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## **Towards a Full Welcome for Refugees**

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### **Summary**

CPJ has released a report that highlights four main policy challenges to private sponsorship in Canada ([cpj.ca/half-welcome](http://cpj.ca/half-welcome)). The report emphasizes that addressing these challenges will significantly enhance the program's contribution to Canada's humanitarian efforts. It will ensure that our country maintains its obligations to protect refugees from danger significantly through private sponsorship.

### **Issues**

- Over 97% of SAH respondents are concerned with long wait times for submitted applications.
- About 94% of SAH respondents consider wait times for non-Syrian applications as a serious policy issue the government must urgently address.
- The allocation limits to the number of applications that can be submitted gives 87% of SAHs much concern.
- About 75% of SAH respondents consider the Immigration Loan Policy as inequitably implemented, and call for a complete waiver for all refugees.

### **Background**

- In 2014, CPJ released a report that highlighted some of these concerns. It is important to continue advocating for policy reforms on these issues, to ensure that the focus remains on refugees.

### **Rationale**

Enhancing Canada's private sponsorship program will serve to secure more refugees from danger.

### **Recommendations**

The government must:

- Fulfil its promise to process applications and resettle refugees swiftly.
- Process backlogged applications from global visa posts for the next three years.
- Fulfil its promise to provide a multi-year levels plan for SAHs.
- Completely waive the loan repayment requirement for all refugees, to ensure that the program treats all refugees fairly.

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