Canada is a global leader in refugee resettlement.

Canada is one of the top three countries of resettlement (with USA and Australia)

Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program is unique in the world.

The people of Canada were awarded the Nansen Medal in 1986, for enthusiastically welcoming South-East Asian refugees.

The need for resettlement is greater than ever.

Numbers of refugees needing resettlement globally

Source: UNHCR
How can we rise to this challenge?

Let’s look more closely at how Canada resettles refugees.

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**Blended Visa Office Referred refugees**

In the middle are Blended Visa Office Referred refugees (BVOR) which are a mix. *(NB there are no BVORs in Quebec)*

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What are the advantages of these different streams?

**Government-assisted refugees**
- The government is fulfilling its international responsibility, on behalf of all Canadians, to protect refugees through resettlement.
- Government-assisted refugees are often among the most vulnerable, and need the support of professional settlement services.
- The government can contribute to solutions internationally by resettling many refugees from a specific situation.

**Privately sponsored refugees**
- Canadians can add to the numbers of refugees given a permanent home by privately sponsoring refugees.
- Private sponsors can name the refugees they wish to resettle, and so respond to people of concern to them, including those who are forgotten by governments and the UN.
- Private sponsorship connects individual Canadians and refugees, benefitting both.
What are the main challenges?

- Until 2016, numbers of refugees arriving had been declining
- Very slow processing
- Restrictive rules limiting who can be sponsored

What we need to do:

Increase number of Government-assisted refugees to at least 20,000 a year

Solve the restrictions and delays that have been undermining the private sponsorship program.