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 the U.S. – for purposes of lawful admission – of vulnerable refugees who can neither return to their home country nor live in safety in neighboring 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:



AND/OR TORTURE







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## **GLOBAL RESETTLEMENT BY THE NUMBERS:**

Less than



of the world's refugees are ever resettled.

More than countries around the world currently accept refugees for resettlement.

162,500

spaces were made available by those governments in 2016

of the global refugee population is in need of resettlement

## RESETTLEMENT TO CANADA

Canada has an exceptional history of welcoming refugees and is the second largest resettlement country in the world. Since 1959, Canada has resettled almost 700,000 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

**Government Assisted** Refugee referred by: **UNHCR** Financial assistance: From the Federal Government for one year



**Private Sponsorship** Refugee referred by: A private sponsor Financial assistance: From the financia sponsor for the first year

**Blended Visa** Refugee referred by: UNHCR Financial assistance: Six months from sponsors six months from government

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 comes to Canada as permanent residents.





