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Media Release

SCOA welcomes the Government's announcement to settle an additional 12,000 Syrian refugees to address the growing global humanitarian crisis

The Settlement Council of Australia (SCOA) welcomes the Government's announcement to increase Australia's humanitarian intake by an additional 12,000 permanent places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees.

As a multicultural society Australia is well equipped to welcome these additional refugees. The federally funded Humanitarian Settlement Service (HSS) providers have the capacity and knowledge to assist with their transition into Australian communities across the country.

SCOA's Chair Dewani Bakkum said, "Refugees bring much with them, contributing greatly to their new communities economically, socially and culturally. Research has shown the positive impact refugees make. A short-term investment in their well-being will benefit Australia in the long-term. Settlement service providers are vital to ensuring these positive outcomes."

SCOA applauds the Government for their commitment to addressing the growing global humanitarian crisis with permanent settlement.

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