

# Sponsorship Process

- Information about available Blended VOR cases can be viewed on the secured CIC website or requested directly from the Project Worker
- Once the group has decided on a case, they should prepare and submit the undertaking to sponsor and all other necessary forms to the Centralized Processing Office - Winnipeg (CPO-W)
- The sponsoring group is encouraged to send a piece of correspondence such as a welcome letter to the sponsored refugees. This can be emailed to the Matching Centre or the Project Worker
- The sponsoring group receives detailed information about refugees' departure and arrival dates

**Get ready to welcome them to their new home!**



Photo: UNHCR

## Sponsors' Responsibilities

To provide sponsored refugees during the sponsorship period with:

- Reception
- Housing & basic necessities (this is covered in the first 6 months through RAP income support)
- Settlement assistance (including language classes, enrollment in school, finding health care provider, job search, etc.)
- Emotional & moral support



*Please consider assisting people in need and enriching your communities by sponsoring refugees under the Blended VOR Program*

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## Blended Visa Office-Referred (VOR) Program



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## What is the BVOR program?

- A program designed to resettle refugees identified by UNHCR and submitted to Canadian visa offices abroad
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) both contribute to financially supporting the refugees
- Refugees have already met eligibility and admissibility criteria, making them travel-ready
- However, they must be matched with a sponsor before they can travel to Canada

***This is where you come in!***



- In 2012, UNHCR identified 108,042 refugees in need of resettlement
- This program responds to this need by offering protection to refugees and providing them with a chance for a new life in Canada



## Projected Numbers

- Gradual implementation to be done over a three-year period to reach the final target number of 1000 persons

Year	2013	2014	2015
# of persons	200-300	400-500	800-1000



## Which populations will be sponsored?

The focus for 2014 will be on:

- Eritreans in Ethiopia, Egypt & Sudan
- Iraqis and Iranians in the Middle East
- Colombians in Ecuador
- Bhutanese in Nepal
- Burmese in Malaysia

## Why get involved?

- A unique opportunity to *sponsor refugee populations in need* of resettlement while addressing protection gaps
- *Faster processing times*: refugees will be able to travel within a few months of the application being approved
- *Blended cost model*: refugees will receive 6 months of RAP income support upon arrival
- *Expanded Health Coverage*: refugees resettled under this program are fully covered by IFH in addition to provincial coverage



Photo: AP News

***Make a difference in someone's life!***