



**Helping Immigrants Build a Future in Canada**

## **Government-Assisted Refugee (GAR) Bulletin – July 2010**

### ***Statistical highlights: April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010:***

- 184 individuals – 45% female / 55% male - 87 family units including 5 individuals through self transfer from other provinces;
- 73 individuals or 41% were children and youth under 18 years old; 13% or 23 youth were between 13 and 18 years old; 15% or 27 children were between 6 and 12 years old; 13% or 23 children were under 6 years;
- 1 individuals / 1% were 65 and above;
- Single parents – 11 or 6%;
- Top 5 destinations by municipality – Surrey 66 (37%), Vancouver 44 (25%) – includes 25 or 14% residing in Welcome House at the end of June, Burnaby 39 (22%), Tri-Cities 15 (8%), North Vancouver 6 (3%);
- Top 5 source countries – Myanmar 37 (21%), Iraq 40 (20%), Somalia 32 (18%), Afghanistan 27 (15%), Iran 20 (11%).

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

### **Looking ahead**

- Just 30% of the 800 annual target arrived during the first six months of 2010;
- As of today, 123 GARs or 55 units have arrived in July. We are anticipating a high arrival compressed flow from now until mid December. We have been receiving some significant special need cases including several deaf refugees and medical compromised cases;
- Projected source country breakdown for the remaining months of 2010 include primarily GARs from Iraq, Iran, Bhutan, Somalia;
- We are anticipating over 175 school aged children over the next 6 months;
- ISSofBC - BC Housing partnership update - to date 12 families have moved into BC Housing units with 3 more families to follow over the next 2 months.

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