LAMP LIFEBOAT LADDER
A public-private partnership for resettlement of refugee survivors of torture and sexual violence

“Every day I try to hide the mountain of pain inside me behind a small smile on my face, which might make some people recognize I am good. I hope someone will help me.” Ahmad A.

The Problem
Roughly 30% of refugees have suffered torture, including sexual torture, in their countries of origin. Many have suffered repeat violence in flight, on borders, and in camps or informal settlements. Healing from torture requires safety and stability, yet displacement is intrinsically unsafe and unstable. Harsh migration policies exacerbate abuse and ill-treatment and prevent recovery from torture. Thus, most victims of torture and sexual violence never have an opportunity to heal and rebuild their lives.

The Vision
Lamp Lifeboat Ladder is a public-private partnership that supports refugee victims of torture and sexual violence one by one as they rebuild their lives. The Canadian government has formally approved this partnership, thus authorizing Lamp Lifeboat Ladder to refer up to 90 victims of torture and sexual violence for resettlement to Canada, along with their family members (roughly 500 refugees). Reed Smith is the key implementing partner to the Canadian government, along with the Canadian Center for Victims of Torture, the World Refugee Council and several international medical organizations. Our goal is to make full use of the Canadian Government’s authorization of the resettlement of all 90 referrals by September 2022, and providing continued support in the years to come.

BE A LAMP, OR A LIFEBOAT OR A LADDER.
HELP SOMEONE’S SOUL HEAL. Rumi

HAKIM’S STORY
Hakim survived torture, and he is living in chronic pain and terror.
He told us he feels forgotten, banished by the world.

AFINA AND HAYAT’S STORY
Afina and Hayat survived sexual torture in Syrian prisons and fled to a neighboring country. They had no path to citizenship or legal residency where they were, and they could not return to Syria. Following years of work the Lamp Lifeboat Ladder team were able to help Afina and Hayat relocate to Canada, where they are now rebuilding their lives with ongoing support.

AKEELAH’S STORY
Akeelah survived sexual violence in Sudan, and suffered daily exploitation in exile. She had no protection or legal status, and no access to justice for violations of her rights. Akeelah has now relocated to Canada where, with support from Lamp Lifeboat Ladder, she is able to focus on healing without constant fear and exploitation.

Help provide a safe path back to life for survivors of torture and sexual violence. Visit lamplifeboatladder.org to donate today.
**A personalized program that supports individuals one by one. Its goal is to help up to 90 families resettle in Canada.**

Lamp Lifeboat Ladder will support each family in rebuilding their strength and their lives, and in their healing from torture. The resettlement of each family is guided by the personal experiences of other survivors, providing a tailored approach and optimal success. Our service marshals resources from various sectors in Canada—housing, health, education, employment, and community—to provide holistic healing.

**The Opportunity**

We must raise enough private funding to support each family in their rehabilitation and social integration in Canada. The number of families we can help is commensurate with the amount of money we can raise. Lamp Lifeboat Ladder will cover the cost of resettlement, housing, health care and essential needs for two years, for up to 90 families as they heal and rebuild their lives. Here are representative program costs.

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<td>42 people relocated to Canada</td>
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<td>30 additional applications at various stages</td>
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Cost of housing and support for 2 years

- $10,500 Single individual
- >$1 MILLION 30 families

To join us in building our new vision, please contact Jayne Fleming at jfleming@reedsmith.com.

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Lamp Lifeboat Ladder offers a new model of protection for survivors of torture and sexual violence. It rejects ideas of containment and exclusion of refugees and builds upon a vision of community and inclusion. By reimagining and expanding pathways for protection, Lamp Lifeboat Ladder allows each of us to play a role in supporting survivors who have lost their homeland and long to heal.

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