

SPONSORSHIP PROCESS

This is the step-by-step process for sponsoring and resettling refugees with World Renew.

STEP 1. GETTING STARTED



The church or sponsoring group meets with World Renew for an **initial inquiry** to begin the process.

The church or sponsoring group forms a **Refugee Sponsorship Committee** to help steer the process.



The Refugee Sponsorship Committee participates in **orientation, training, and readiness preparation** with World Renew.

World Renew works with the church or sponsoring group to ensure all **finances** are in order to support the refugees. This involves budgeting, providing proof of sponsorship funds, and fundraising.



The Refugee Sponsorship Committee prepares a thorough **settlement plan** with World Renew and completes all paperwork necessary.

STEP 2. APPLICATION

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee works with World Renew to prepare and submit the **application for private sponsorship** to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). IRCC sends the application to the Canadian visa office overseas.



STEP 3. VISA OFFICE PROCESSING



This part takes place primarily in the country where the refugee is currently residing. This is a time for patience as an interview will take place, followed by medical and background checks for the refugee. The **waiting period** for this step can be lengthy, up to three years.

STEP 5. SETTLEMENT

The church or sponsoring group provides **orientation and connects newcomers to settlement agencies** for services such as ESL education, employment services, applying for identification and health care, and more as needed.



Sponsors fund monthly and start-up costs for newcomers. They visit and follow up to help address questions and provide general support. Sponsors and newcomers participate in **regular check-ins** through World Renew's monitoring program.

The church or sponsoring group supports the **empowerment, independence, and integration** of the newcomers and help them to become more at home in Canada.

STEP 4. ARRIVAL



After receiving the Notice of Arrival (NAT) from IRCC, the Refugee Sponsorship Committee works with World Renew to **prepare for the arrival** of the refugee overseas. This includes revising the budget, reviewing the settlement plan, and ensuring readiness.

It's finally time to meet each other! The church or sponsoring group **meets the newcomer at the airport and provides transportation to the community of resettlement.**



STEP 6. CELEBRATE!

Congratulations! Your group has successfully sponsored and resettled refugees to Canada. Now, it's time to evaluate the sponsorship and celebrate its success. We encourage you to continue your relationship with the newcomers for many years to come!



If you're interested in sponsoring and resettling refugees with World Renew, email us!
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