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Government-Assisted Refugee (GAR) Bulletin – October 2010

Statistical highlights: July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010:

- 294 individuals – 46% female / 54% male - 127 family units;
- 127 individuals or 43% were children and youth under 18 years old; 15% or 45 youth were between 13 and 18 years old; 17% or 50 children were between 6 and 12 years old; 11% or 32 children were under 6 years;
- 7 individuals / 2% were 65 and above;
- Top 5 destinations by municipality – Burnaby 71 (24%), Tri-Cities 64 (22%), Surrey 58 (20%), New Westminster 20 (7%), Vancouver 9 (3%);
- As of September 30, 64 individuals or 22% were still residing temporarily in ISSofBC's Welcome House facility awaiting final destinations within Metro Vancouver;
- Top 6 source countries – Iraq 90 (30%), Bhutan 44 (15%), Iran 31 (10%), Ethiopia 19 (6%), Sudan 18 (6%), Afghanistan 18 (6%);

(Breakdown of statistics by municipality are available upon request)

Current trends – Year 2010:

- 41% of government assisted refugees are children and youth under 18 years;
- Top 3 destinations by municipality – Surrey (25%), Burnaby (21%), Tri-Cities (primarily Coquitlam) (17%);

Looking ahead: (October 1 – December 17, 2010)

- Accumulative arrival totals to date - 67% or 534 individuals (out of an annual target of 800 government assisted refugees) arrived during the past nine months of 2010.
- 33% or 266 individuals including an estimated 100 children and youth under 18 years are projected to arrive within the next 11 weeks.

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