

Sponsorship Streams

	(JAS) Joint Assisted Sponsorship	(BVOR) Blended Visa Office Referral	(FPS) Full Private Sponsorship
Government Funding	100%	50% ¹	none
Choice of refugee family	very little	limited	full
Chance of Rejection	no	no	yes
Speed of Arrival	1 – 4 months ⁷	1 – 7 months ⁷	1-8 years ⁷
Paperwork required	less	less	more
Travel costs covered by government loans to be repaid	yes	yes	yes
Ability to review profile	yes ⁶	yes ⁶	through direct contact
Needs of refugees	Very high ³	Varied	Varied
Duration of support	Typically 2 years	1 year	1 year

Other Information:

- 1) Government pays the living costs for months 2 – 7. Sponsors are responsible for start-up costs, and living costs for months 1 and 8-12.
- 2) Under the JAS and BVOR programs, the government pays according to provincial social assistance levels.
- 3) Under the JAS program, refugees typically have excessive health or psychological needs
- 4) Refugees in all streams are eligible for government child benefits and full medical coverage. Full medical coverage means the refugees are eligible for provincial coverage plus Interim Federal Health coverage, including limited dental and vision care, prescription drug coverage as outlined by the Federal government, plus many other extra health care products.
- 5) There are very few Christians that show up under the JAS or BVOR programs.
- 6) The CABC has access to extended profiles for JAS and BVOR families and can forward these to sponsorship groups for viewing. The extended profiles typically include the country of origin, ethnicity, country of current residence and religion for the family; the ages, birth dates, genders, education levels, medical needs, work experience and languages spoken for all family members; and the story of how the principal applicant became a refugee.
- 7) Often refugees in the JAS and BVOR programs are travel ready, meaning that they have passed their interview, medical, security and criminality checks and are ready to travel to Canada. Full private sponsorships can take as many as 8 years from application submission to arrival, depending on the visa office and other factors.