



Resettlement PROJECT



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In November 2015, Islamic Relief Canada launched its Refugee Resettlement Campaign. Since then, Islamic Relief Canada has focused on coordinating with local settlement agencies to implement programs and projects. As per IRC's Domestic Program's strategy, we want to support projects geared towards the following: **First Nations Community, Refugees, Women, and Children and Youth.**

Our campaign aims to mobilize the existing support systems available, and fund new projects and programs that help in the following ways: psycho-social support, language and education, and culturally sensitive integration.

Islamic Relief Canada would like to shift the rhetoric surrounding "refugees" by referring to these respective individuals as **newcomers**. Islamic Relief Canada recognizes the trauma and difficulties these families may have endured. In recognizing the importance of empowering communities, Islamic Relief continues to advocate for social justice, and remain committed to campaigning for *change*.

Numerous organizations have reached out to us in the past month seeking support for their resettlement activities. These include: 12-month support program

for sponsoring a refugee student in Yukon College, workshops for trauma recovery in Arabic in local masjids, Safe Integration Program for Syrian Refugees with the Muslim Resource Centre, hiring a settlement caseworker in Winnipeg, Manitoba to serve newcomers requiring assistance with food, employment, and housing.

In addition to financial support, Islamic Relief Canada has organized projects like the "Welcome Box" initiative to provide the first batch of refugees with essential items and a list of resources available in English and Arabic to assist with their transition to their new neighbourhood. Islamic Relief Canada has over 300 volunteers for the Resettlement campaign alone, who are willing to help in the following areas: translation, transportation, housing, community orientation, assembling welcome kits, and employment supports. We have been actively coordinating with SAV to maximize the support our volunteers are generously providing.

Thank you for your generosity. By donating to Islamic Relief Canada's Resettlement Fund, you have allowed us to deliver essential services for our newcomer brothers and sisters, who are now our new neighbours and families.

Hear
Aghyad's
story here

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

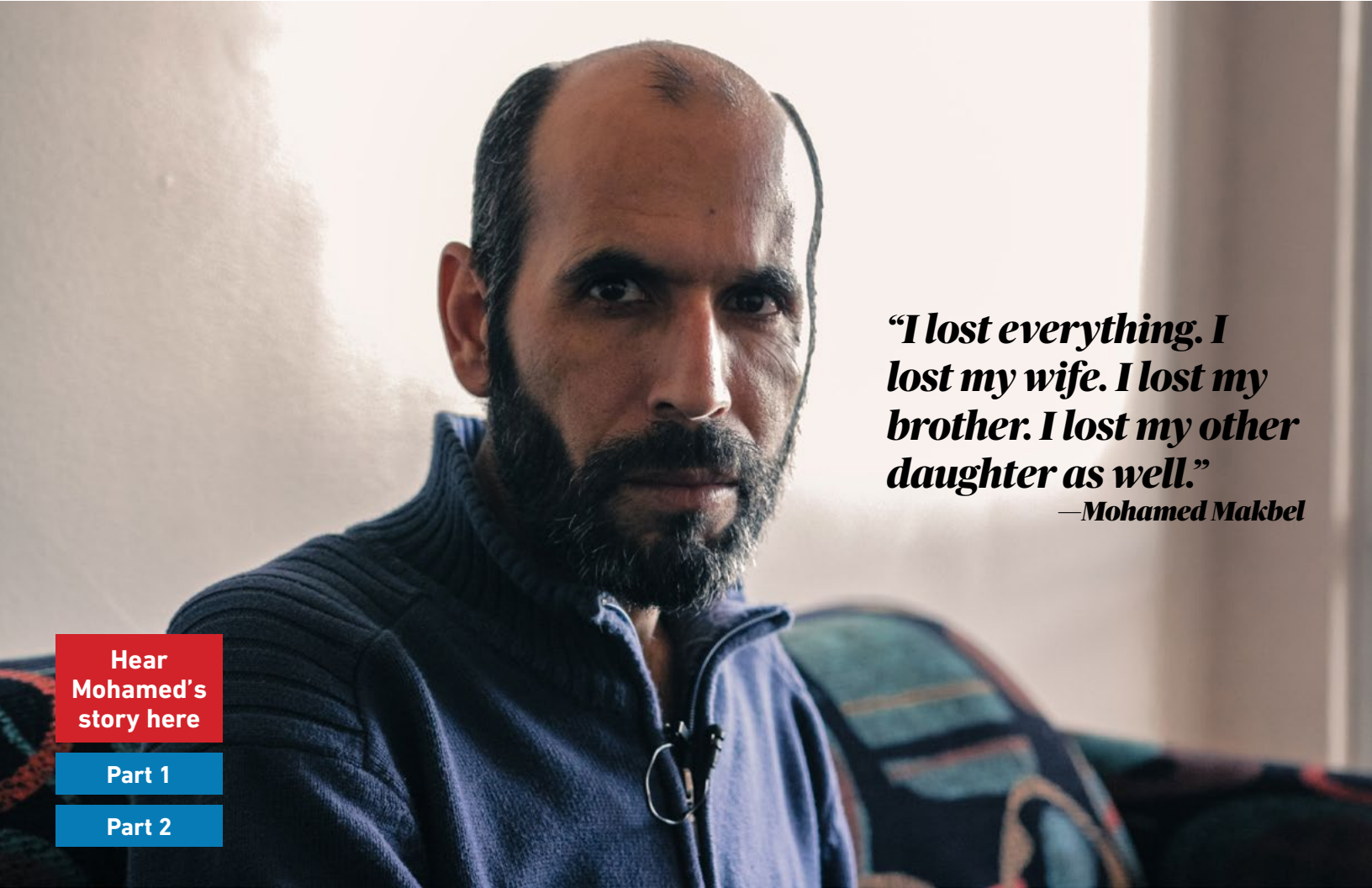
Pictured here are Aghyad Shawaf and his wife, Noura in front of their new home in Hamilton, Ontario. Aghyad and his wife are one of the many Syrian newcomer families in Canada — and beneficiaries of BarakahBox.

