

STEP 5. DO YOU HAVE MISSING FAMILY MEMBERS?

If you do not know where your family members are and wish to trace them, Red Cross Society may be able to help you find them. Please contact :

International Tracing and Refugee Services

Australian Red Cross: (08) 9225 8888
wainfo@redcross.org.au
www.redcross.org.au

CARAD (behind ASeTTS)

245 Stirling Street Perth, Western Australia 6000

Phone 9227 7322

Fax 9228 9749

Email: office@carad.org.au

Sponsored by the following Organisations:



Website: www.carad.org.au



Website: www.caseforrefugees.org.au

Website: www.multicultural.wa.gov.au

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The Family Reunion story

The road ahead was so difficult and dangerous for Joseph and his wife Aysa that, when they fled the fighting in their homeland, they left their two young sons with her mother. "We thought it would only be for a month or two, but it took us seven years of being a refugee before we were accepted into Australia" says Joseph.

As soon as we were here we wanted to bring our family together. It was very slow but the application was then approved. "Then we were told we needed \$4,500 for airfares for our sons! We had been sending every spare cent we had to Aysa's mother for the care of the boys –where would we get such money?"

A variety of small not-for-profit loan agencies, mostly run by local churches and charities, were approached to help Joseph and Aysa by providing a no-interest loan for the airfares. The reunion was very emotional!



Are you bringing your family over?



A Humanitarian & Refugee Step by Step Guide to what it takes...

STEP 1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you have been granted a Refugee or Humanitarian Visa, you may wish to apply to sponsor members of your family to come and join you in Australia.

STEP 2. HELP WITH VISA APPLICATION AND FOLLOW UP

You may fill out the forms yourself, but if in doubt and in need of professional help, please contact the following organisations who may be able to help you fill out application forms, lodge applications and make follow ups on your behalf.

Please note that some of these Organisations may charge for the service they provide.

Australian Asian Association of WA

Tel: 9328 6202

CASE for Refugees

Tel: 9227 7311

Centrecare Catholic Migrant Centre

Tel: 9288 2222 or 9451 1100

Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre

Tel: 9345 5755

For a list of Migration Agents near you visit

Migration Institute of Australia

www.mia.org.au or

Migration Agents Registration Authority

www.themara.com.au

STEP 3. TRAVEL IS EXPENSIVE!

If your family is granted a Humanitarian Visa number 200, 202 or 204 this does not include a grant of an airfare to Australia. You as the sponsor, will need to find up to \$12,000 for a large family (often at short notice).

Be careful when deciding on the source of funding for your family to travel to Australia. Avoid getting into too much debt by taking on high interest loans and credit cards.

The following organisations may be able to help you, depending on the availability of funds at the time of your request.

International Organisation for Migration

Tel (02) 6267 6634

Contact Person Megan Wood

CARAD

Tel 9227 7322

Christian Brothers

Tel 9342 6710

Contact Person Br. Geoff Seaman

West Coast Refugee Sanctuary Group

Mob 0405 713 978

Contact Person Jim Benson

STEP 4. HELP WHEN THEY ARRIVE

When your family arrives in Australia, they will need support services to help them settle in their new community.

The following agencies may be able to help them.

StepUp Loans

Tel 9354 7611

Loans for personal, household domestic or car purchases

The Gowrie

Tel 9478 7500

For parenting support groups, community workshops, financial counseling and Settlement Grants Program

Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre

Tel 9345 5755 Mirrabooka

For family support and counseling, youth programs, English classes, tax help and Settlement Grant Program

Fremantle Multicultural Centre Tel 9336 8282

For employment & Training, Crisis Accommodation, Refugee Youth Access program & English Classes

Multicultural Services Centre of WA

Tel 9328 2699 North Perth

For humanitarian and family settlement Information

CARAD Tel 9227 7322 For settlement support, homework support & home English tutoring for Refugees Asylum Seekers & Detainees
