

# **Refugee Sponsorship in Canada**

## **What part is reserved for Francophone communities?**

# RCFPP

## Francophone Capacity Building for the Private Sponsorship of Refugees

### Partenaires du projet



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# PROJECT CONTEXT

- Diversifying channels to promote Francophone immigration
- In the spirit of “By and for Francophones”

# PROJECT GOALS

- Make an inventory of existing resources, adapting them in French if necessary
- Organize events and raise awareness of private sponsorship in Francophone communities.

# EXPECTED RESULTS

- 100 clients made aware of the benefits of private sponsorship and the resources available
- 30 clients informed of the private sponsorship process for refugees

# THE ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **RSTP-RCFPP Collaboration Agreement**
2. **Awareness and Training**
3. **Results**

# RSTP-RCFPP COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

- Recruitment of potential sponsors (RCFPP)
- Inventory and thematic classification of existing resources to facilitate access (RCFPP)
- Creation of a site (<https://rcfpp.ca/>) for access to resources (RCFPP)
- Training in the various stages of sponsorship and personalized accompaniment (RSTP).

# AWARENESS AND TRAINING

- An awareness campaign was run on May 12, 2022 (2 hours)
- Three 6-hour question and answer sessions with no limits
- Three group training workshops on the steps of the sponsorship process
- Personalized coaching on sponsorship eligibility assessment and sponsorship file preparation.

# RESULTS

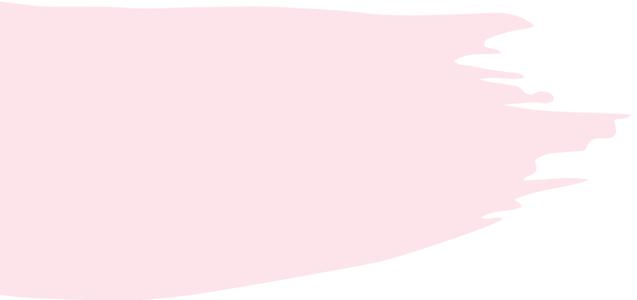
- 646 registrations for the session
- 478 people connected at the peak of the session
- 271 people stayed connected until the end
- 123 people participated in the question and answer sessions
- 53 clients participated in workshops on the sponsorship process
- 16 clients have started the sponsorship process

# WHAT LESSONS WERE LEARNED FROM THIS PROJECT?

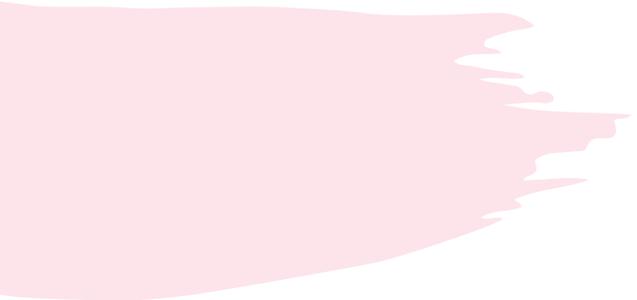
- The project has generated a lot of interest and has far exceeded its targets before the end of its mandate (March 31, 2023)
- Immigrant individuals and families are very willing to sponsor loved ones in refugee status.

# WHAT LESSONS WERE LEARNED FROM THIS PROJECT?

- Very limited financial means to sponsor:
  - Income limited to salary, no savings
  - Most can sponsor an individual with an in-kind contribution (room, board, clothing) to reach \$16,500/year
  - Few are able to sponsor a family of 4 (\$28,700)
  - Some are faced with the difficulty of forming groups of 5.



**AND THEN WHAT?**



**Francophone communities expect more  
than just awareness building!**

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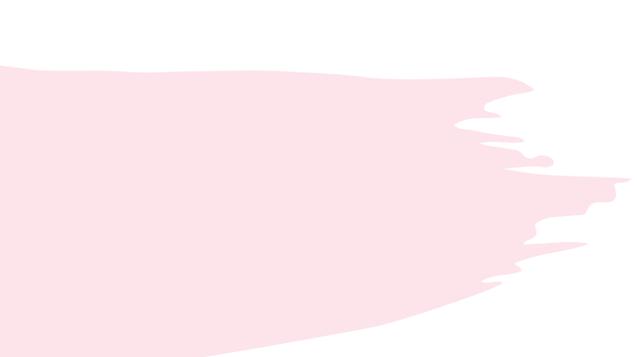
**In which countries is Canada most involved in sponsoring refugees?**

