



## Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés Canadian Council for Refugees

Canada is a global leader  
in refugee resettlement.

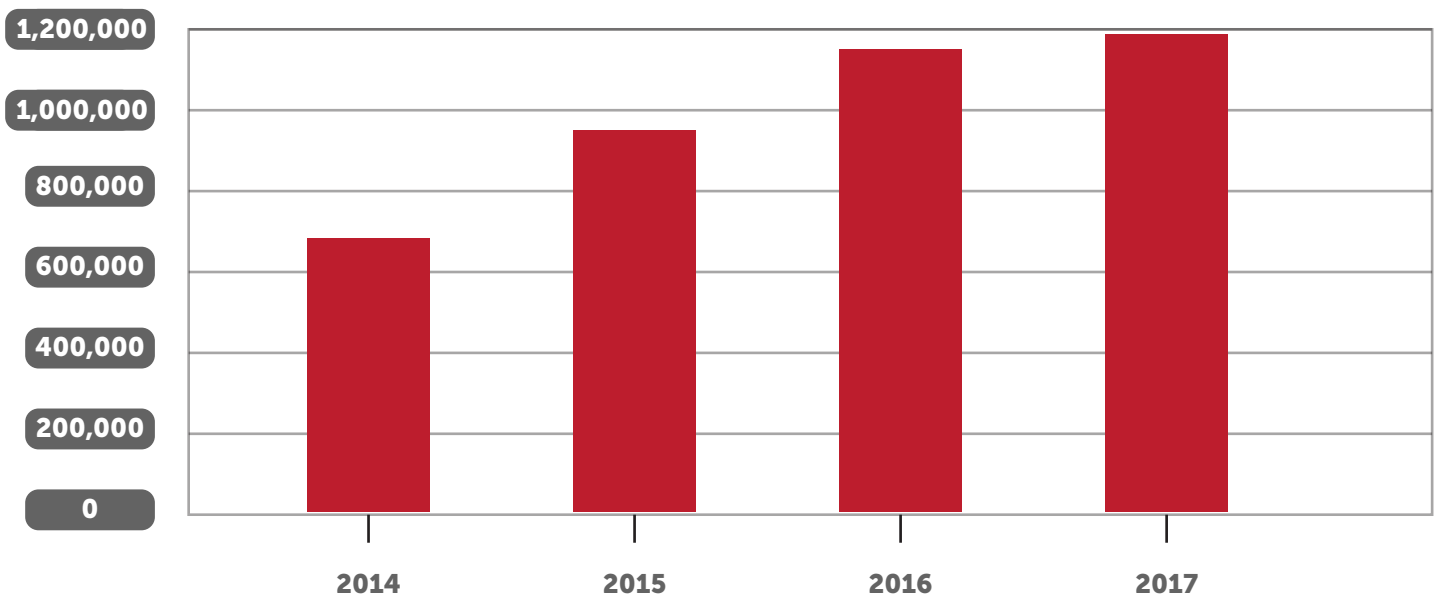
Canada is one of  
the top three countries  
of resettlement  
(with USA and  
Australia)

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



## How can we rise to this challenge?

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

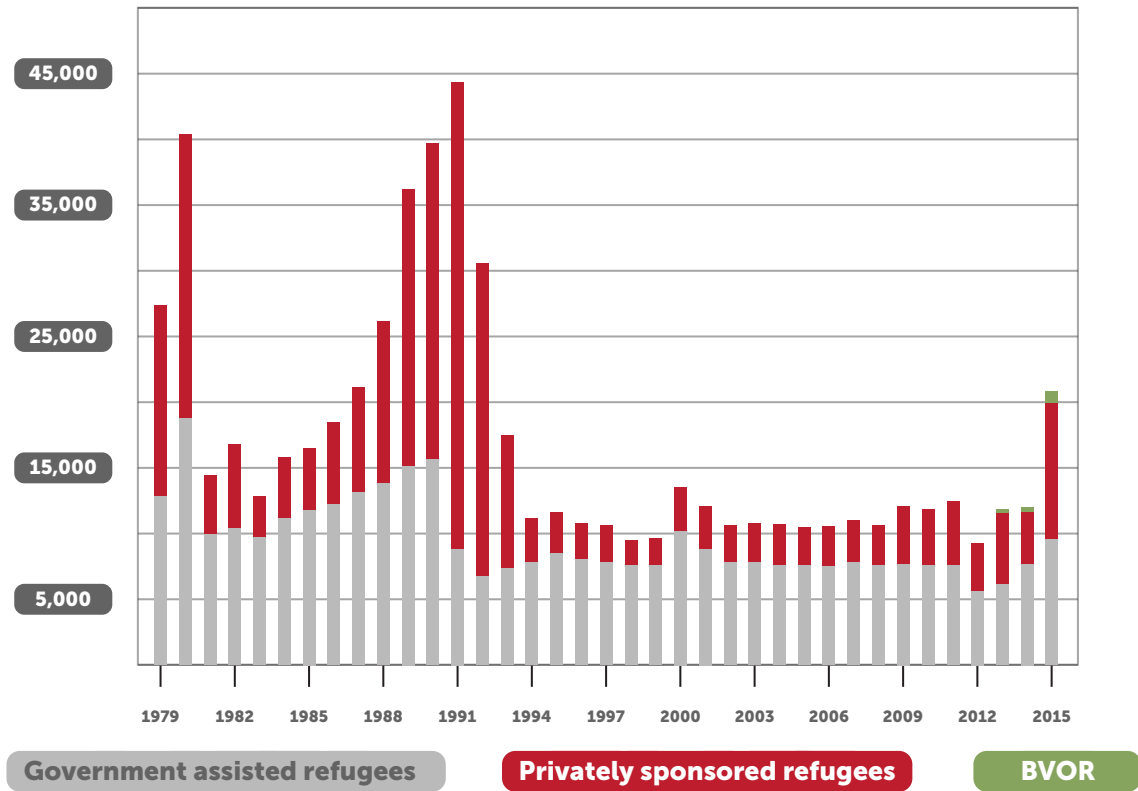
<b>Government-assisted refugees</b>	<b>Privately sponsored refugees</b>
The Governments of Canada and Quebec each year give financial and settlement support to several thousand refugees.	Canadian citizens and permanent residents give financial and settlement support to additional refugees.

**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)*

<b>Government-assisted Refugees (GARs) are:</b>	<b>BVORs are:</b>	<b>Privately sponsored refugees are:</b>
Referred by UNHCR	Referred by UNHCR	Named by sponsors
Processed and screened by Canadian visa officers	Processed and screened by Canadian visa officers	Processed and screened by Canadian visa officers
Supported financially for 12 months by the government of Canada (or Quebec)	Supported financially for 6 months by the government and 6 months by the private sponsor	Supported financially for 12 months by the private sponsor
Given settlement support by an NGO funded by the government	Given settlement support by the private sponsor	Given settlement support by the private sponsor

## Refugee resettlement to Canada 1979 - 2015



What are the advantages of these different streams?

### Government-assisted refugees

### Privately sponsored refugees

The government is fulfilling its international responsibility, on behalf of all Canadians, to protect refugees through resettlement.

Canadians can **add** to the numbers of refugees given a permanent home by privately sponsoring refugees.

Government-assisted refugees are often among the most vulnerable, and need the support of professional settlement services.

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.

The government can contribute to solutions internationally by resettling many refugees from a specific situation.

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.**