

## Information sheet

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### REFUGEE



## QUOTA REFUGEES TEN YEARS ON: PERSPECTIVES ON INTEGRATION, COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY

### ■ What is the research about?

'Quota Refugees Ten Years On' is a three year research programme (2008–2010) that is being developed to provide information about the long term integration experiences of and outcomes for former refugees who arrived in New Zealand ten or more years ago.

This study builds on a prior Department of Labour research project *Refugee Voices: A Journey Towards Resettlement*, which gathered information about the early years of resettlement. This was a very important study but it did not answer questions about long term integration experiences of refugees. Quota Refugees Ten Years On will fill that gap and will be the first New Zealand government study to focus on former refugees' perspectives of integration, community and identity.

The research is being led by the IMSED<sup>1</sup> Research team of the Department of Labour. An advisory group, which includes former refugees, non-government organisations and a range of government agencies, has been set up to provide advice on the research.

### ■ Why are we doing the research?

There is currently very little New Zealand or international research looking at the long term integration of people from refugee backgrounds. This research will help fill this knowledge gap and help us to better understand diversity in the New Zealand context. The research will give voice to former refugees and will contribute to our knowledge around what works in the long-term for people who come to New Zealand through the Quota Refugee Programme. It will be used to help inform future resettlement policy and service provision.

### ■ Who are the participants in the research?

The research is focussed on those who came to New Zealand through the Quota Refugee Category between 1993 and 1999. It does not include people who arrived in New Zealand as asylum seekers or those from 'refugee like situations' (those who are sponsored to come to NZ under the various family reunification policies).

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■ **What does the research involve?**

The research will involve a multi-method approach. The key component of the research is a face-to-face survey of 500-750 people who arrived in New Zealand under the Quota Refugee Programme. The study will also include focus groups and case studies.

The research has been broken down into three main phases:

**PHASE ONE** of the project was completed in 2008 and involved an initial set up period, including an annotated bibliography of New Zealand and international literature on long term integration of refugees.

**PHASE TWO** of the project centres around the development of the survey questionnaire. This phase includes a number of focus groups and interviews with former refugees and key stakeholders. These will take place in February to May 2009. Phase two will also include a trial of the survey.

**PHASE THREE** of the project will include the face-to-face survey, focus groups and case studies and will commence late in 2009.

■ **Who can I contact if I would like to find out more about the research?**

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