

Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) Program



BLENDED SPONSORSHIP:

The BVOR Program is a cost-sharing arrangement between Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and private sponsors.

INCOME SUPPORT:

During the 12-month sponsorship period, IRCC provides 6 months of income support for the refugees while sponsors cover the remaining 6 months. Sponsors are also responsible for start-up costs and all settlement support.

TRAVEL-READY REFUGEES:

BVOR refugees are approved for resettlement and are travel-ready, meaning they can arrive in Canada between 2 to 6 months after application submission.

For more information on sponsoring a refugee through the BVOR program, please email worldrenewrefugee@worldrenew.net.





Women and Girls in Need

- Between **2018 and 2023**, an estimated **980,000 girls** were born into refugee life. (UNHCR Global trends Report 2023)
- In 2023, women and girls made up **49% of the 117.3 million people** who were forced to flee their homes. (UNHCR Global trends Report 2023).
- Women and girls are **forced to flee their home** due to rape, sexual violence, physical and mental abuse, and marginalization.
- While in countries of asylum, women and girls continue to face unique challenges such as:
 - Inadequate and unequal access to services such as health care and education
 - Marginalization and discrimination
 - Lack of legal systems that uphold their rights

Making a Difference

While all refugees deserve dignity and protection, **women and girl refugees are particularly vulnerable.**

Their stories are heartbreaking, but you can make a difference. Sponsoring groups have a unique opportunity to respond to the plight of refugee women and girls through the **Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR) Program**. By participating, you can walk alongside these women and girls as they find safety, hope, and build new lives in Canada.



Resources:

<https://www.unhcr.org/gender-based-violence.html>

<https://www.refworld.org/women.html>

https://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/RSTP_Reasons4Resettlement.pdf

<https://www.unhcr.org/what-we-do/how-we-work/safeguarding-individuals/women>