

Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission for Refugees from Syria



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- Part of the *broader protection response*
- An *expression of solidarity* with countries in the region
- Helps to *preserve protection space*
- Goal of up to *30,000* in 2013/2014
- Focus on compelling *vulnerabilities* and protection needs



Profiles for Prioritisation

- Women and girls at risk
- Survivors of violence and/or torture
- Older refugees at risk
- Refugees with physical protection needs
- Refugees with medical needs or disabilities
- Children and adolescents at risk
- LGBTI persons at risk
- Refugees with family links in resettlement countries



Pledges for 2013/2014

Country	Pledge (Persons)
Australia	500 resettlement
Austria	500 humanitarian admission
Canada	200 resettlement 1,100 private sponsorship
Finland	500 resettlement
France	500 humanitarian admission
Germany	5,000 humanitarian admission
Hungary	10 resettlement
Ireland	90 resettlement
Luxembourg	60 resettlement
Moldova	50 resettlement
Netherlands	250 resettlement
Norway	1,000 resettlement
Spain	30 resettlement
Sweden	400 resettlement
Switzerland	50 resettlement
USA	open-ended number on resettlement
TOTAL	10,240 plus an additional number to the USA

Progress to date



- Measures have been put in place to ensure sufficient staffing and capacity to reach the 2013/2014 goal.
- 5,200 refugees will be submitted for Resettlement or Humanitarian Admission by the end of 2013 based upon the pledges so far received.

Recent developments



- **27 September 2013 meeting** between UNHCR and resettlement States
- **Resettlement Working Group**, comprised of host states in the region surrounding Syria
- **Regional operational planning** finalised for 2014
- **Contact Group on Resettlement of Syrian Refugees**, chaired by Sweden

The way forward



- ***Securing pledges*** for the nearly 20,000 places still needed to meet the goal of 30,000
- ***Expediting processing*** through streamlining of RSD and resettlement procedures
- ***Providing complementary forms of admission*** such as flexible approaches to family reunification and easing of visa requirements
- ***Convening the Contact Group*** on resettlement of Syrian refugees