

New Zealand Refugee Resettlement Strategy: Implementation Framework

Overarching outcome

Refugees are participating fully and integrated socially and economically as soon as possible so that they are living independently, undertaking the same responsibilities, and exercising the same rights as other New Zealanders and have a strong sense of belonging to their own community and to New Zealand.

Outcome 1: Self-sufficiency

All working-age refugees are in paid work or are supported by a family member in paid work.

Success Indicators

Increased proportions of working-age refugees in paid employment after six months, two years and five years.

Reduced proportions of working-age refugees receiving unemployment-related benefits after six months, two years and five years in New Zealand.

Outcome 2: Participation

Refugees actively participate in New Zealand life and have a strong sense of belonging to New Zealand.

Outcome 3: Health and Wellbeing

Refugees and their families enjoy healthy, safe and independent lives.

Success indicators

Children of quota refugees receiving immunisations six and 12 months after arrival.

Refugees' utilisation of general practitioner services.
Refugees' access to mental health services.

Outcome 4: Education

Refugees' English language skills enable them to participate in education and achieve qualifications, and support them to participate in daily life.

Success indicators

By 2014, 67 percent of refugee school leavers achieve NCEA Level 2 after five years or more in the New Zealand education system.

English language achievement of adult refugees.

Outcome 5: Housing

Refugees live independently of government housing assistance in homes that are safe, secure, healthy and affordable.

Success indicator

A reduction of the amount of housing subsidy spent on quota refugees after two years and five years in New Zealand.

Strategic governance

- Improved cross-agency oversight through the Cross Agency Senior Officials Group and Governance arrangements
- Improved co-ordination and delivery of refugee-specific settlement services lead by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

The Government has agreed to the replacement of the Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre.

Changes to the selection and resettlement process from 1 July 2013 to support better refugee outcomes