



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

There are more than
21.3 million
refugees in the world

86% Of the world's
refugees
are hosted by
developing countries

Top host countries include:
1. Turkey (2.8 mil)
2. Pakistan (1.6 mil)
3. Lebanon (1.1 mil)

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FACTS

Refugee: A person forced to flee their home country to escape persecution, war, or violence.

Resettlement: The careful selection by governments such as Canada – for purposes of lawful admission – of vulnerable refugees who can neither return to their home country nor live in safety in neighbouring countries.

HOW DO REFUGEES GET RESETTLED?



During standard registration interviews UNHCR flags vulnerable cases for possible resettlement. **Refugees cannot apply for resettlement.**



UNHCR refers only the most vulnerable cases to host countries for possible resettlement. **Refugees cannot pick their country of resettlement.**



Only recognized refugees whose **life, liberty, safety, health, or other fundamental rights are at risk** in the host country are considered for resettlement.

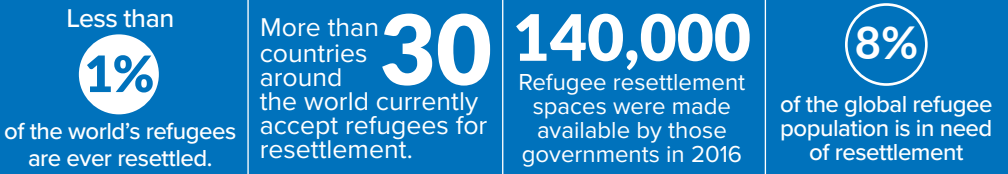


Persons found to have committed serious crimes or who might pose a threat to others **would not be referred** for resettlement in another country.

Vulnerability categories include:



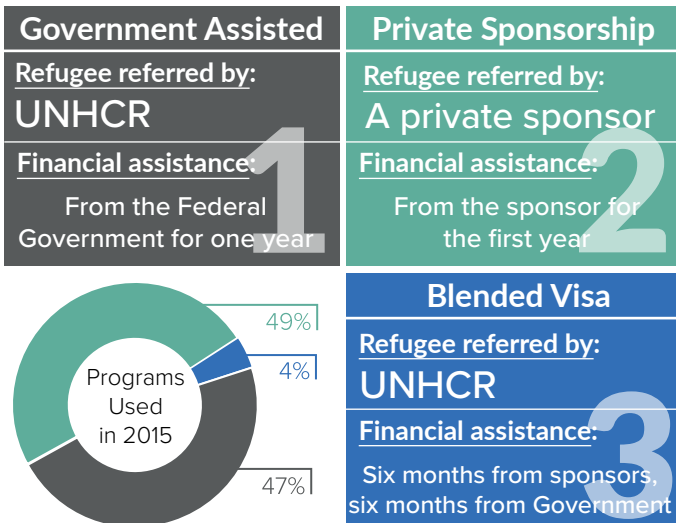
GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT BY THE NUMBERS:



RESETTLEMENT TO CANADA

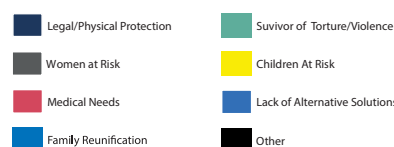
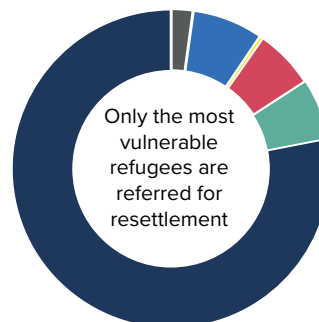
Canada has an exceptional history of welcoming refugees and is the second largest resettlement country in the world. Since 1979, **Canada has resettled some 621,000 refugees.** After less than one year, 90% of Syrian refugees resettled in 2015/2016 reported having a strong or very strong sense of belonging to Canada.

CANADA HAS THREE DIFFERENT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS



After refugees are referred, Canadian visa officers screen them for potential medical, criminal and security concerns, and assess whether the refugee is in need of resettlement. Once admitted, resettled refugees come to Canada as permanent residents.

Resettlement Referrals to Canada from UNHCR by Vulnerability Category (2015)



Resettlement to Canada by Region of Origin (2015)

