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Opportunities & Challenges of Refugee Resettlement

The Social Change Initiative

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MY STORY



RESETTLEMENT WAVES TO CANADA

1776 Black Loyalists come to Canada to flee the oppression of the American Revolution

1830 Polish refugees start fleeing to Canada to escape Russian oppression

1891 Migration of 170,000 Ukrainians begin as a result of Austro-Hungarian rule

1950 A significant influx of Middle Eastern and North African Jews flee to Canada

1970 7,000 Chilean & other Latin American Refugees permitted to stay in Canada after the overthrow of the Allende Government

1979 More than 60,000 “Boat People” find refuge in Canada after the Communist victory in the Vietnam War

1992 5,000 Bosnian Muslims admitted to Canada to escape the ethnic cleansing of the Yugoslav Civil War

2016 Canada resettles more than 40,000 Syrian Refugees

CANADA'S
RESETTLEMENT
HISTORY

Welcoming Communities

Smaller Centers

Faith Groups





CCIS ORIGIN STORY

As a response to the Vietnamese
Refugee Crisis

Community driven
& church supported

THE REFUGEE JOURNEY (2017)

50,445

REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

16,610

PRIVATELY
SPONSORED REFUGEES

7,500

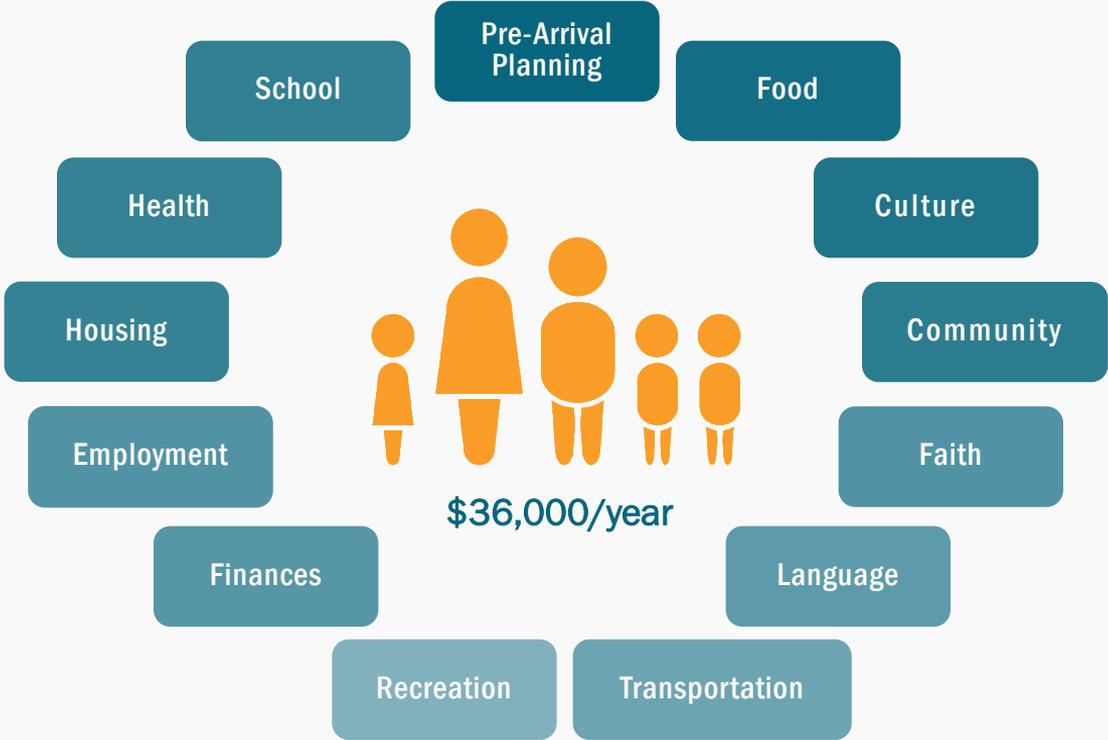
GOVERNMENT
ASSISTED
REFUGEES

GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS



Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html>

PRIVATE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP



CIVIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Canada's Commitment to Refugees & Protected Persons (2017)

16,000

PRIVATE SPONSOR

7,500

GOVERNMENT ASSISTED



WHO ARE THE PRIVATE SPONSORS?

The Federal Government has an agreement with
113 Sponsorship Agreement Holders across
Canada

83 of them are Faith Based

Group of Five

GROWTH IN SYRIAN REFUGEES IN NEED OF HOUSING

Average family size: 5



620

Families need housing
(on average)

1,397

Syrians made Alberta home

1 month

2 months

3 months

4 months

5 months

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Calgary Advisory on Refugee Resettlement





CHALLENGES

POLITICAL
OBLIGATIONS

INCREASE
VOLUME
& NEED

COST

BALANCE BETWEEN
PUBLIC OPINION
& GOVERNMENT

CHALLENGES - OPTICS

SELECTION
(Government motive)

EXPECTATIONS
(Fiscal vs. Community)

POLITICAL IMPACT
(Perception of the international
community)



ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS

- Considering the historical, political, and geographic differences, what are elements of the Canadian experience that are replicated in your work?
- Is it possible for any state to address the challenges of the Refugee crisis without the full participation of Civil Society?

A group of diverse, smiling children are shown in a close-up shot. Several children are making peace signs with their hands. The image has a dark, slightly desaturated color palette. A red rectangular border is overlaid on the image, framing the text and the children's faces.

THANK YOU!

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