



**Helping Immigrants Build a Future in Canada**

## **Government-Assisted Refugee (GAR) Bulletin – April 2011**

### ***Statistical highlights: January 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011:***

- 123 individuals – 49% female / 51% male - 54 family units;
- 60 individuals or 49% were children and youth under 18 years old; 20% or 16 youth were between 13 and 18 years old; 22% or 27 children were between 6 and 12 years old; 11% or 13 children were under 6 years;
- 5 individuals / 4% were 65 and above;
- Top 5 destinations by municipality – Tri-Cities 27 (22%), Surrey 15 (12%), Vancouver 12 (10%), Langley 10 (8%) Richmond 9 (7%);
- As of April 6, 29 individuals or 24% were still residing temporarily in ISSofBC's Welcome House facility awaiting final destinations within Metro Vancouver;
- Top 5 source countries – Iran 39 (32%), Iraq 22 (18%), Somalia 22 (18%), Bhutan 14 (11%), and Kosova 10 (8%);

***(Breakdown of statistics by municipality are available upon request)***

### **Looking ahead:**

- Accumulative arrival totals to date - 15% or 123 individuals (out of an annual target of 800 government assisted refugees) arrived during the first quarter of 2011.
- GAR source countries are projected to be very mixed – individuals from Iran, Somalia, Iraq, Myanmar, Bhutanese, etc

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