



REFUGEE HEALTH Snapshot in Queensland

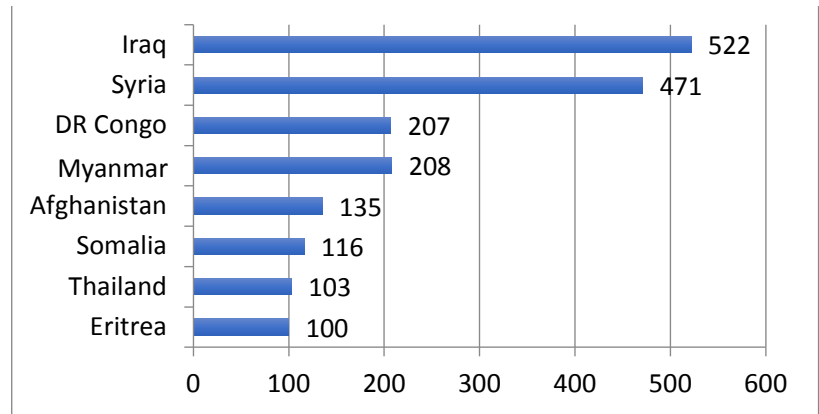
(April 2017)

Humanitarian Places - Australia

Year	Annual Intake
2015-16	13,750
2017-18	16,250
2018-19	18,750

Due to these increases in annual intake, it is probable that more refugees will be settled in Queensland with total numbers projected to increase from approx 2,800 places in 2016 to almost 3000 per year.

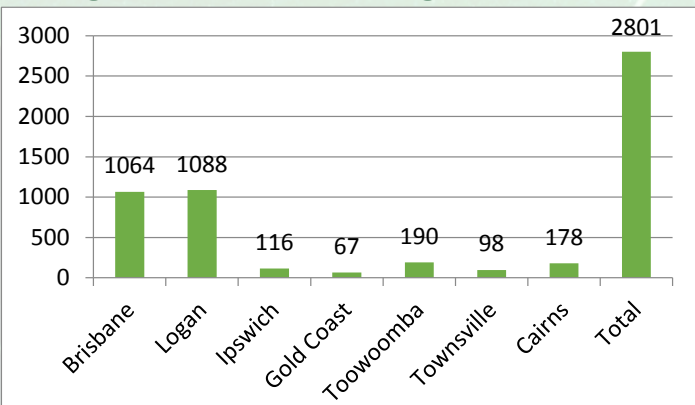
Humanitarian Settlement - Queensland



Top countries of birth settled in Queensland (2016)

The Refugee Health Network Queensland was established in 2016 to facilitate partnerships and build capacity across the health and wellbeing sectors. It builds on the existing Partnership Advisory Group Queensland.

Refugee Health in the Regions



Settlement numbers by Region (2016)

Brisbane North and South

Humanitarian entrants are supported by MDA Ltd and work in partnership with Mater Refugee Health Nurses, PHNs (Brisbane South and North) and 13 General Practices across Brisbane to deliver health care. The partnership also provides health professionals in these regions with one point of contact for all aspects of Refugee Health - 'Refugee Health Connect'.

The Mater Refugee Complex Care Clinic (MRCCC) has a specialist focus on refugees and asylum seekers in a unique tertiary/primary care setting. The clinic provides care to a large number of asylum seekers with no Medicare at no cost and is subsidised by the Mater.

Logan, Gold Coast and Ipswich

ACCESS Community Services settle humanitarian entrants in this region. They work collaboratively with the Metro South Refugee Health Service

provide dedicated healthcare and help find a family doctor who is experienced at treating people from a refugee or asylum seeker background. They also work collaboratively with the Mater and several PHNs (Brisbane South, Darling Downs West Moreton, and Gold Coast).

Darling Downs and West Moreton (incl. Toowoomba)

Humanitarian arrivals are supported by MDA and work in partnership with Kobi House (Toowoomba Hospital Darling Downs Health Services) to deliver the initial refugee health assessment which includes multiple referrals and a discharge plan for ongoing care with a community GP. The Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN has a Refugee Health Program and connects with 16 General Practices and provides innovative program support across the region.

Townsville

Humanitarian arrivals are supported through Townsville Multicultural Services Group. Following successful advocacy by the Townsville Refugee & Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Health Reference Group, the position of a Refugee Health Nurse is to be re-instated and employed in the region in 2017.

Cairns

Humanitarian entrants arriving in the Cairns region are supported by Centacare and they work closely with the Queensland Health Refugee Health Nurses at the Cairns North Community Health Facility. The majority of arrivals are originally from Burma and Bhutan.

Asylum seekers in Queensland are supported by the Australian Red Cross, MDA Ltd and Access Community Services Inc. (Approx 3000 asylum seekers are currently living in the community on various visas in Queensland.)

Innovative Projects in Refugee Health in Queensland

Brisbane Refugee Health Advisory Group

A group of 11 Health Development Consultants from South Sudan, Eritrea, Burundi, Rwanda, Liberia, Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and Myanmar provide a communication “bridge” between the health system and the communities they represent. The project is funded by St Vincent’s Hospital and the Mater.

Capacity Building in General Practice

Resources for General Practice Clinicians and Administration have been collated and distributed to General Practices throughout Queensland and are also available online on the Queensland Network website.

Clinical Advisory Group

This South East Queensland group develops and reviews useful resources for primary care and prioritise clinical issues for patients of refugee backgrounds.

Education Events

Funded by Brisbane South PHN and Brisbane North PHN these quarterly education sessions focus on key refugee health areas identified by the Clinical Advisory Group and refugee communities. Events are now delivered with Video Conference facilities so Clinicians can access education throughout the state.

Allied Health Interpreters Program

The Brisbane South PHN and Darling Downs West Moreton PHN provide funding for Allied Health professionals to receive free access to the Translating and Interpreting Service.

For more information: www.refugeehealthnetworkqld.org.au/innovative-projects

Partnership Advisory Group Queensland

Access Community Services Ltd
MDA Ltd
Townsville Multicultural Services Group (TMSG)
Centacare Multicultural Services
Australian Red Cross
Metro South Health and Hospital Service
Metro North Health and Hospital Service
Mater Health Services
Cairns & Hinterland Health and Hospital Service
Townsville Health and Hospital Service
Darling Downs Health and Hospital Service
Ipswich West Moreton Health and Hospital Service
Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)
Queensland Health: Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch
Queensland Health: Oral Health Service
Queensland Health: Public Health Communicable Diseases Unit
Brisbane South PHN
Brisbane North PHN
Darling Downs & West Moreton PHN
Gold Coast PHN
Far North Qld PHN
Department of Social Services (DSS)
Queensland Health: Strategic Policy Unit
Queensland Health: Children’s Health Qld
St Vincent’s Private Hospital
Australian Medical Association
QUT - Faculty of Health
Qld Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Representative



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It is through collaborative and innovative partnerships that refugee health in Queensland is on a new and exciting pathway. We invite anyone interested in working collaboratively in refugee and asylum seeker health to join the network and embrace the opportunities.

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