**Advocacy Issue – Convention Refugee Rights**

Settlement support is vital for all refugees. Convention refugees (asylum seekers) do not receive the same level of settlement support as quota refugees.

Currently Convention Refugees receive a phone call. They get no other resettlement support.

Settlement needs

**Change Needed**

* The Establishment grant criteria administered via WINZ for Refugees is changed for Convention Refugees to one year from acceptance
* There is 6 months support from Red Cross for all Convention Refugees and Family Reunification cases
* Adequate housing is procured, either via Housing NZ or in private market with support if needed
* Permanent Residency is granted within 3 months
* Work rights are granted within 2 weeks
* Access to student allowance (studylink) and courses is immediate upon getting Refugee Status