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Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA)

An independent charity established in 2021.

Currently delivering the Federal government-backed **Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Program** (CRISP), which after a successful 4-year pilot, has been adopted as a new **permanent element** of Australia's humanitarian migration program.





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*St Vincent's Ashfield
Social Justice Group*

The Community Refugee Integration & Settlement Program (CRISP)



5+ adults come together to form a Community Supporter Group



Welcome a refugee household - not known to them - referred to Australia by the UNHCR.



Provide practical, wrap around settlement support for 12 months.

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The pilot from 2022 to 2026 was given a quota of 1500 people, but due to the **lack of volunteer groups** only brought 900 people.

600 extra refugees could have been brought to Australia and given:

- Permanent Residency
- Community support
- Education
- Medicare

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- The program is now a permanent part of the immigration system.
- It has bi-partisan support and is therefore unlikely to be cut.
- It has a quota of 200 people per year but these people cannot come to Australia unless there are volunteer groups to support them.
- Parishes work very well as volunteer groups.

**There are 18 parishes across
Sydney, Parramatta and
Broken Bay that we know of
who have been involved so
far.**

St Vincent's Ashfield Social Justice group members have supported 5 families since 2020:

A family from Syria

2 families from Afghanistan

A family from Venezuela in 2024-25

A family of 2 sisters from Iraq (Chaldean Community)

A total of 21 people have been assisted

Mentor Group at October 2020 Training in COVID times.





In 2021/22

Shukria, Sheila holding baby
Emad, Jenny and Mary

2024







- The help of St Vincent de Paul Ashfield with furniture.





Discussions are underway with the government to bring people who are known by the supporter groups.

This is an opportunity for diaspora groups but you need to have a seat at the table for the next year or so while this advocacy takes place.

WELCOME REFUGEES INTO OUR COMMUNITY



Catholic Mission - Refugee
Sponsorship Information Session



Since 2022, the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Program (CRISP) has been enabling people to personally welcome UNHCR-approved refugees to towns and cities across Australia.

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