

Australian Red Cross

Supporting people in their most
difficult moments





Australian Red Cross
acknowledges the
Traditional Owners
of this land, their
ancestors and Elders,
past and present.



Our Services in South Australia



First Aid and Mental Health

Delivering nationally registered first aid and mental health training to support adults, children, and even pets in emergency first aid situations



Lifeblood

Supports people, communities, and health providers to give life-giving donations of blood, plasma, breast milk and so much more to all Australians



Red Cross Shops

Red Cross Shops stock a unique collection of quality pre-loved clothing, shoe, accessories and homewares, providing social development for volunteers and raising funds for our everyday work.



Emergencies and Disasters

Help build communities that are strong, resilient and able to anticipate, respond, and recover well from disasters and climate change related emergencies



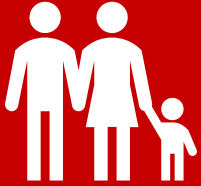
Community Services

Support for those falling through the gaps to feel safe and included in their community. Including First Nations communities, people experiencing homelessness and support services for older people



Migrants in Transition

Help build fair, welcoming, and inclusive communities where migrants are safe and have their humanitarian needs met. Including people seeking asylum, refugees, those in detention, separated from family or on temporary visas



Migrants in Transition

Refugees

People seeking asylum

People in immigration detention

People who are vulnerable as a result of migration

Fundamental Principles in action



Humanity
Impartiality
Neutrality
Independence
Voluntary service
Unity
Universality

Red Cross has a **neutral** and *impartial* understanding about the current state of human displacement due to persecution.

Red Cross provides emergency relief and long term **humanitarian support** to anyone in need.

Why do people seek asylum?



When they are fleeing **war** and **civil unrest**, or experiencing **persecution** (ie ongoing violence and ill treatment) in their country and **need protection** in another country.

- Race
- Nationality
- Religion
- Political opinion
- Membership of a particular social group

International Human Rights Law

Everyone has the right to seek and enjoy in other countries, asylum from persecution.


Article 14, Universal Declaration of Human Rights



People seeking asylum have the right to enter a country regardless of how they arrive or whether they hold valid travel or identity documents


Article 31, United Nations Refugee Convention

What are Australia's responsibilities?



As a Refugee Convention signatory, **Australia committed to protect people who have fled from their home country** due to a real threat to their lives and/or basic freedoms.

We use the Migration Act 1958 to address this obligation.



No Australian law criminalises the act of arriving here without a valid visa for the purposes of seeking asylum.

Australia has an obligation to protect the human rights of asylum seekers and refugees arriving with or without a visa

Where in the world?

UNHCR Figures as of end of 2023, released June 2024

Less than 1% of people seeking safety come to Australia

WHERE ARE REFUGEES FLEEING FROM?

Syrian Arab Rep.	6.4 million
Afghanistan	6.4 million
Venezuela	6.1 million
Ukraine	6.0 million
South Sudan	2.3 million
Myanmar	1.3 million

WHERE ARE THEY HOSTED?

Islamic Rep. of Iran	3.8 million
Türkiye	3.3 million
Colombia	2.9 million
Germany	2.6 million
Pakistan	2.0 million
Uganda	1.6 million
Bangladesh	981,064

QUOTA FOR 2024 / 2025

Australia 20,000

The reality for people seeking safety

Every **3 seconds** a person is forced to flee due to armed conflict, war or persecution

Two-thirds of refugees are in protracted refugee situations lasting 5 years or more

There is **no queue** or processing system accessible to asylum seekers in their home country

50% of refugees are **children**

The majority of the world's refugees **walk** to safety

- The UNHCR currently only has capacity to resettle **less than 1%** of the world's refugees each year

- You could spend **decades waiting** to be resettled from a refugee camp

Challenges faced in Australia



- Learning a new culture and language
- Acceptance by the community
- Continuing their education
- Securing work
- Financial stability
- Finding somewhere to live
- Separation from family
- Dealing with trauma and loss
- Stigma and isolation
- Uncertainty about visas

Supporting Migrants in Transition

Connect Match Support: Employment & Migrant Mentor Programs

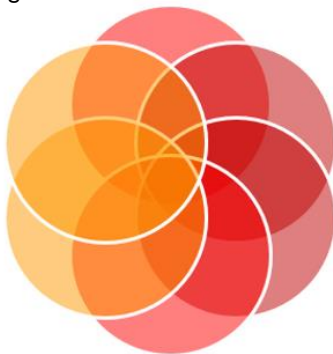
Supports those on temporary VISA's to find employment, including English and Digital literacy classes, Employment hubs, individual mentoring and connecting to businesses.

Community Education Program: In Search of Safety (ISOS)

In interactive education program designed to dispel the myths and misunderstandings about why people seek asylum in Australia. Available for Primary, secondary and community groups

Support for Trafficked People Program

Provides case management support to people who have been a victim of human trafficking or experienced forced marriage.



Health in My language

Provides health education sessions in more than 6 main languages through our Bilingual Health Educators to migrant women in South Australia

Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) Financial Assistance

Support people on temporary visas who are affected by domestic and family violence, with financial, case work support and referrals to enhance the safety of clients and increase their independence to live a life free violence and abuse

Emergency Relief Program

Provides a one-off payment to people seeking asylum or temporary visa holders that have no access to mainstream support who are experiencing extreme financial hardship

Restoring Family Links (RFL) Service

Aims to assist families to regain contact when they have become separated as a result of war, conflict, disaster or migration

Thank you

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