

## What is the Canadian Blended Visa Office-Referred Program?

The Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program matches refugees identified for resettlement by UNHCR because of their specific vulnerability with private sponsors in Canada. Costs are shared between these private sponsors and the Canadian government, with each party providing six months of financial support.

## **BVOR Process**



UNHCR refers the most vulnerable

refugees, such as medical cases, women or girls at risk of sexual violence, or survivors of torture and violence to Canadian visa offices.



Canada decides whether to accept

a refugee. If selected, thorough background and security checks are conducted to ensure their admissibility to Canada.



"Travel-ready" refugees are matched with

sponsors through the help of the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (www.rstp.ca). Sponsors can be government approved not-for-profit organizations or Canadian individuals.



Canada provides six

months of income support and sponsors provide another six months of financial support along with practical assistance such as housing, job search, and social and emotional support.

## Why sponsor a refugee under the BVOR program?



While 1.4 million refugees are in need of resettlement, only 75,000 places are available globally in resettlement countries. Only 5% of refugees whose survival is at stake will attain a durable solution. Utilizing BVOR admissions to their fullest potential provides Canadians with the opportunity to help and allows for more refugees identified for resettlement and in desperate need of a durable solution to reach safety in Canada.

Up to 1,500 BVOR refugees can be sponsored in 2018. Every space counts when it comes to saving lives.