

ICA Private Sponsorship of Refugees in numbers

In August 2015, the ICA received approval from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to become a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH). This framework agreement with the Canadian government allows ICA to facilitate refugee resettlement to Victoria through Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program. The Anglican Diocese of BC is the only other SAH in Victoria.

57 Constituent Groups authorized by ICA

*since November 2015

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Refugees have arrived

sponsored by 30 CGs

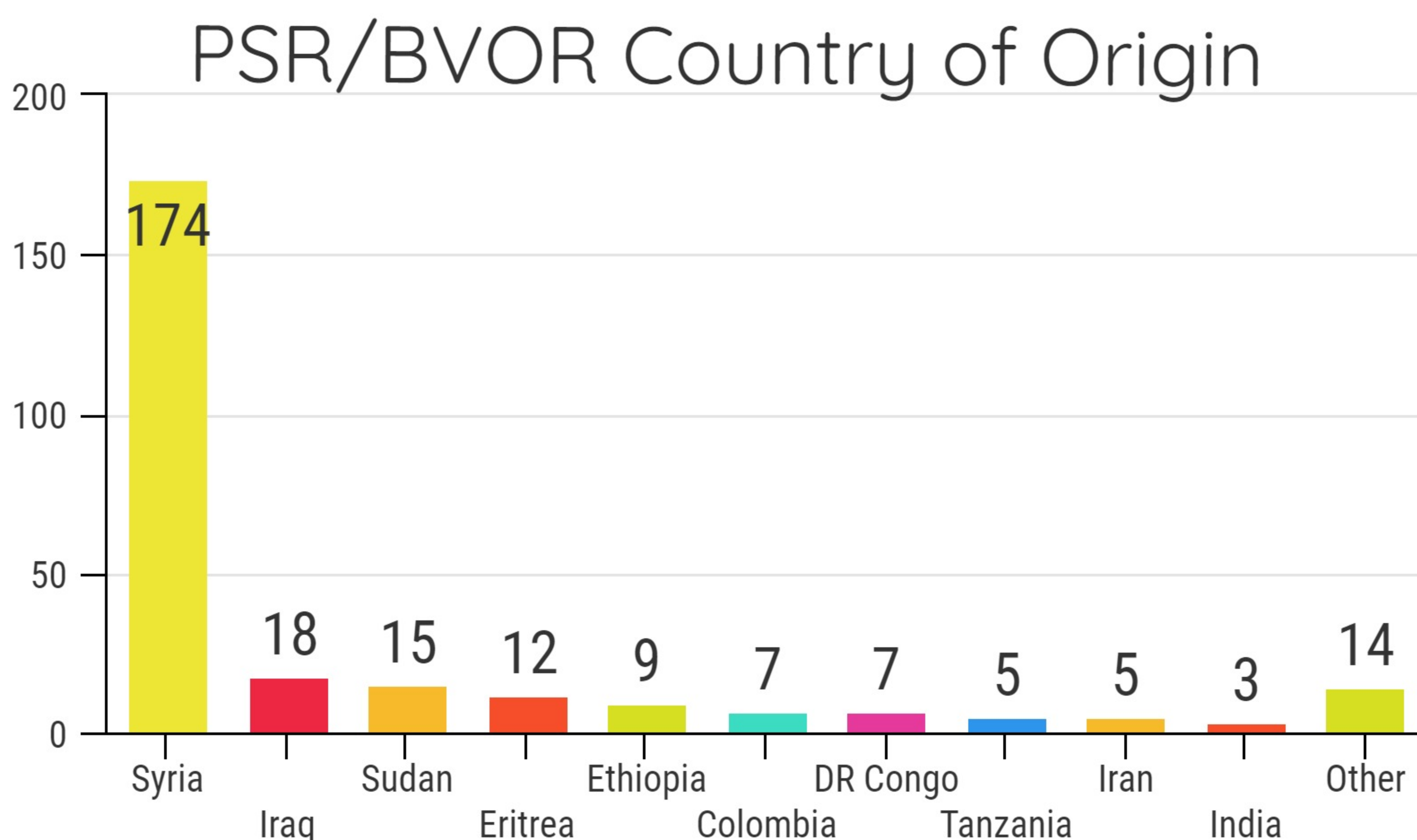
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Refugees still to arrive

sponsored by 36 CGs

*Numbers represent ICA PSR/BVOR program only.

