

CANADIAN ORIENTATION ABROAD



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COA AT A GLANCE

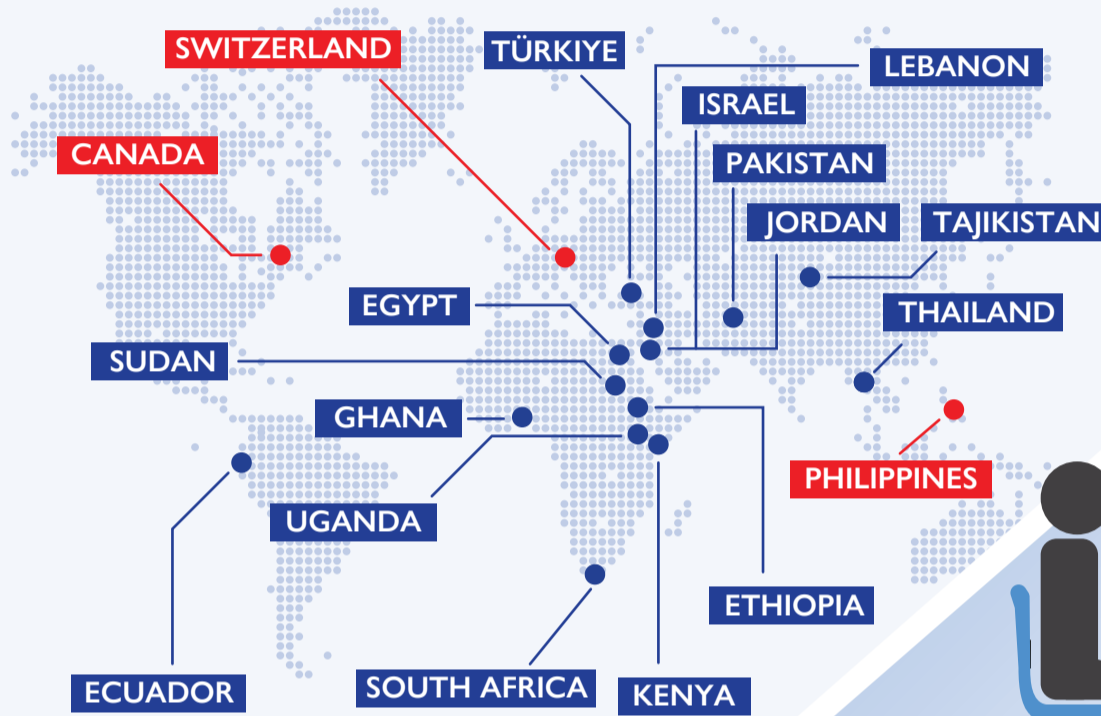
The **Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA)** programme has been providing pre-departure information and orientation sessions to refugees resettling to Canada since 1998.

The COA programme is a global initiative funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and implemented by the IOM.

The **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** is a United Nations agency, the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration.

Migrant training activities are provided to approximately 60,000 migrants each year; for various receiving countries, including Canada, Australia, the U.S., the UK, and over 12 Member States in the European Economic Area and multiple Member States in Latin America.

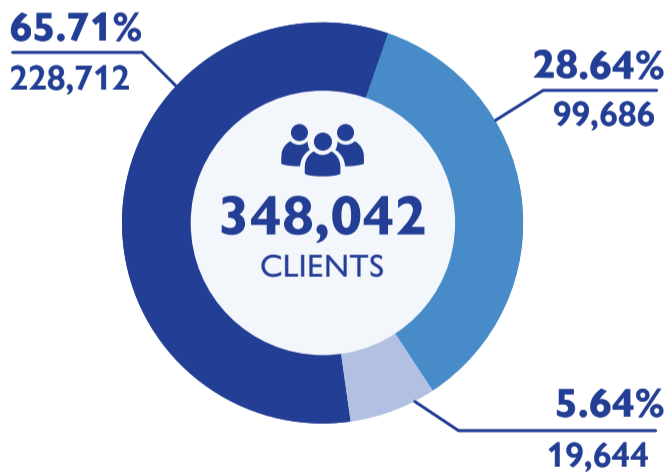
- In-person sessions with groups of approx. 25 participants (15 hours over 2-3 days)
- Telephonic and virtual sessions during the COVID-19 pandemic (2-3 hours)
- Refugees 13 years old and above
- Support services available (childminding, interpretation, transportation, and lodging grant)
- Sessions offered in over 100 countries



● 15 COA PERMANENT SITES (many with regional coverage)

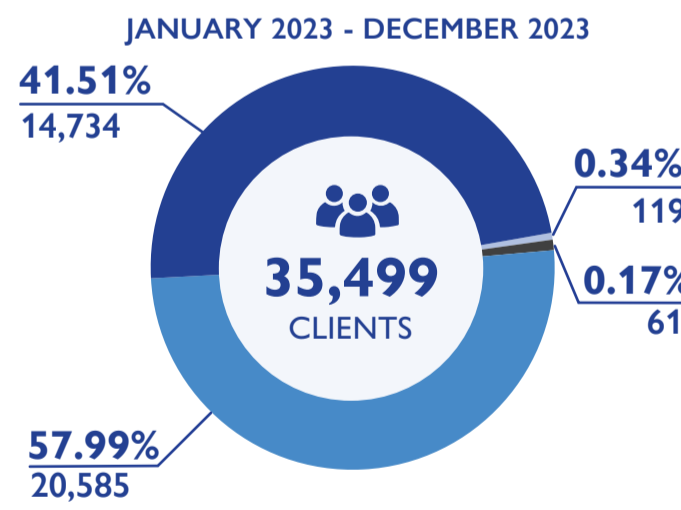
● 3 COA MANAGEMENT SITES

TOTAL TRAINED 1998 - 2023



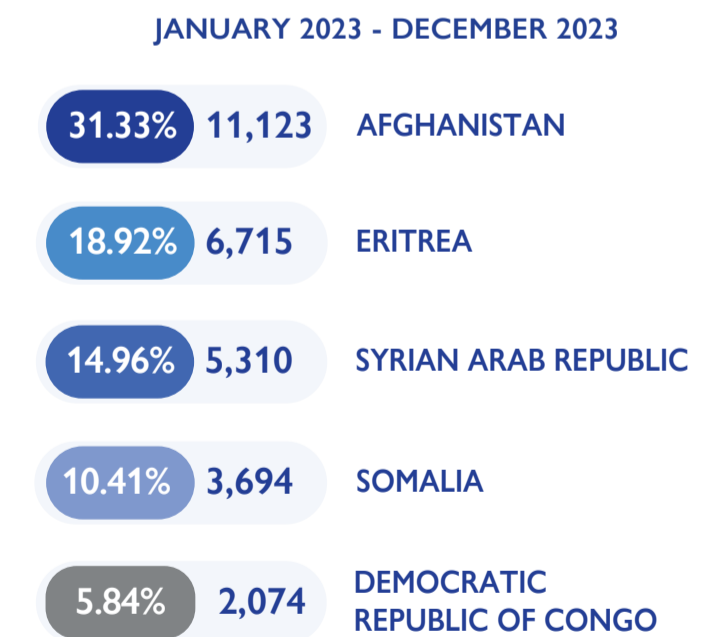
● REFUGEES ● IMMIGRANTS ● LABOUR MIGRANTS

REFUGEES TRAINED



- GAR: Government-Assisted Refugees Program
- PSR: Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program
- BVOR: Blended Visa Office-Referred Program
- EMPP: Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot

TOP 5 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH



O-CANADA MOBILE APP



COA PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK



COA WEBSITE