# A REMINDER

- **In 2015–2016, Canada welcomed 29,125 Syrian refugees, out of the 25,000 announced:**
  - 15,665 or 54% government-sponsored refugees (GPRs)
  - 11,055 or 38% privately sponsored refugees (PSRs)
  - 2,405 or 8% of refugees referred by a visa office (RRVO)

# A REMINDER

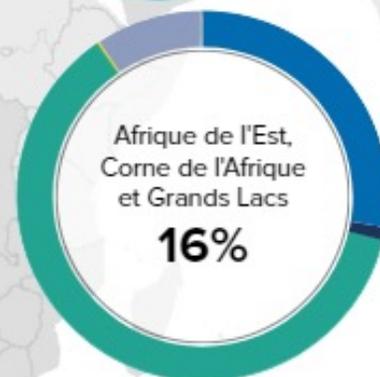
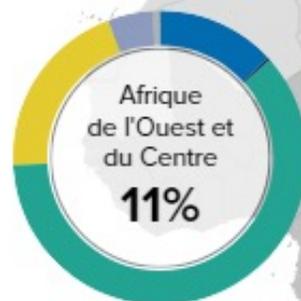
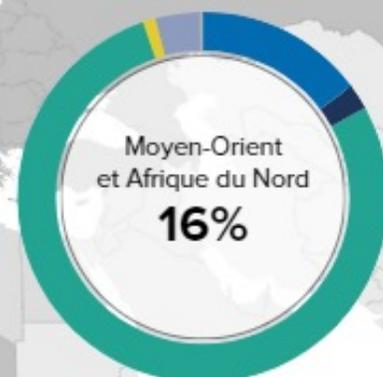
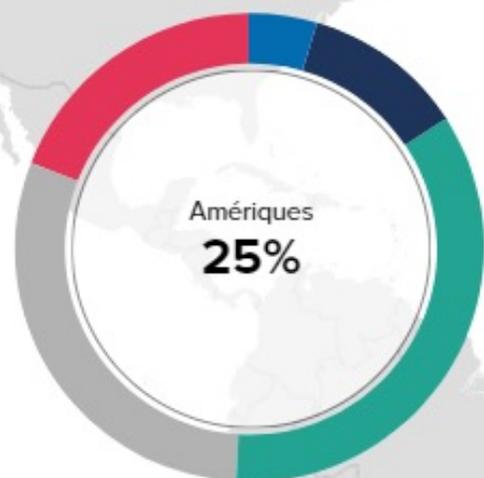
- By August 2022, the country had already taken in 20,625 Afghan refugees, out of the 40,000 announced:
  - 14,450 or 70% government-sponsored refugees (GPRs)
  - 5,955 or 29% privately sponsored refugees (PSRs)
  - 220, or 1% of refugees referred by a visa office (RRVO).



**Can we consider a quota for Francophone refugees in existing programs?**

**If not, what can be done to ensure that Francophones are not forgotten?**

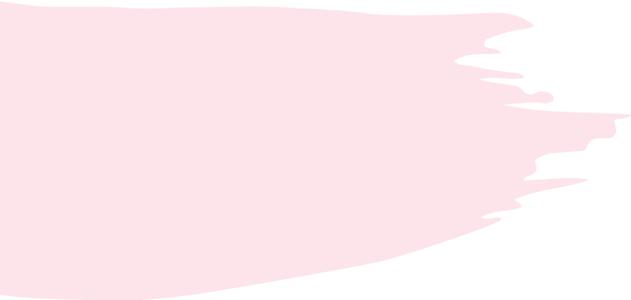
# POPULATIONS RELEVANT DE LA COMPÉTENCE DU HCR PRÉVISIONS POUR 2022<sup>1</sup>



- Réfugiés
- Demandeurs d'asile
- Déplacés Internes
- Apatrides
- Rapatriés (réfugiés et déplacés Internes)
- Autres

# Profiles of French-speaking refugees

- Predominantly young families and mostly individuals (18–35 years old).
- Professionals with high school, technical or university degrees who can easily and quickly integrate socially and professionally.
- Bilingual or already sufficiently exposed to English.



**MERCI**

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