“When I first arrived here, the thing that I was surprised to see was the culture of helping refugees and the Canadian people. They didn’t even call us refugees, they called us New Canadians.”

—Aghyad Shawaf



What are Islamic Relief Canada's two areas of immediate action?



***“I lost everything. I
lost my wife. I lost my
brother. I lost my other
daughter as well.”***

—Mohamed Makbel

**Hear
Mohamed's
story here**

Part 1

Part 2

1

Coordinating and partnering with community and settlement organizations to facilitate the implementation of programs and projects that provide meaningful supports to refugees (with a concentration on the following vulnerable groups: Women, Children and Youth, and Seniors).

2

Mobilize volunteers who can assist community organizations to secure transportation, translation, housing, employment and general support for refugees.



Pictured here are Mohamed Makbel and his two children, Yumna and Eid, in their living room. Beneficiaries of BarakahBox, families like Mohamed's are one of the many being helped by Islamic Relief's various initiatives.

REBUILDING THEIR LIVES: OUR EFFORTS IN REVIEW

Bedding/Linens Distribution for Newcomer Syrian Families



GREATER TORONTO AREA



200-450 Newcomer Families



Islamic Relief Canada and Malton Masjid/
Coopers Masjid/Seekers Hub

Resettlement Project



OSHAWA, ONTARIO



1 Syrian Newcomer family



Islamic Association of Oshawa

MIA Refugee and Immigrant Settlement Worker



WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



500 Newcomers



Manitoba Islamic Association (MIA)

BarakahBox



HAMILTON, ONTARIO



550 Individuals / MONTH



Mishka Social Services

Safe Integration Project



LONDON, ONTARIO



900 Syrian Newcomers



Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support
and Integration (MRCSSI)

Student Refugee Program



WHITEHORSE, YUKON



1 Syrian Newcomer Student



Yukon College and World University
Service Canada (WUSC)

SMALL SCALE PROJECTS

IRC Welcome Box Project



HAMILTON, TORONTO AND BRANTFORD



120 Syrian Newcomers

IRC and MAD Science Educational Event



TORONTO, ONTARIO



80 children

Syrian Newcomer Social Support Sessions



HAMILTON, ONTARIO



30-40 Newcomer Families / MONTH



Dalton & Associates

Miscellaneous Forms of Assistance by IR Volunteers



LONDON, ONTARIO



100+ Families



TOP: BARAKAH BOX, HAMILTON, ONTARIO / serving 550 individuals per month

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BOTTOM: BEDDING/LINENS DISTRIBUTION / 200-450 Newcomer families served





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