*Some CGs have sponsored more than one PSR family.



The BVOR program has profiles available for sponsorship immediately. For more information on refugee sponsorship contact Sabine Lehr, slehr@icavictoria.org.

Save the date: July 21, 2018 – BVOR Sponsorship Event

BVOR Program

The Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program matches refugees with private sponsors in Canada. Individuals are identified for resettlement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) because of their specific vulnerability. Costs are shared between private sponsors and the Canadian government.

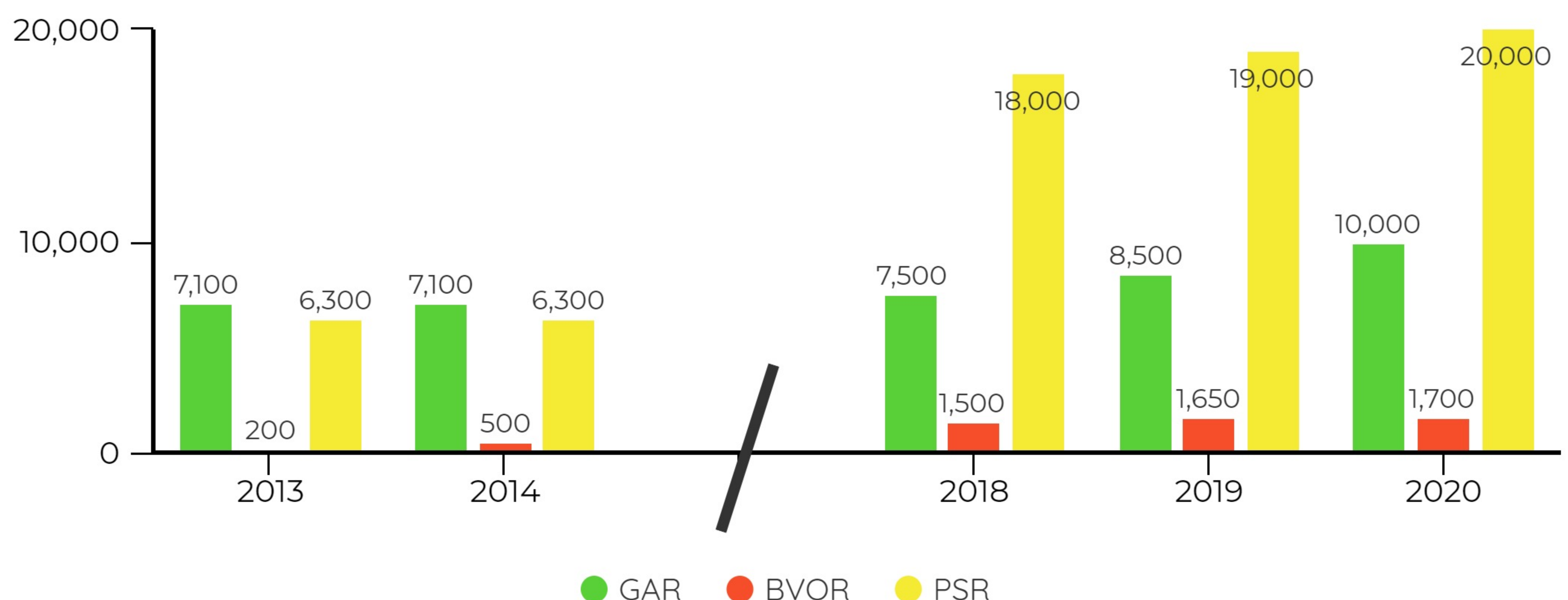
BVOR Profile (example)

The Principal Applicant (PA) is a 30 year old Eritrean single mother with two children. She fears for her safety and for the lives of her two young children. The PA is a single woman-at-risk who is looking for a better life for her family by resettling in Canada.



The federal government is anticipating private sponsors across Canada to play a larger role in resettling PSRs and BVORs in the coming years.

National Refugee Landing Targets



“Though I still despair, I feel I am making an impact, small as it may be. It brought me joy – not just in knowing we’ve helped someone but in working with my friends and their families to make this happen – I have such great respect and admiration for my group members. Everyone is busy – we have kids and jobs and other volunteer commitments – but somehow we did it. And it was so rewarding and important that we are doing it again.” - Margie Parikh, repeat sponsor