast continent of **Asia**, home to numerous languages, cultures, and incredible stories.

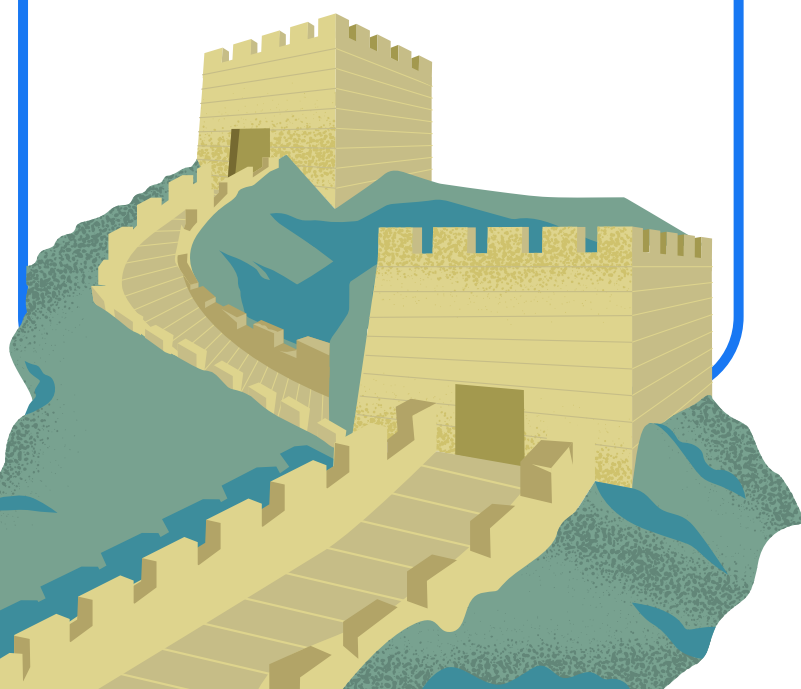
UNVEILING LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY IN ASIA

Top 5 Spoken Languages: Imagine navigating the linguistic landscape of Asia!

The top 5 most spoken languages globally are as follows:

- English
- **Mandarin**
- Hindi
- Spanish
- French

Dive into Asia's Linguistic Tapestry: With 2,300 languages spoken, Asia is a linguistic kaleidoscope! Mandarin takes the lead as the most spoken language.



UPCOMING RSTP WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

UNLOCK THE POWER OF PR PORTAL: UPCOMING LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS

Attention, compassionate sponsors and advocates! As we embrace the New Year, exciting changes are happening in the world of private refugee sponsorship. Starting **January 1st**, all sponsorship applications must be submitted via **PR Portal** or by **mail**. To ensure you're ready for this shift, we've got an array of training sessions lined up just for you!

PR PORTAL WALKTHROUGHS FOR GROUPS OF 5 AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

January 11th

February 21st

PR PORTAL WALKTHROUGHS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS AND CONSULTANTS

January 18th

Gear up for a transformative experience, and let's continue making a positive impact together. Register now, spread the word, and let the journey begin!

EXPLORE PAST INSIGHTS

Missed our Fall training sessions?

No worries!

Dive into a treasure trove of knowledge by checking out recordings on our YouTube channel by clicking the icon below



JANUARY MONTHLY WEBINARS

8th BEFORE YOU APPLY TO SPONSOR

10th PREPARING A SETTLEMENT PLAN

16th PREPARING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

18th PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

23rd FULFILLING YOUR OBLIGATIONS THROUGH ASSURANCE

29th COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL SPONSORSHIP YEAR

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