



REFUGEE HEALTH Snapshot in Queensland

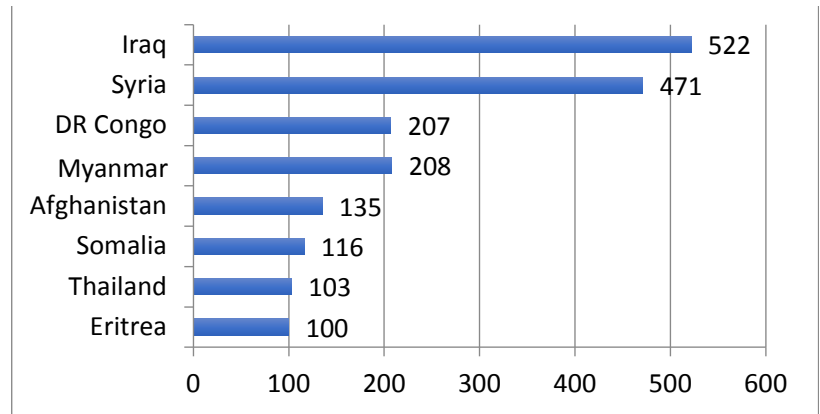
(April 2017)

Humanitarian Places - Australia

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

Due to the projected increases in annual intake, more refugees will be settled in Qld with total places increasing from approx. 1,800 in 2016 to almost 3000 per year. **Note:** This past year Qld settled an additional 1400 refugees fleeing the conflicts in Syria and Iraq as part of the Australian Government one off increase.

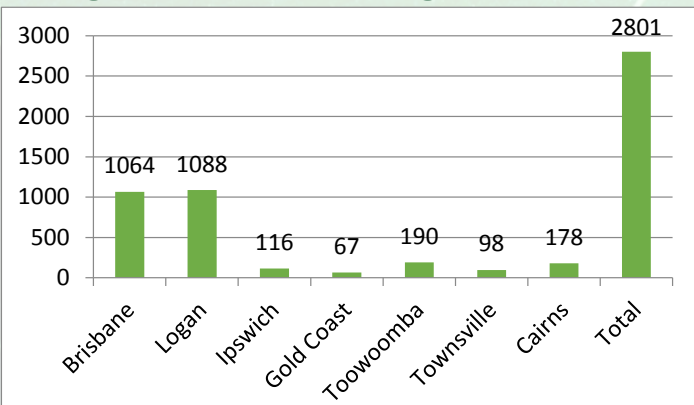
Humanitarian Settlement - Queensland



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 (Jan - Dec 2016)

Brisbane North and South

MDA Ltd settle humanitarian entrants in this region. They work in partnership with Mater Integrated Refugee Health Service, PHNs (Brisbane South and North) and 13 General Practices across Brisbane to ensure clients receive appropriate healthcare. 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 to the patient 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 to provide dedicated

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

Darling Downs and West Moreton (DDWM)

Humanitarian arrivals are supported by MDA Ltd. They work in partnership with Kobi House (Darling Downs Hospital & Health Service, Toowoomba) to deliver the initial refugee health assessment which includes multiple referrals and links to a GP for ongoing care. DDWM PHN Refugee Health Program supports 16 General Practices and will fund primary care nurses for specialist refugee care in June 2017.

Townsville

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

Cairns

Centacare settle humanitarian entrants arriving in the Cairns region. 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 are eligible for Commonwealth support through the Australian Red Cross, MDA Ltd and Access Community Services Inc. There are approximately 3000 asylum seekers 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.

South East Qld Clinical Advisory Group

The group works collaboratively to build the capacity of primary care to provide clinically and culturally appropriate care for patients of refugee background. They identify gaps in knowledge and develop resources and education to address these gaps.

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

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 Interpreting 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.

Partnership Advisory Group Queensland

Access Community Services Ltd
MDA Ltd
Townsville Multicultural Support Group Inc
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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