

EVALUATING REFUGEE PROGRAMS



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WHY EVALUATE REFUGEE
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Why Evaluate Refugee Programs?

Evaluations in the refugee-serving sector involve organizations and groups that support:

- Refugee claimants
- Government-assisted refugees
- Privately sponsored refugees
- Blended visa office-referred refugees
- Joint assistance sponsorship refugees

Existing Gaps in Evaluations within the Refugee-Serving Sector

- Prior evaluations in this sector have typically been conducted by evaluation experts, and are missing the community's voice
- There are few standardized tools to measure outcomes in this sector, which has led to inconsistent evaluation processes
- Generally, a lack of published or shared information
- Refugee outcomes are typically pooled with immigrant outcomes

Why Evaluate Now?

Recent global events have spurred the need to evaluate refugee programs:

- Globally, as of June 2018, 25 million people were identified as refugees
 - Restrictions on admission and acceptance processes in some nations
 - Renewed commitments to protect refugees in others
- In Canada, trends and contexts that affect refugees and the refugee-serving sector are changing as well
 - In 2017, the number of refugee claimants entering Canada more than doubled
 - Projected annual targets of resettled refugees, and claimants granted refugee status, will impact the refugee-serving sector
 - At this time, evaluative efforts are needed to explore the ways in which we can better support refugees, a vulnerable population, living in and arriving to Canada

Evaluation Next Steps

- Action:
 - Develop useful and effective community-based evaluations of refugee programs
 - Produce meaningful knowledge in partnership with stakeholders who are affected by these programs
 - Strengthen efforts to improve existing programs
- Accountability:
 - Generate evidence of outcomes or progress for funders and other important decision-making groups