Introduction to Resettlement

Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)
Agenda

• ORAT Services and Policies
• Different Immigration Streams
• ORAT Steps
• Financial Requirements

Attending this sessions is NOT a guarantee that your application will be accepted by ORAT.
ORAT Services

• Facilitating resettlement
• Advocating for refugees
• Referrals to service providers
• Networking
• Selection Missions (Catholics Without Borders)
ORAT Policies

• Services provided to everyone in need
• Funding for ORAT provided by the Archdiocese and ShareLife
• Confidentiality
• Transparency
• Accountability
### Refugee Resettlement Streams

#### Inland/At Port Refugee Claimants

Claimant initiates a refugee claim at port of entry (POE) or at an inland office (IRCC)

#### Overseas Resettlement

1. Government Assisted Refugees (GAR)
   - Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS)
   - Blended Visa Office Referral (BVOR)

2. Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR)
   - Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAH) - spots are required
     - Groups of 5 (G5)
     - Community Sponsorship (CS)
Who can be resettled?

Refugees whose lives would be at risk upon return to their country of origin and have no other durable solution in their country of asylum.

Government’s Criteria:

• Eligibility
• Credibility
• Admissibility
• Adaptability
Sponsorship Steps at ORAT

1. Attend Introduction to Resettlement Session

2. Complete the “Sponsorship Steps at ORAT” document and email to ORAT

   You are not required to contact the CG at this time to ask for their support. This will be required of you once your application has been approved by ORAT

3. ORAT may ask for further clarification to determine eligibility

4. Once approved, meet pastor to ask for moral sponsorship

5. Prepare Immigration Forms
Sponsorship Steps at ORAT (cont...)

7. Submit completed forms to Resettlement Assistant
8. ORAT prepares file for Archdiocesan approval
9. Submission to Government of Canada (IRCC)
10. Attend all required Information sessions
    www.orat.Eventbrite.ca
    • IRCC Processing Time
    • General Integration Training
    • Budgeting and Finance
    • Pre-Arrival
    • Welcome Orientation (with newcomers)
Financial Liability: Cost Table & RAP

This table reflects current costs. These costs may increase for 2019

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<th>Refugee’s Family Size</th>
<th>Estimated Financial Requirement</th>
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<td>Financial Deposit: For cases that have dependent children 16 years of age or older but under the age of 22 at the time of submission to IRCC, each dependent child will be treated as an individual rather than as part of a family unit. $16,500 is required for each dependent child. Please adjust the financially requirement for the remaining members of the family accordingly.</td>
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<td>Immigration Forms: Any family with dependent children 16 years of age or older but under the age of 22 will be treated as one case.</td>
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*Please be aware that it is illegal to cover the financial liability by funds from refugees.*
Medical Coverage for Refugees

• While newcomers to Canada will be benefiting from federal and provincial medical services like IFH and OHIP, co-sponsors are responsible to cover any medical costs that are not covered under government programs.

• As such, special attention should be paid to newcomers with critical health issues (e.g. dental, vision, chronic diseases etc.).

• We recommend that consider obtaining supplemental health insurance in advance of the refugees arrival to Canada.
Moral Sponsorship: Constituent Group or “CG”

What is a CG?

• A group of volunteers (5 or more individuals) who form an active refugee committee, which functions under the authority of a church within the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Why is a CG required?

• A CG is needed so that in the event of an emergency they are able to assist the cosponsor with the logistical elements of resettlement (e.g. housing, setting up a bank account, in arranging for a family doctor etc.); and,
• To intervene when a sponsorship breakdown is inevitable.
Increased Monitoring by IRCC

• IRCC has increased its monitoring of refugee cases to ensure that all stakeholders are fulfilling their obligations and responsibilities. As part of IRCC’s monitoring efforts, they continue to interview newcomers.

• IRCC initiates these interviews without notifying the SAH, CG or cosponsor.

• All parties should take increased care to ensure that IRCC’s updated rules are being followed.
Other Immigration Options for Refugees

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<td>• Start-Up Visa</td>
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<td>• Self Employed Options</td>
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<td>• Referral</td>
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“Find out how to come to Canada”: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)
Conclusion

If the person you plan to sponsor meets the definition of a refugee and other government criteria; and,

If you, as the cosponsor,
  • have sufficient funds to deposit with the Archdiocese to cover the refugees settlement expenses for their 1st year in Canada; and,
  • Are able to cover any medical costs that are not covered by IFH or OHIP;
  • And are able to identify a CG (church) that may be willing to provide a Moral Sponsorship

Then you are welcome to complete the “Sponsorship Steps at ORAT” and submit it to us in a timely basis.
Please be patient

Case Review Process

• ORAT will review the applications on a first-come, first-served basis.
• ORAT may ask for further clarification.

Notification of Success

• ORAT will reach out to you once the allocation is received from IRCC to let you know if your case(s) was chosen for submission (likely March 2019)

Please be patient! Please do not email or call us to check on your case(s).
For more info....

• ORAT Newsletter by email
• Facebook
• ORAT website: www.archtoronto.org/refugee
• Eventbrite: www.orat.eventbrite.ca
• Immigration Canada: www.cic.gc.ca
• Refugee Sponsorship Training Program: www.rstp.ca