

Help To Reunite Refugee Families!



“My children are orphans even though I am still alive.”

The **cry** of a **mother** who has not seen her children in **seven years**.

They will wait
more than

50
months

Children & spouses overseas **wait over four years** to reunite with a family member who has been accepted in Canada.



Potential Timeline For Family Reunification

Year
0

A refugee
claim is
made

Year
2

Refugee
Claim
Accepted

Year
4

Refugee receives
Permanent
Residence

Year
7

Family members
receive visas to
join claimant



Waiting Comes At A Cost

Prolonged separations damage family relationships and **children grow up** in the **absence** of one or both **parents**.

Because of the long delays, children may end up separated from their parent for 7 or more years. **For some, it is most of their childhood!**

Over
40,000

**Children & spouses
are waiting overseas
to reunite.**

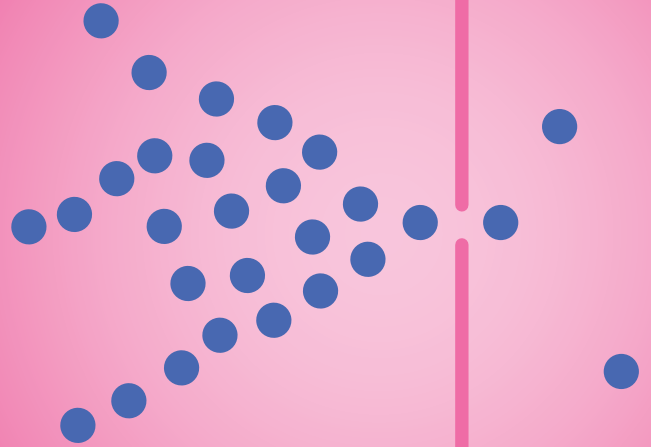
(April 2024 data, the number has risen)



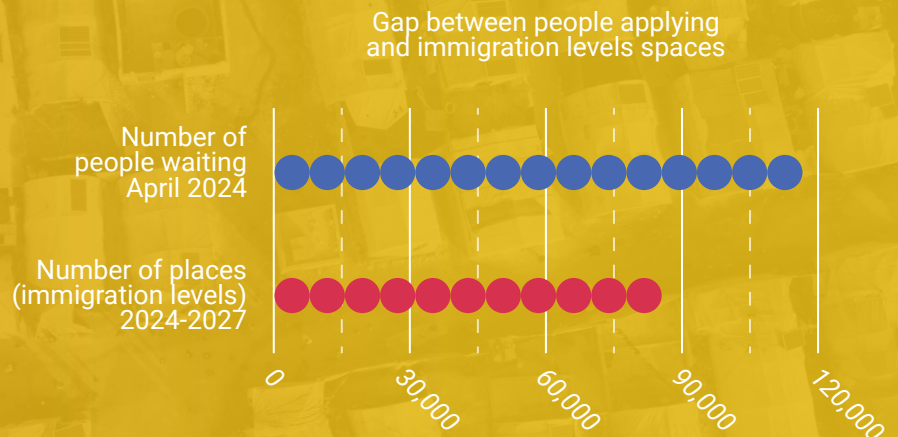
Drawing by a young girl separated from her father who is in Canada. She titled it: "I Love You Daddy"

Why the long wait for reunification?

Each year, the government limits the number of people admitted to Canada through immigration levels.



*In April 2024, more
people were already
waiting to be admitted
than the total
number the
government plans to
admit in the next four
years alone.*



Learn The Law!

Under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Canada has a legal obligation to reunite children with their parents "in an expeditious manner".

Take action!

Ask your MP to support a policy to allow refugee family members to come to Canada on Temporary Resident Permits so they can join their family while their permanent residence application is in process.

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